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JANUARY 26–27, 2013

Light and Shadows Conference Weekend

CONCERT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013, 7:30 PM

Galeet Dardashti presents *Monajat*—a live musical performance featuring an electronic soundscape and dynamic live video art that re-imagines the poetic repentant prayers of Selichot. A talkback with Dardashti follows the performance. \$18 general admission. Tickets on sale through Ticketmaster or call 310-825-2101.

CONFERENCE

From Ancient Persia to Contemporary LA: 2,700 Years of Iranian Jewish History

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013

Morning Session 10:00 am–12:30 pm

Light and Shadows: 2,700 Years of Iranian Jewish History

MODERATOR

David Myers, *Chair, Department of History, UCLA*

David Yerushalmi, *Professor, Center of Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University*

INTRODUCTION TO IRANIAN JEWISH CULTURE AND HISTORY

Jason Mokhtarian, *Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University*

JEWISH CULTURE IN ANCIENT IRAN: FROM EZRA THE SCRIBE TO THE BABYLONIAN TALMUD

Daniel Tsadik, *Assistant Professor of Sephardic and Iranian Studies, Yeshiva University*

JEWS UNDER SHIITE ISLAMIC RULE

Afternoon Session 2:00–5:30 pm

Contemporary Issues of Identity and Culture

PANEL ONE 2:00–3:30 pm

Special Topics on Women in Iran

MODERATOR

Morgan Hakimi, *Co-Chair, Department of Psychology, Touro College Los Angeles*

Janet Afary, *Professor, Mellichamp Chair in Global Religion and Modernity, UC Santa Barbara*

Eliz Sanasarian, *Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California*

Jaleh Pirnazar, *Senior Lecturer, Iranian Studies, UC Berkeley*

Saba Soomekh, *Scholar, Author, and Project Coordinator for Light and Shadows*

PANEL TWO 3:45–5:30 pm

Contemporary Explorations of Heritage and Memory

MODERATOR

Houman Sarshar, *Editorial Board of Advisors, Center for Iranian Jewish Oral History*

INTRODUCTION TO THE LOS ANGELES PERSIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

Yassi Gabbay, *architect*

CONTROVERSIES OVER THE TOMB OF ESTHER AND MORDECHAI IN IRAN

Hasan Sarbakshian, *photojournalist*

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