



**2014 Sisterhood Candidates Election**  
**Sunday, November 16 from 9 AM To 6 PM at Shaare Shalom**



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### **Farzaneh Aziz**



My name is Farzaneh Aziz, I'm 62 years old born in Tehran, living in the US since 1969, I have attended high school and 4 years of college, in the States, I have worked in the garment industry for 10 years as a designer, and been in the gems and jewelry business in the past 28 years. I'm interested in repaying our Mashadi community for all the wonderful benefit which have been available to all of us. I'm available for any of the services in any committees however my passion for contribution to our community is to bring more awareness for healthy way of eating and living, hopefully reducing the epidemic level of diabetes. I would like to bring a nutritionist to educate us about how correct eating can reverse type two diabetes. I would include recipe sharing classes which would focus on adjusting our recipes to beneficial substitutes as well as organizing walking groups. I look

forward to being able to contribute to our community.

### **Sharona Arjang**



Dear Community Members,

My name is Sharona Arjang (Kohanim). I was born and raised in Milan, Italy and I moved to New York when I met my husband David Arjang, 19 years ago. We are blessed to have three wonderful children, Yoav, Shaina and Noga. Since my adulthood, I dedicated my time to help at hospitals and nursing homes. My love for Judaism and Torah motivated me to send my children to North Shore Hebrew Academy. I enjoyed volunteering at my kids school's PTA for 15 years, committed and helped the school in many chesed projects and events, such as Chumash plays, fundraisings and Holiday events. I served as PTA president for 2 years, and accomplished a lot for the school.

I believe Sisterhood plays a big role in our community. Some of my goals would be increasing senior citizen activities and create more voluntary groups to help them with their needs. Also, there should be more lectures for new couples, parents and most importantly our youth. It would be my great pleasure to join this group of dedicated women in order to contribute my ideas.

### **Harriet Bassaleli**



Harriet (Yaghoutiel) Bessaleli is the daughter of Dr. Lotfollah Yaghoutiel (z"l) and Mrs. Giti Yaghoutiel, and is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ghodrat and Zinat Bessaleli. Harriet is married to Shahram Bessaleli, and they have four wonderful children - Elicia, Eden, Eve and Ethan.

Harriet grew up in a home where giving was always more important than receiving. Her father, Dr. Lotfollah Yaghoutiel, was one of the few doctors in the community at the time, known for his love of community and humanity, as well as for his generosity and compassion. As a child, Harriet remembers her parents constantly hosting guests and attending charity events, and these traits have been passed on to the children (and grandchildren) as they moved on to build their own lives. Harriet's older brother, Hormoz,

is an accomplished executive in Silicon Valley who, together with his wife, serve on the board of the local Jewish community. Her sister, Hedika Azizi, is a member of the Marriage Committee of the UMJCA, and her brother, Hooman, once the president of the Mashadi Youth Committee, is now an active member of the Central Board.

Harriet's Experience include:

- Independent Sales Executive in the retail books industry
- Recipient of multiple national sales awards from leading publishers such as the Penguin Group Publishers and Scholastic Books



- BA in Biochemistry from Tel Aviv University
- Former member of the MYC
- Involved in planning various events for our community, such as Israel events

She enjoys interacting with others and building relationships, and strongly believes in education, both Jewish education and higher secular education. Her priorities include further fostering a sense of unity through community events and preparing the younger generation for the challenges of tomorrow (including career planning). Harriet is prepared to work hard and to devote herself to the success and well-being of our wonderful community.



**Ziva Davoodzadeh**

My name is Ziva Davoodzadeh and it is my absolute pleasure to run as a candidate for this year's Sisterhood elections. I had previously served as a part of the Sisterhood for three years and would like nothing more but to pursue these duties and responsibilities again. During this time I saw the women of our community come together to serve our various needs. It was an unforgettable experience, and empowered me to take action through various events and fundraisers ranging from community bat-mitzvahs and chesed programs, to flower sales. My husband, Robert Davoodzadeh, has also taken an active role in this community and I would love to continue in his footsteps. Aside from serving on two terms for the Central Broad, one of which he served as President, he continues to be a consultant for numerous projects in the community.

