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### SHAI'S SUMMER PICNIC

(Look what you missed - pictures inside!)

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### VISIT US @SHAIONLINE.COM

to find out about upcoming events, give us your feedback, join our mailing list, view job listings, or download a scholarship application (Website designed by Jennifer Yousefzadeh) DO YOU KNOW A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WITH EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT WHO DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED WITH THE SHAI AWARD OF MERIT? CONTACT US TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE BY DROPPING BY OUR WEBSITE OR BY FAX 516-773-8304.

# ATTENTION: COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

### Enter S.H.A.I's 5th Annual Essay Contest!

#### **Contest Rules:**

Who: Current high school and college students may enter.

What: Write an essay regarding Iranian Jewish history, culture, and traditions, or other related topic. Essays must be a minimum of five typewritten pages (doubled spaced), with endnotes or footnotes to show sources used.

When and Where: The deadline for submission of essays is February 26, 2008. Essays should be mailed to S.H.A.I. at P.O. Box 1025, Great Neck, NY 11021. Please check SHAI's website, *shaionline.com* for more details, including essay submissions by email. *THE PRIZE*: A cash prize of \$1,800.00 will be given to the contest winner at SHAI's Gala Dinner in March, 2008.

This special essay contest is held annually, as part of the "Moussa Brookhim Scholarship for Iranian Jewish Studies", made possible due to the donation of Robert and Simone Kahen.

# SHAI's PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS at the Great Neck Senior Center

The Great Neck Senior Center on Grace Avenue provides door-to-door transportation, kosher meals (Mondays and Wednesdays), companionship, and a full range of stimulating activities (including movies, exercise, day trips, information, dance, tea and conversation, English classes, card games, speakers, art classes, and Bingo) for senior citizens in our community, ages 60 to 100. The Center is a safe and caring environment, where there are trained, Farsi speaking staff members every day.

SHAI, acting in partnership with the Senior Center, is coordinating expanded activities, outings, and events especially for the older members of our community, so they can enhance the vitality and enjoyment of their lives every weekday. Also, on November 8, 2007, the Center will provide free flu shots for seniors.

To learn more or register (no charge), simply contact Mrs. Parvaneh Khodadadian, Director of SHAI activities at the Senior Center, at 516-487-4842. or our website, www.shaionline.com



## Meet Your Elected Officials

Don't Miss this Important Opportunity to Meet Your Representatives in Government, Public Education, and the Library

### **Guests Include:**

Craig Johnson, NYS Senator, Lisanne Altman, County Legislator,

Michelle Shimel, NYS Assembly, Jon Kaiman, Hempstead Town Supervisor, Michael Kalnick (Mayor of Kings Point), Ralph Kreitzman (Mayor of Great Neck Village), Jean Celender (Mayor of Great Neck Plaza),

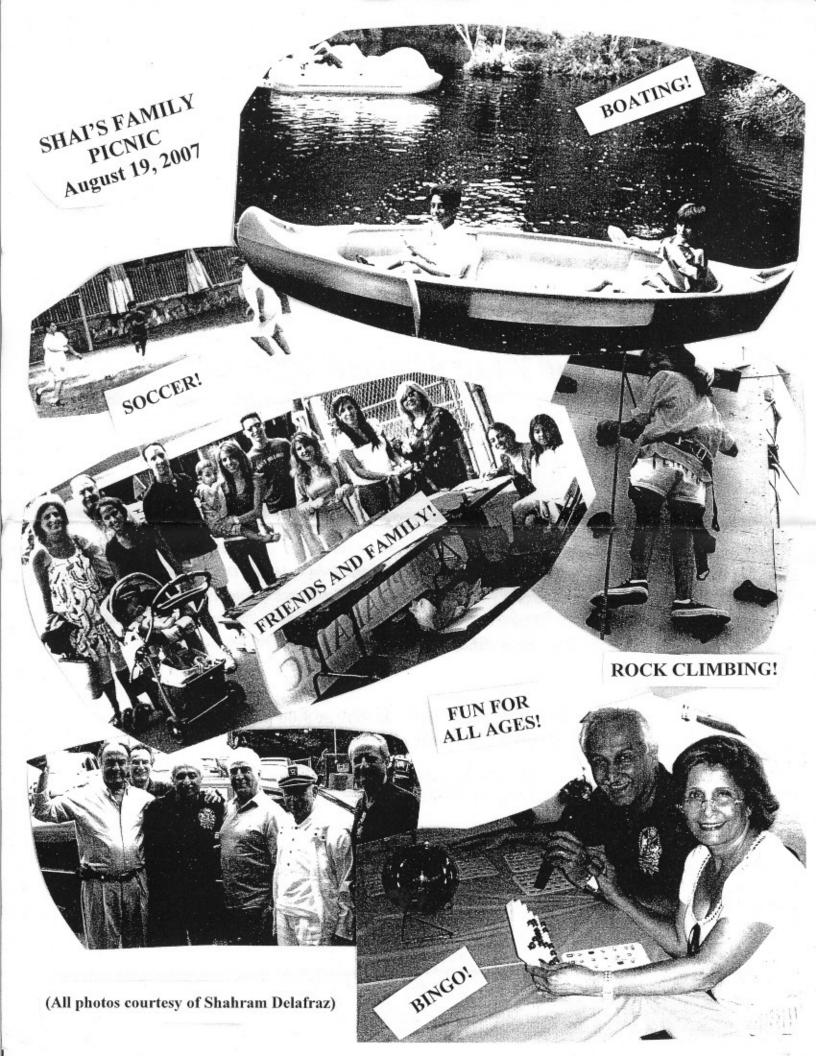
Bonnie Golub (Mayor of Kensington), David Fox (Mayor of Great Neck Estates), Leonard Samansky

