

Women's News

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah Hosted the Southern Seaboard Spring Regional Conference, April 27-29

Special guest was Hadassah national president, Marcie Natan. Highlights of the weekend included a Mediterranean food and entertainment evening, as well as the installation of Janice Bernstein as Regional president.



Outgoing Regional President Ann Eisenberg with National President Marcie Natan.



Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah Young Leaders.



Enjoying the Mediterranean evening.



Lynda White (left) and Roberta Wilner (right) get their photo taken with Henrietta Szold.



Janice Bernstein, new president of the Southern Seaboard Region.



Local bellydancers entertain the women.

Baha'i Woman Finds Freedom with Help of CRRA

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According to a paper published by The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women: "Islamic fundamentalism establishes its thesis on the differences between the sexes and the conclusion that the male is superior, and hence, the female is a slave at his service. A parliamentarian in Iran is on record as saying, 'Women must accept the reality of men dominating them, and the world must recognize the fact that men are superior.' Ultimately, the fundamentalists do not believe women are human."

These views exist today, and from the days of the revolution until now, women have been raped, imprisoned, forced to be

captives in their own homes, and executed for perceived crimes by the Islamic government.

HIAS/CRRA gave Felora a donated car. The agency found her work as a seamstress—work that she had performed in Iran. She studied with the agency's English as a Second Language program. She considers herself very lucky for a number of reasons—chief among them: she is a free woman able to make her own decisions.

As a young woman in Iran possessing few rights, she said, "If I stay here, I will die soon."

Recently, Felora reached a milestone: She became an American citizen. While she didn't attend CRRA's citizenship

classes, she did get help preparing for the test. Ellen Dubin, executive director, has Board of Immigration Attorney accreditation and oversees the work of the immigration aide on staff who assisted Felora in filling out the necessary application.

In the fall she plans to realize her dream to visit the Baha'i Gardens in Haifa, Israel.

Felora represents a true refugee success story—one that is shared by others. For more information about how you can refugee families call the office at 704-535-8803 or visit www.carolinarefugee.org. ☆

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