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CAIA NEWS

CAIA HOLDS SUCCESSFUL AGM

On Saturday 29th November 2008, over 50 CAIA members attended *Hayashen* to take part in CAIA's Annual General Meeting.



The meeting included the Board's report by the chair, Mr. Souren Grigorian, activities report by CEO Mr. Misak Ohanian, and presentation of 2007/8 finances and audited accounts by Treasurer Mr. Garo Boyadjian.

At the end of the reports, the members expressed their warm and grateful appreciation to the retiring Directors, in particular to

Mr. Souren Grigorian for his exceptionally positive role during the course of his 3-year service. This was followed by the election of 3 directors through secret ballot. The new directors elected were Mr. Emin Tatosian, Ms. Susan Kassabian and Mr. Richard Mourad Anooshian. They join Mrs. Isgouhi Aghabekian, Mrs. Karine Alexanian, Ms. Lucine Shahbazian and Mr. Garo Boyadjian in the new 7-member CAIA Board of Directors.

Below is a summary of some of the achievements presented:

New London-wide *Health Advocacy & Outreach* project started. Project officer Ms Hrachik Sarian has visited over 50 home and hospital visits since April 2008.

540 people benefited from CAIA's Advisory services between April-September 2008.

Specifically, 205 people gained benefit entitlements totalling over £250,000.

31 were helped with housing issues such as moving from temporary accommodation to permanent council housing, sheltered building, moving from *NASS* support to state support.

With regards Immigration:

41 people helped to receive British naturalisation

31 people helped obtain British passports

With regards employment:

21 people were helped to find jobs via CAIA's job brokerage service within the Armenian community, assisted in CV writing, attending free training events held at Hayashen delivered in partnership with other agencies, offered volunteering opportunities at CAIA.

90 children and twice as many parents/grandparents attended educational and recreational activities during term and summer time through the *Armenian Community Pre-school* between April-September 2008.

Hayashen Armenian Youth club met monthly and organised 2 major outings thanks to the involvement of young people and parents.

Armenian Senior Citizens club continued to meet twice a week and provided over 1000 free lifts to fragile older people at risk who are unable to use public transport.

Successfully fundraised to purchase new bus to improve comfort and safety of bus users.

Published and distributed over 3000 copies of Armenian Voice newsletter thanks to the efforts of staff and volunteers.

Started work to develop new website with the help of young volunteers.

Another volunteer audited CAIA's IT equipment, network, upgraded memory and operating systems and implemented a simple backup system.

Reviewed and adopted new policies to improve CAIA's practises and procedures including Internal Financial Controls Self Checklist.

Administered and serviced the Ealing Advice Forum and contributed to the mapping of legal advisor services for Black Minority Ethnic & Refugee (BMER) communities in London Borough of Ealing.

Contributed to the mapping of funding for Equality Groups initiated by the London Voluntary Service Council.

Became founding member of *BAN (Black, Minorities Ethnic & Refugee Advisory Network)*. A network of over 40 BMER community organisations cooperating across London.

Lobbied to safeguard CAIA's funding for its vital advisory service from the London Councils by collecting several hundred signatures from members, service users and supporters who also wrote over 200 letters/emails to decision-makers.

Secured new 4-year funding from the London Councils for health and care talks/workshops for Armenian older people.

Received and replied to several thousands emails, letters and telephone calls on diverse issues within and outside London.

Reviewed and adopted new policies to improve CAIA's practises and procedures including Internal Financial Controls Self Checklist.

Carried out risk assessment of Hayashen building with help of volunteer architect to identify improvements and maintain quality standard of the property.

The Management Committee undertook annual appraisals of staff performances in line with best practise.

CAIA staff, volunteers and management committee members attended various training courses according to their duties to further develop their personal and collective skills.

CAIA cooperated and maintained good relations with various Armenian organisations by attending their various functions/supporting their projects, including *London Armenian Poor Relief Society Trust, Armenian Medical Association, Armenian Youth Association Football Club, HOM, Land & Culture, Armenian Saturday Studies School, Armenian Church and community Council, Armenian Church, Embassy, and others.*



CAIA management Committee members, staff, and volunteers photographed together in January 2009.

ARMENIANS TAKE PART IN ACTON CARNIVAL

On Saturday 12th July 2008, members and volunteers of the CAIA took part in the annual Acton Carnival. The CAIA promoted its services and the Armenian community in general to the several thousand participants in the event through its stall. In addition *Aghtamar Dance Troupe* performed two Armenian dances on the main festival stage to an appreciative audience.

START UP IN BUSINESS WORKSHOP



On Thursday 9th October 2008 a special Seminar was for individuals thinking of starting a business, new to self-employment or presently trading but wishing to improve their business practices to place. Topics covered during the seminar included, Formalising your business, Marketing, Business Planning and Financial Planning. The Seminar was organised jointly by CAIA and *ABi Associates Limited.*

Limited.