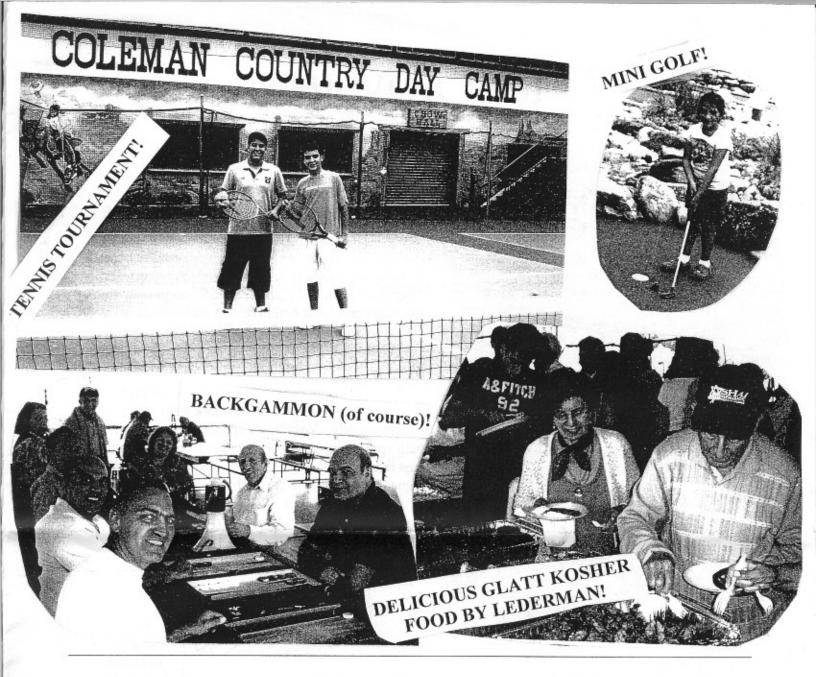
(Mayor of Saddle Rock) and President of GNVOA, Dr. Ronald Friedman, Superintendent of Great Neck

Public Schools, Janet Eshaghoff, Board of Trustees, Great Neck Library

Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. Great Neck House, Arrandale Avenue

Free admission - Refreshments will be served Seating is limited, so please be on time!





# SHAI'S THIRD ANNUAL TOY, CLOTHING and COAT DRIVE

Hanukah begins on December 4. In the holiday spirit, please help the needy by donating any new toys or books, and any new / clean clothing, coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

Sunday, December 2, 2007, 11 am to 4 pm at SHAI's offices, 770 Middle Neck Road,

PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO CLEAN OUT YOUR OVERFLOWING CLOSETS AND HELP THE NEEDY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

(Your donation may be tax deductible! Receipts for donations will be provided upon request.)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SHAI EVENTS

OCTOBER 10, 2007, 8:00 pm

MEET YOUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (MAYORS, LEGISLATORS, SCHOOL BOARD, LIBRARY)

(FLYER INSIDE)

DECEMBER 2, 2007, 11-4 PM ANNUAL TOY, CLOTHING AND COAT DRIVE (DETAILS INSIDE)

JANUARY, 2008
YOUNG SHAI SINGLES GALA (GO TO
WWW.SHAIONLINE.COM TO GET ON THE INVITE
LIST)

FEBRUARY 26, 2008
DEADLINE FOR ESSAY CONTEST—
CASH PRIZE! (DETAILS INSIDE)

MARCH 19, 2008 Shai gala award dinner

> SHAI P.O. Box 1025 Great Neck, New York 11021

## EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES - We are here to help you!

SHAI's new Jobs Assistance and Training Program is officially underway, with dozens of job seekers and prospective employers signed up. The program is comprehensive. In addition to matching up job applicants with employers, it will include such professional assistance as resume review, career counseling, and skills building. If you need advice, training, or simply referrals, we are here to help you.

We ensure the confidentiality of all prospective employers and employees who seek such confidentiality. Volunteers are also being sought to help with the program, as are donations of computers. Just remember how glad—and grateful—you felt when someone helped you get a job! You can reach Raymond Iryami, Esq.,who runs the program, at 212-599-1081 or Raymond@raymondiryami.com.

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