Growing Up as a Jewish Teenage Woman in Iran

Women’s Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester invites all Jewish women to come together on Monday, October 27 in support of Jewish life around the world. The Main Event for women, an annual fundraiser for the Federation Campaign, will feature special guest Roya Hakakian, a celebrated author and poet, who shares poignant memories of being a Jewish teenager in post-revolutionary Iran.

The event will take place at Temple Beth El beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a reception followed by a 6:30 dinner program. Gourmet dining will be provided by Tony Guccione of Max Rochester, dietary laws will be observed. Author and Farsi poet Roya Hakakian’s opinion columns, essays and book reviews appear in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, on the Daily Beast and on NPR’s All Things Considered. A founding member of the Iran Human Rights Documentation Center, she has collaborated on television network programming, including 60 Minutes on CBS.

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Jewish Senior Life dedicated the new Lodge at Wolk Manor on Monday, Oct. 6. As an additional offering in JSL’s complete continuum of care, The Lodge provides an assisted living center for memory care, serving residents with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias with a focus on providing person-centered care to its residents in an environment that feels like home.

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