

Panelist

Ben Bushman : Principal of Beverly Hills High School for the last twenty- two years.

Dariush Fakheri: President of Siamak and editor of “Cheshmandaz” magazine. Devoted to community work and *tikun olam*.

Rabbi Reuben Malekan: Iranian community Rabbi for the last 20 years.
Licensed mediator for business and family disputes.

Robert Moradi, M.D.: Board Certified Psychiatrist practicing in Los Angeles since 1980. Teaches the Art & Science of Psychotherapy at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Reiss- Davis Child Study Center and The Graduate Center for Child Development and Psychotherapy at UCLA School of Medicine. He has published extensively on Psychotherapy with adults, children and families.

Minoo Soumekh Michlin, PhD., LCSW, BCD: Professor of Social Work at Southern Connecticut State University. Consultant to the State Department of Children and families and over twenty years of private practice experience.

David Nazarian, M.B.A.: Technology Entrepreneur with 15 years of investment and operational experience. Founder of Smart Technology Ventures.

Afsaneh Shafa: Manager of Beverly Hills branch of Coldwell Banker Real Estate.

Rabbi David Wolpe: Rabbi of Sinai Temple for the last five years. Lectures widely at universities, synagogues and institutes of thought throughout the country. Frequent contributor to magazines and newspapers on subjects of Jewish and general religious interest. Author of five books.

ISSUES OF ACCULTURATION SEMINAR PROGRAM

- I. **Welcome & Introduction:**
By Sanam Khalili
- II. **History and Origin of Women of Vision:**
By Nahid Pirnazar Oberman
- III. **Data on Acculturation:**
By Shimen Zakhor Claxton
- IV. **Definition of Acculturation:**
By Dorit Halavy Miller
- V. **Introduction of Panelists:**
By Sharon Eshaghpour Simantob
- VI. **1st Round of Panel Discussion:**
Brainstorming on ideas of acculturation.
Moderated by Nazila Shokrian Barlava and Noushin Adhami
- VII. **2nd Round of Panel Discussion:**
Ideas of acculturation applied to family and business scenarios.
Moderated by Sharon Nazarian Baradaran and Farnaz Galdjie
- VIII. **3rd round (time permitting) “Where do we go from here?” Audience questions and answers**
- IX. **Summation and concluding remarks**
By Sanam Khalili

Board Members

Noushin Adhami, D.D.S : General Dentist in West Los Angeles.

Sharon Nazarian Baradaran, PhD. : Lecturer at USC and consultant to the Rand Corporation.

Nazila Shokrian Barlava : Criminal defense attorney for the LA County alternate public defenders office.

Shimen Zakhor Claxton, MS.E.E : Executive Project Manager for developing communication military and commercial satellites for TRW Space and Defense.

Farnaz Galdjie, Psy.D. : Clinical Psychologist. Founder and Director of the Iranian Counseling Center at Antioch University.

Sanam Khalili, M.B.A. : Operations Management Consultant for Tefen USA.

Dorit Halavy Miller, Psy.D. : Clinical Psychologist. Founder and Program Director of the Iranian Counseling Center at Antioch University.

Nahid Pirnazar Oberman : A Founder and past President of the Iranian Jewish Women’s Organization. Ph.D. candidate and instructor of Judeo- Persian Literature at UCLA.

Sharon Eshaghpour Simantob, M.S.W. : Counsels adults, adolescents and children at The Maple Counseling Center and Jewish Family Service.

Our History and Activities

In the summer of 1976, a group of Iranian ladies residing in Los Angeles founded the Iranian Jewish Women's Organization. The mission of this organization was established around the need for adjustment of the Iranian Jewish Community to their new homeland, as well as the preservation of their Jewish and Iranian heritage. This organization's roots were established in Iran in 1979 thru the effort of a group women seeking to improve the standard of life for women and children. For more than thirty years the mission of these women was accomplished by activities such as assisting WWII refugees, the establishment of day care centers in many Iranian cities and literacy classes.

Since 1976, The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization's activities have varied as the Iranian community has grown and become established in Los Angeles. As we continue to grow and change as women and as a community, inevitably there will be a need for the continued enhancement of the image of Iranian women through intellectual, social, cultural, and charitable activities. The highlights of these activities include, financial aid to needy people, grants and loans to local students, annual contributions to Hebrew University for academic research and scholarships to selected Iranian students. The celebration and promotion of traditional Iranian and Jewish holidays, the annual selection and presentation of The Mother and Women Of The Year and significant financial contributions and involvement to the Yitzhak Rabin Hillel Center for Jewish Life at UCLA.

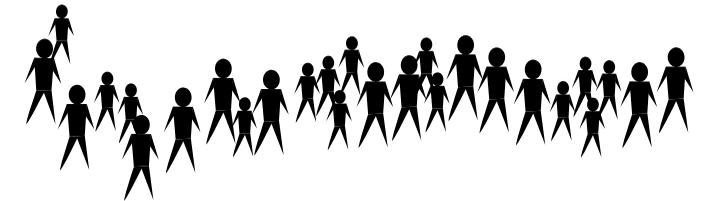
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

Women of Vision Chapter



Presents

A panel discussion on



“Issues of Acculturation”

Social and cultural adjustments of
Iranian Jews in
America...quarter of a century after
the revolution

**Sunday, April 21st
Sinai Temple
2:00 – 6:00pm**