We are at a crucial moment in the history of the Mashadi community. We are now more active than ever in our pursuits. Within me is a drive to serve this community and help usher in the years of success that are ahead of us for our children and generations to come.



**Farnaz Edalati**

My name is Farnaz Edalati, daughter of Farajollah and Farideh Kashimallak, daughter-in-law of Manoucher and Lida Edalati. My husband is Elie Edalati. We have been blessed with four children Naomi, Adam, Jasmin and Zachary. I graduated Hofstra University with a major in psychology. Growing up I was always an active member on the MYC board serving as secretary before I was married. As a mother of four kids I've always tried to get involved in my kids' school activities, from helping with the school yearbook to serving lunches and helping the PTA. I also continue to organize our Chulent schedule for Shabbat Kiddush in Ohr Esther. I truly believe our community is beautiful, and each one of us must contribute to maintain it. The unity we have is partly because of the Fantastic Programs the sisterhood offers. It would be an Honor for me to serve on this board.



### **Stacey Hackman**

Hi, my name is Stacey Hackman. I am the daughter of David and Sima Rahimi. I was born and raised in New York and attended Hilcrest High School. I am married 19 years to Shahin Hakimian, the son of the late Yaffa and Solomon Hakimian. I would love to continue my mother-in-law's work by joining Sisterhood. Shahin and I have three children, Alexandra, Zachary and Lauren and I would love for them to see how important this community is to our family. I am very excited to get involved in community service, I don't have much experience but I am eager to help this community in any way that I can.



### **Dalia Hakimian (Asher)**

My name is Dalia Hakimian. I was born in Iran and I came to the United States in 1979. I am married to Roozbeh Hakimian and we have three wonderful children, Ashley, Benjamin, and Andrew. When I was 16 years old, I started working with my family and I have been working there since. Presently, I am the Treasurer of the current Mashadi Sisterhood. This has been a very rewarding 3 years for me and I hope to continue on helping our community on the new Mashadi Sisterhood.

I have always been very thankful to be a Mashadi Jew. As a community, we have so many things to be proud of. The key to our future is our children. I believe we have to instill in them the same sense of pride and unity that our parents instilled in us in order to flourish. I hope I can be part of this amazing sisterhood and together strengthen our community

values.



### **Dina Khordi**

My name is Dina Khordi, I was born in Mashad Iran, married with three children. I immigrated to United States in 1993. While I was in Iran I was a member of Magbit organization. raising money for Israel. After arriving in United States I have been raising money for Israel and Beit Haddasa, also I have been instrumental for raising money for Shekhita, Orphanage and Cancer Societies. I feel that I can be helpful in many of the categories which has been mentioned, with the exception of Social Security matters and Alcohol and drugs. I feel that we should all work as a group in order to achieve our Goals.



### **Mojdeh Hakimian**

Hi my name is Mojdeh Hakimian

I'm the daughter of Ebrahim and Farzaneh Dilmanian, I'm married to Allen Hakimian and we have 3 beautiful children: Itai, Maya and Noam.

I grew up in Israel, finish high school and did one year of service ( Sherut Leumi) for the state of Israel.

I worked 3 years in the diamond district before I got married and moved to NY

I love being part of this community and see it important to give back



### **Monica Hakimian**

My name is Monica Hakimian and I am married to my wonderful husband, Andre. I am a proud mother to my 15-year- old daughter, Ashley, and my 10-year-old son, Jared. I attended Yeshiva up through Middle School, graduated Manhasset High School and received my Bachelor of Arts from Hofstra University.

I served as a member and Secretary of the Board of Managers of Cameo Plaza Condominiums for 10 years. My involvement on the Board of Managers gave me the opportunity to assist in making decisions for the building.

In this age of technology, social networks and peer pressures of society, it is our duty as adults and parents, to protect the well-being of our children. We must instill and promote the appropriate morals, values and ethics of our community to our youth.

