

Iranian Tea at the Library: Stories of Kind People in a Turbulent Era

A cordial invitation to listen to personal memories and impressions of Iran from scholars of **The Salaam Network** next Tuesday

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 25, 6-7:00 p.m. Questions/Discussion Follow Place: Louisville Free Public Library, Newburg Branch, 4800 Exeter Ave, 40218

Some of the topics to be explored by Dr. Fariba Kashan and Dr. Dennis Neyman:

- Personal stories from living in an Iran in an era of great change.
- Selected video segments- The Story of Iran.
- Daily life with the people of Iran (some stories of *Tarof*, social etiquette).
- The Shah and the Ayatollah- Iran in transition.
- What makes Iranian (Persian) history so interesting?
- Great architecture, carpets, caviar.

Biographical Notes on Presenters:

<u>Dr. Fariba Kashan</u> is an Iranian American Muslim who moved to the USA about 23 years ago. She has her PhD in Applied Mathematics and is currently a faculty member at the math department at Kentucky State University. She is a leader of the Iranian Muslim community in Louisville, teaching Islam to children at the Al-Zahra Center and other venues.

<u>Dr. Dennis Neyman</u> is a Louisville educator and activist, often working closely with the Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Community. He taught English at the University of Isfahan, Iran from 1975 to 1977. Dr, Neyman studied the Persian language at the British Society and with a private tutor. While in Iran he travelled extensively to cultural, historical and archeological sites. His extensive education includes interdisciplinary social science, applied linguistics and he holds a PhD in special education.

The Salaam Network is an interfaith group of educators, peacemakers, artists and supporters from a wide range of backgrounds. **The Network** is committed to building bridges of understanding and harmony from a knowledge-based foundation. The word **salaam** is an Arabic word that means *peace*, *good will* and *wholeness* and is often used in greetings.

