



***Celebrating a Decade of  
Networking***



***January 18, 2013***

### **What is Shabeh Jomeh?**

Shabeh Jomeh is a monthly gathering of Iranian professionals living in the metropolitan areas of major cities. The event is designed to improve upon existing professional and social relations and is intended to be the platform for exchanging ideas and improving Iranians' professional standing in our communities. This gathering is a non-political, non-religious event and is open to all professionals. Shabeh Jomeh has created a bond between all of our communities and a great network upon which we can all capitalize. Each Shabeh Jomeh has its own character within the framework of the simple formula highlighted—building a community to help us both socially and professionally advance. Each Chapter convenes on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

### **What does Shabeh Jomeh mean?**

Shabeh Jomeh literally means "night of Friday" - but its literal translation is deceptive. Shabeh Jomeh actually is a reference to "Friday eve" (or Thursday night). In Iran, Shabeh Jomeh has a number of significances. Shabeh Jomeh is the beginning of the weekend for Iranians. Shabeh Jomeh, traditionally, is the night to go out or entertain family and/or friends. It also has been known to be the "night of mischief". Shabeh Jomeh is the night for the gatherings and the name of the network – a link to Iranians globally.

### **How did Shabeh Jomeh begin?**

Shabeh Jomeh was started in New York in February 2000 by a group of friends who wanted to organize a gathering of Iranian professionals in the New York area with a different twist – the goal was to set up a forum for individuals to socialize, engage in professional networking and exchange ideas. They wanted it to have a very simple formula: it had to be cool and no frills – it had to be about community building and not about exclusivity. It had to be open and optional, easy and fun – and, it had to be non-political and non-religious.

## **A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM NEDA NABAVI**

*Dear Shabeh Jomeh Chicago Chapter,*

*A decade ago I launched the Chicago Chapter of Shabeh Jomeh. It is amazing to see how many of you who are here tonight, were there 10 years ago. Since 2003 Shabeh Jomeh Chicago has flourished and hosted/participated over 120 events all over Chicago.*

*I am proud to be a part of an organization that has connected so many people within our Iranian community as well as to our local communities. We have improved Iranians' relations with one another and given back to the community by coming together. We have participated in events at the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Chicago Children's Museum, The Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago Nowruz Parade, and others.*

*We have supported organizations such as the Walter & Connie Payton Foundation, Association House of Chicago, Pasfarda Arts & Cultural Exchange, Iranian American Medical Association, Iranian American Bar Association, National Iranian American Council, Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans and many more.*

*With pride in our achievements as an organization, I want to thank you all for helping make Shabeh Jomeh the success that it is. I hope that you can see how far we have come in the community in just 10 years.*

*I leave you all with this thought "The currency of real networking is not greed but generosity." (Keith Ferrazzi) Remember that greed and generosity are not always about money, its time and energy. As you connect and help others whether it is through mentoring, making introductions, or being a sounding board, you will learn something about yourself that will, hopefully, help you develop as a professional.*

*Wishing each of you the utmost success in your professional pursuits and thank you for your support over the last decade!*

*Best regards,  
Neda Nabavi  
Executive Director*

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Iran House of Greater Chicago is a not for profit Cultural and community service organization dedicated to enhancing the understanding and appreciation of Persian Culture, history and arts. Iran House is committed to share the appreciation of Persian culture. They encourage and foster the charitable and educational interests of the Persian community and assist needful Persians particularly children, the elderly, and victims of disasters.



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IABA is a professional organization that seeks to educate and inform the Iranian-American community about legal issues of interest and to ensure that the American public, local representatives and other government officials are fully and accurately informed on legal matters of interest/concern to the Iranian-American community. IABA also strives to foster and promote the achievements of Iranian-American lawyers and other legal professionals. IABA is an independent, non-religious and a non-political organization. IABA is not a lobbying or advocacy group; it is primarily an educational organization.