I am truly fortunate to be part of the Mashadi Community. It has been even more of a privilege for me to serve on the 2011-2014 Sisterhood Committee. While taking the role of Recording Secretary, I was so inspired by the wonderful esteemed ladies who served by my side. The unity and teamwork created an unforgettable journey, bringing memories that I will cherish forever. It would be a great honor to continue serving our community as an active member of the Sisterhood for a second term.



### **Shiva Hakimian**

My name is Shiva Hakimian. I am the daughter of Esther & Lotfollah Hakimi and the daughter in law of Farideh & Saeed Hakimian. I am married to Martin Hakimian and we are blessed with our 3 children whom we are very proud of, Ariel (14), Naomi (12) and Jeremy (10).

Back in 1979 when most of the community fled from Iran, my parents decided to move to Israel. I will be forever grateful for having the privilege to grow up in our holy beautiful country of Israel. It definitely made me into a great Zionist.

I moved to New York when I was 16 and I attended Great Neck North High School for my junior & senior years. I've lived in Great Neck since then and fell in love with our community and with the unity that is so precious to us. When I was a single girl I was

a member of the MYC and was part of the party committee which held lots of events for our youth. This was extremely gratifying to me. Since then, I have always been interested in participating in communal work.

If I get elected I would love to give back to the community what me and my family have been benefiting from all the activities that the sisterhood has provided for all these years. It would be a privilege for me to be a part of the sisterhood committee.





### **Sanam Ijadi**

My name is Sanam Ijadi. Born in 1977 to my parents Lily & Bijan Hakimian. I am happily married to Steve son of Esther and late Amir Ijadi. Together we are raising 3 wonderful children, Sofia, Benjamin and David. I have a bachelor degree from NYU Stern Business School.

As a mother trying to raise children with traditional Jewish values and traditions I believe the Sisterhood lays beautiful foundations for this.

If given the chance I would love the opportunity to serve for our strong united community.



### **Raya Karmely**

I am Raya Karmely and I'm proud to have served two terms in the Sisterhood so far. Serving in the Sisterhood has made me realize how important it is to continue to give and support our beautiful community. By volunteering to conduct events and programs for our community, we can further ensure togetherness and a long-lasting united Mashadi community as a whole.

During my last term in Sisterhood, I helped organize, plan and promote several events and I'm happy to say that we had three successful years of collaboration and team work that proved to be very productive for our community.

.I grew up in Italy and attended the university of foreign languages and literatures. I then moved to NY and got married to Allen Karmely and we have 4 amazing girls.

My goals, should be re-elected, are first of all to use my previous experience to help

my team and the community in any way that I can and second, to be able to run more events for our community, especially for the younger generation.



### **Esther Livi**

My name is Esther Livi. I am married to Bernard, mother of Rachel Etessami, Daniel, Jonathan and Adam.

I am blessed to be a member of the Mashadi Community. I feel we have the most unique and special Jewish community in the world and we all have to do our part to preserve and strengthen our special values.

I served with pleasure on the youth committee for a three year term before my marriage.

Working as an assistant to Rabbi Yosef Bitton for three years, I came face to face with our community's strengths and weaknesses many times. It was an amazing learning process for me.

I am a strong supporter of Jewish education which I believe is the most effective tool we have in preserving our Jewish traditions and the strong bond in our community for our future generations.

It would be my honor to represent the exceptional Mashadi women of the community in the Sisterhood.



### **Sandy Mordekhai**

My Name is Sandy (Ghassabian) Mordekhai, and I have been happily married to Raymond Mordekhai for 17 years. We have 4 children ages 7-15. I am a graduate of Long Island University with a Bachelors Degree in Radiologic Technology, and have been practicing in the field since.

I have a passion for my career but have always put my family and community first. Over the last 3 years I had the privilege to serve on the Sisterhood Committee along side 14 wonderful women. I have learned so much from

serving the community and enjoyed myself throughout the journey.

