



Mizrahi Remembrance Month

HONORING THE FORGOTTEN REFUGEES

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Shedding Light on Mizrahi History and Culture

A Hannukah evening to celebrate and honor Jewish refugees from North Africa and the Middle East

**Wednesday, December 9th, 2015
7:00PM**

Voila! Gallery

**518 N. La Brea Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90036**

www.sephardicmusicfestival.com

Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles, 30 Years After, JIMENA, and Sephardic Music Festival are joining forces to engage the Los Angeles Jewish community in Israel's national Mizrahi Commemoration Day. Together, our unique organizations will create a moving, and engaging social-experience for affiliated, and more importantly unaffiliated Jews, through celebration and education on Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewish history and culture. We seek to bring together young professional Jews, to celebrate unity, culture and history through the lens of Mizrahi commemoration. The parallels to Hannukah are plenty; after-all the true miracle is that since 1948, 850,000 Jews from Arab countries

and Iran overcame human rights violations, dispossession and displacement to help build and thrive in the modern state of Israel.

The programming will engage and impact the attendees through film, music, spoken word, dance and a Sephardic tasting table. David Siegel, Counsel General of Israel to Los Angeles will share the importance of Israel's Mizrahi Commemoration Day. 30 Years After will be launching its "Legacy Project," by showing a short multi-media documentary style film telling the story of a teenage Persian-Jewish girl's midnight escape from Iran on camel-back. JIMENA will present Egyptian, Iraqi, and Iranian Jewish media representing the strength and pride of former Jewish refugees. The Sephardic Music Festival is kicking off its tenth annual event by honoring the culture of Jewish refugees and featuring the spoken word, music and poetry of Automatic Toys. This LA based band will be playing an eclectic show that will include Jewish Hymn's from Yemen and Syria and Moroccan songs from Daoud and Saleh Al Kuwaiti, who is considered by some to be the founder of modern Iraqi music. In addition the band will showcase some of their songs from their upcoming Album "City of Refuge."

The host organizations are the perfect team to hold such an event—each with a different mission and experience, but all with a similar vision. Between JIMENA which preserves and shares the history and heritage of the 850,000 Jewish refugees from the Middle East and North Africa, 30 Years After who represents the Iranian-Jewish Community, and the Sephardic Music Festival which celebrates the music and culture of Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews, we have the very diversity we seek to see in the audience.

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