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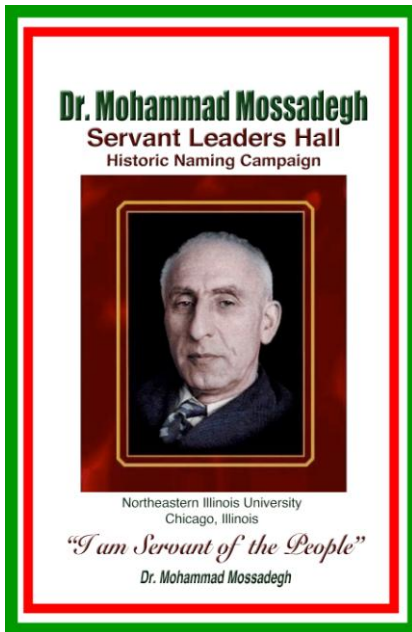


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The National Iranian American Council is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the interests of the Iranian-American community. We accomplish our mission by supplying the resources, knowledge and tools to enable greater civic participation by Iranian Americans and informed decision making by lawmakers. NIAC is a grassroots organization supported by the Iranian-American community and prominent American foundations. NIAC does not receive funds from the Iranian government nor the United States government.



Naming a Student Hall in the Student Gathering Place of College of Business and Management Building at Northeastern Illinois University as Dr. Mohammad Mossadegh Servant Leaders Hall. The Hall will be adorned with a picture of Dr. Mossadegh and will be used on various occasions, based on the rules and regulations of the university, for gatherings of the community members. Campaign is international in scope and welcomes the support of all friends of Dr. Mossadegh from everywhere in the world. Yet, the Iranian community in the United States is considered as a significant source of support and involvement.

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Pasfarda Arts & Cultural Exchange is an organization committed to the promotion and global exchange of arts and culture. PASFARDA is dedicated to supporting various forms of Iranian art in the U.S. and American art in Iran by focusing on contemporary and emerging artists, and by organizing cultural events.

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Persepolitan Networks was formed for the development and dissemination of educational and entertainment material in the field of cultural awareness and appreciation for usage in news/broadcasting, cable-casting, the Internet "social media", tape and disc distribution.

The Persian Cultural Society is a registered organization of the University of Chicago. The purpose of this organization is to promote awareness of Iran and Persian Culture, and to improve Iranian community.

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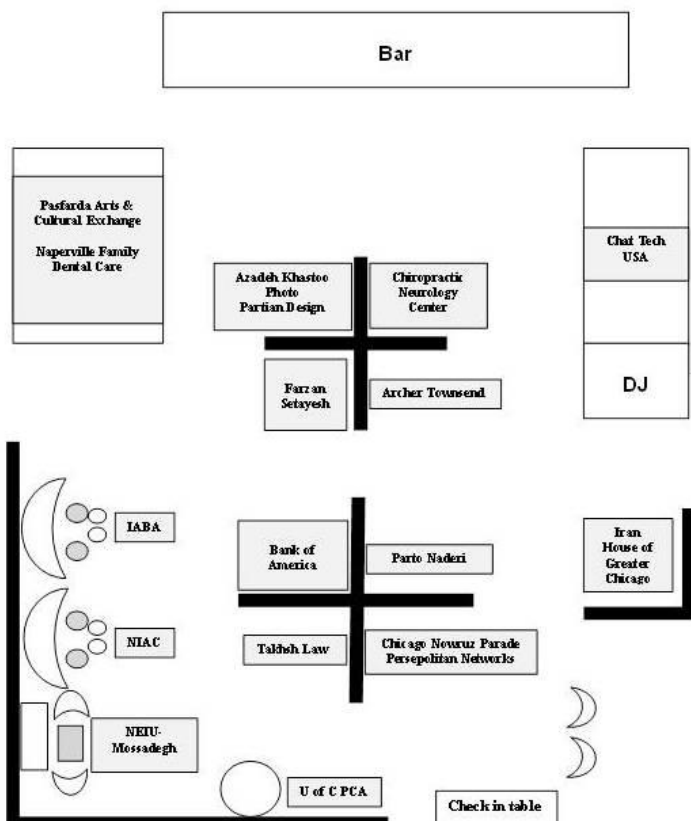
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*Special thanks to all of the organizations that came out tonight to support our event and to Crimson Lounge for hosting us. We hope you all enjoy!*