Women are the cornerstone of every community, synagogue, marriage and family. I hope that our committee can serve as role models for our children. Seeing their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins involved will encourage them to stay united. I hope to have the opportunity to serve our community once again



### **Doris Nadri**

My name is Doris Nadri I'm married to my wonderful husband Morris Nadri we raised 4 amazing children and I'm blessed with 3 adorable grand children and Ishalla one on the way. I'm working as a teacher at the Shaare Shalom day school for the past couple of years I truly love my job and it has been so fulfilling. I truly enjoy being around children and working in the community has given me so much pleasure. If I'm chosen I would love to help as much as I could in the upcoming Sisterhood to the best of my ability, to learn new things and to get a chance to work and learn alongside a great group of women.



### **Sahar Nasrolahi**

Born in Iran, I moved to the U.S. at the age of 7. Graduated from Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT). While still a student I was offered a design position

at the Dessy Group. Today still at the same firm, I head the design and production department at one of the leading bridesmaids manufacturers worldwide.

I'm a proud wife and mother to four children: Kailey (11), Ariel (9), Jacob (7), Joshua (4). I feel blessed to be a part of this community, and as a mother and a design professional, it would be my honor to join the Mashadi Sisterhood and be part of such a remarkable and talented group of women.





### **Janet Livian**

Janet Navaei Livian is the wife of the late Nasser Livian Z"l. She is the mother of three children, Michael, Sandra and Carol. She was born in Tehran and she moved to Milan, Italy as a young child where she grew up.

Janet has had the honor and the privilege to serve as a Co-Vice President of the outgoing Sisterhood. She is also a passionate member of the Marriage Committee, with the enthusiasm to help the young members of our community in any way. She is very proud of the unity and the charitable spirit of our Community.

Back in Milan, she worked as a sales representative and administrative executive in the family business (Navaei S.r.l.) for over 20 years. She volunteered at the Jewish Nursing Home of Milan, assisting the elderly. After moving to Great Neck in 2008, she has been a volunteer at the North Shore Hospital and Mounter Center of LIJ in the oncology and chemotherapy department. She is also actively involved in many charitable causes.

Her main objectives as a candidate for the board of the Sisterhood are to strengthen the charitable, elderly support, health awareness and medical assistance programs of the Community. She looks forward to serving the community in the following term.



### **Arezou Tolou Hakimian**

My name is Arezou Tolou Hakimian, born in 1972, to Victoria and the late Mehdi Hariri-Tolou, z"l. I am happily married to Mehran Hakimian, son of Parvin and the late Iraj Hakimian, z"l. Together we are raising four wonderful sons, to have a love and understanding of Torah, Judaism and Zionism, along with the knowledge of the rich traditions of our beautiful Mashadi community. I was born in Tehran and moved to New York at the age of 6, where I attended both Yeshiva and public schools. I graduated from Hofstra University with a Bachelors degree in International Business and a Minor in Languages. Then I went on to earn my Masters Degree in Finance from Hofstra University. After working in different fields, I entered my father's real estate business, which I currently manage.

All my life I have been taught about the importance of community service and Mashadi life. It is my great honor and pleasure to help serve our wonderful community in any capacity. I very much enjoy doing volunteer work and interacting with people of all age groups. Keeping our unity is the single most important factor.

I was the Vice President of the PTA of the North Shore Hebrew Academy, along with chairing and serving on few other committees.

For the last six years, along with my husband, I have been an active member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), where we help to build better relations between the United States and Israel.

I co-chaired the first ever and extremely successful Shabbat Project, where we participated in a world-wide display of Jewish unity and bringing our community together.

Presently, I co-chair the Marriage Committee where we are helping and promoting more marriages in our community.

I also co-chair the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee where I have helped to coordinate an annual program with the District Attorney's Office for the Middle and High School age youth and their parents to become more educated in the dangers of prescription drugs, recreational drugs and alcohol abuse.

I feel humbled to be nominated for the Sisterhood Board and hope that we can all work together to offer many interesting programs and events for all of our community members. I applaud all the ladies of the past Sisterhoods for an outstanding job!!!

