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SHAI MEETS WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS



On October 10, 2007, many of our local elected officials including Craig Johnson, Jon Kaiman, Michele Shimel, Leslie Gross, Dr. Ron Friedman, Janet Eshaghoff, Deena Lesser, Village Mayors and Trustees, met with members of our community for an open and warm exchange about issues affecting our lives.

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to find out about upcoming events, give us your feedback, join our mailing list, view job listings, or download a scholarship application

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*SHAI'S GALA AWARD DINNER ON
3/26/08 AT FRESH MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB*



A Forum on Local Environmental Issues Breaking the Oil Bondage

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008
8:00 p.m. sharp (7:30 p.m. refreshments)
Saddle Rock School
Hawthorne Lane, Great Neck, New York*

Topics include:

- ◆ The oil crisis and how it affects our future
- ◆ Steps we can take to improve our environment and prevent cancers
- ◆ Climate changes
- ◆ The quality of our water supply and local environmental factors that affect it

Panelists include:

- ❖ Dr. E. Christa Farmer, *Palco climatologist, Hofstra University*
- ❖ Sarah Meyland, *New York Technological Institute*
- ❖ Laura Weinberg, *Breast Cancer Coalition of Great Neck*
- ❖ Peter Maniscalco; Patrick West, *Renewable Energy of Long Island*
- ❖ Frank Morris, *Sierra Club*
- ❖ Speaker (tba), *Institute for the Analysis of Global Security*
- ❖ Carol Frank, *Assistant Editor of The Great Neck Record, Moderator*

Free admission , limited seating

UPDATE:

SHAI's PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

SHAI's recent partnership with the Great Neck Senior Center on Grace Avenue has resulted in over 50 seniors from the Persian community who partake in expanded programming, 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 available on a daily basis to assist the seniors from our community. SHAI's goal is to coordinate 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. To learn more or register (no charge), simply contact Mrs. Parvanch Khodadadian, Director of SHAI activities at the Senior Center, at 516-487-4842. or our website, www.shaionline.com



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

SHAI's FIFTH GALA DINNER

*Fresh Meadows Country Club
Great Neck, New York*

Keynote Speaker

*Richard M. Joel
President of Yeshiva University*

Special Guest Honoree

*Dr. Michael Bral
Professor, NYU College of Dentistry*

Award Presentation to Young Professional Leaders:

*Robert Kalimi, MD
Shahriar Samadi, MD*

*Steven Shayani, MD
Judith Shophet, Esq.*

Student Honorees:

*Sam Aminfard, Brian Bassiri, Gabriel Farajollahi,
Nicole Khezri, Daniel Khezri, David Khalily,
Jason Shimiaie, Deborah Taeid, Jonathan Yousefzadeh*

Invitation to Follow by Mail

Glatt Kosher Catering

Cocktails, Open Bar and Formal Dinner

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING
SHAI EVENTS**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008

**SHAI'S ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM AT SADDLE
ROCK SCHOOL**

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008

**NO-RUZ CONCERT AT SADDLE ROCK SCHOOL
CO-SPONSORED WITH PERSIAN CULTURE
COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008

**SHAI GALA AWARD DINNER AT FRESH
MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB**

MAY, 2008 (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)

**RABBI SHMULEY BOTEACH
CO-SPONSORED WITH IMA**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008 - ISRAEL'S 60TH

BIRTHDAY - ISRAEL PARADE - WALK WITH US!



**TOY AND COAT DRIVE WAS
A HUGE SUCCESS!**

**Thanks to our members, the third annual
drive yielded over 100 large bags of
donations in time for Chanukah to
Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty,
(affiliated with UJA). For more
information, or to donate other items, please
call Helen at the Met Council: 212-453-9525.**

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