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Gina Nahai

## A Modern Day Exodus: The Iranian Jewish Family

The long and colorful history of the Iranian Jewish Community took a dramatic turn in the Twentieth Century when thousands of Iranian Jews chose to leave their homeland and make a new life in America. There are now more Iranian Jews living in the Los Angeles area than there are in Iran. Now their children, and their grandchildren, walk the line between two cultures.



Spend an evening discovering the importance and impact of this migration in conversation with Gina Nahai, an expert who has studied the politics of Iran for the United States Department of Defense, and author of the Pulitzer nominated *Cry of the Peacock*, *Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith*, *Sunday's Silence* and *Caspian Rain*. She has a Masters in International Relations from UCLA and a Master of Fine Arts in Writing from USC. She is a professor of Creative Writing at USC and serves on the advisory board of the International Women's Media Foundation.

Choose this dinner and explore the history and complexities of a community attempting to negotiate between mainstream Ashkenazi Jews and mainstream America while holding onto the Mizrahi Iranian culture.