If elected, B”H, I would like to hear everyone’s suggestions and try to implement them in future events. I look forward to working with a wonderful group of dedicated women who have graciously accepted to give their time and energy to a very worthy cause.



**Shirin Rahmani (Hezghia)**

My name is Shirin (Hezghia) Rahmani. I am the daughter of Jila and David Hezghia and the daughter-in-law of Shahin and Parviz Rahmani. I am married to Rodney Rahmani and we have been blessed with 3 boys and 2 girls. I was raised in a Family environment that believes it is our obligation to help the community in any capacity possible. In fact, my mother was a member of the Sisterhood for 10 years. My father is currently Treasurer of the Central Board and the President of Shaare Shalom Synagogue Board. My brother, Jonny, was Chairman of Ohr Esther, served as Gabbai of Ohr Esther since its founding, currently serves on various UMJCA committees and is an active member of the Mashadi community and helps in any way possible. My sisters, Debbie and Shana, have both served on the community’s Youth Committee. I have also been

involved in community service throughout the years. I began as a member of the MYC. After I had my twins, Miky and Nate, I got involved in the Shalom Early Childhood Board. During this time we created a PTA and commenced many of the wonderful programs the school offers today. I have also been a member of the Ladies Circle of Ohr Esther, during which time we were able to establish classes such as cooking and parenting. I am presently Vice President of the North Shore Hebrew Academy PTA and for the past 3 years Vice President of the current Mashadi Sisterhood.

I have a very multifaceted education:

- North Shore Hebrew Academy Middle School
- HANC High School
- Bachelors Degree Elementary Education and Psychology, Hofstra University
- Master’s Degree, English As a Second Language (E.S.L.), Hofstra University
- I worked in a number of the Public schools in Nassau County. My most influential job that helped shape my career was working at the Harbor Hill School in Roslyn. I ran the ESL department of this school and helped create an "International Day" for the district.
- Currently awaiting my Post Masters Certificate in Special Education, Queens College

I am a team player and enjoy working with others. It has been a pleasure being a member of the Mashadi Sisterhood for the past 3 years, and I would be honored to be a member of the new Mashadi Sisterhood. I believe I can do a great job serving on the board and working for our great community.



### **Dina Zabihi**

My name is Dina Zabihi, I am the daughter of the late Mr. Sadegh Livi and Mrs. Soltan Livi and I am married to David Zabihi. I am the proud mother of four children and a grandmother of three.

Watching my children grow in this community has given me both interest and insight into the issues that our youth are facing today. I hope to be able to help resolve some of the them.

I would like to see the Sisterhood strengthen our community's zionistic and traditional Jewish values. It is important to reinforce these values at home to our youth through different exciting events.

I currently work in the jewelry industry and I have done several different types of volunteer work that I thoroughly enjoyed. I believe in giving back to a community that has always been there for me and my family. I hope to be able to contribute to the amazing efforts made by previous sisterhood committees.



### **Mahtab Zar**

My name is Mahtab Zar. I am married to Kamyar and have 3 children Ryan, Alexandra and Bradley. The support and love of my family has allowed me to contribute to our community.

My father Mr. Haroun Kohanim z"l was a selfless man who was involved with many different aspects of the community. One of my father's dreams was to build an institution for our children to learn Torah, with his extreme efforts and determination Talmud Torah was started. After his passing, I have been privileged in directing Talmud Torah for the past 10 years and have been inspired to carry out my father's legacy.

I have had the pleasure of volunteering in my children's school. I have served as PTA President, Vice President and served as a member of the executive board and have chaired numerous enrichment programs and committees. All the efforts on behalf of the Parent Teacher Association represented collaboration between the administration and parents.





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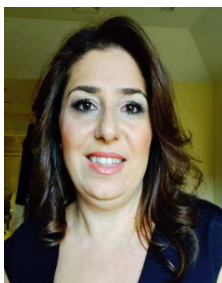
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