ACCREDITED EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

The CAIA with *Tribal Education Group* organised a free 5 day accredited training course at Hayashen to help members of Armenian community find the job they want. The course started on 20 January, 2009, included lunch, travel expenses to and from Hayashen.

Topics covered in the course included:

- Career planning
- Making effective applications
- Health and safety in the workplace
- Maintaining working standards
- Communicating with others at work
- Exploring job opportunities
- Various problem solving activities
- Rights and responsibilities at work

If you would like to be kept informed of all future training courses and opportunities at *Hayashen*, please contact CAIA during office hours by telephone on 020 8992 4621 or send an email with your details to: info@caia.org.uk

MY DARLING; A PLAY BASED ON A STORY BY CHEKHOV

On 25th October 2008 at *Hayashen*, Tamara Hinchco performed her one woman play of '*My Darling*' by Griselda Gambaro, a play based on Anton Chekhov's '*Duschechka*'.

A tragi-comedy looking at life, different types of love, relationships, hope and despair, based on the experience of the character Olga. London based part-Armenian Actress Tamara Hinchco acted the role of Olga with energy and skill and held the audience's attention throughout. Olga is constantly looking for love; first falling for the miserable manager of the local theatre, then the rather tedious manager of a timber merchant's, then a married vet and finally the little son of the vet who has since



returned to his wife. Olga is a character who cannot exist without loving or without having someone to call '*my darling*'. She becomes totally dependent on that person, immersing herself in their life and sacrificing herself for them, then suffers separation but readily forgives and starts the same cycle again.

Tamara Hinchco's performance was set against a simple backdrop of a curtained window and the constant sound of rain representing the monotony and repetition, and perhaps deep sadness, of Olga's life and emotional state. An interesting and amusing performance, tackling serious and emotional issues in a light-hearted way.

By Louisa Culleton

The CAIA is grateful to Tamara Hinchco, director Sergio Amigo, and to everyone who supported this event to raise funds for the CAIA.

INTRODUCTION TO ARMENIAN HISTORY, CULTURE, IDENTITY & DISPERSION

The CAIA for the first time has successfully gained a small grant from *Ealing Adult Education Department* to meet the demand from young Armenians born or growing up in this country to have some information about the history, culture and identity which make up the Armenian communities in Britain. The 5 day course offers:

A better understanding to the background of Armenians in Britain and around the world

An insight into Armenian history, culture & heritage

An opportunity for progression into further learning

The chance to ask questions and interact with others in a friendly and welcoming environment

This is a free course (in English) for those living in LB of Ealing aged 15+. Parents are welcome to attend also as we encourage family learning. However, anyone registered must be committed to attend all 5 days of the course including induction on Sunday 15th February 2009.

Course times are 11am-1.30pm on:

Sunday 22 February, 2009,

Sunday 1 March, 2009,

Sunday 8 March, 2009,

Sunday 15 March, 2009,

Sunday 22 March, 2009,

Speakers contributing to the course include,

- Professor Theo van Lint, *Calouste Gulbenkian Chair of Armenian Studies, Oxford University.*

- The Reverend Dr Vrej Nerses Nersessian, *Curator of the Christian Middle East Section at the British Library, London.*

Places are limited so register ASAP to avoid disappointment

HEALTH RELATED TALKS IN HAYASHEN

Friday 30th January 2009, 2pm

"*Cancer Screening Programmes*" by Stella Ward Ealing PCT Outreach Nurse Mentor

Friday 27th February 2009, 2pm

"*NHS Brent's service user involvement process*" presented by Khadiee Campbell - NHS Brent Patient & Community Involvement Officer

Friday 27th March 2009, 2pm

"*Prostate Cancer Awareness*" by Caroline Mark, Volunteer Development Manager from The Prostate Cancer Charity

EXERCISE CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Thanks to the support of *Sport Relief* and *Ealing PCT*, gentle chair based exercises has been organised in Hayashen lasting approximately 30 minutes. Professional exercise teacher Anna Larson has been recruited to deliver simple, convenient, flexible lessons and teach this effective way to get older people to undertake mild forms of exercise in an enjoyable manner on the following dates Monday - 19 and 26 January, 9

and 23 February, 9 and 23 March, 6 April and 20 April, 11 and 18 May, 1 June and 15 June. *Come and join in!*

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS

The CAIA is grateful to all the following for their kind donations of financial support as well as in kind such as books, CD's, DVD's and toys towards its work since the last publication of Armenian Voice. Their generosity is highly appreciated.

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HAYASHEN YOUTH CLUB EVENTS



On August 4th 2008 the *Hayashen Armenian Youth Club* (HAYC) organised its first ever Go-karting outing at Brentwood Centre.

A special coach was hired to take 27 young people along with 6 volunteer parents and CAIA staff. Despite the rain all 27 young people drove the special circuit twice and all received certificates in completing the course. The overall

fastest driver was Aren Abed Stephen, pictured below left.



On 14th September the *Hayashen Armenian Youth Club* took part in an informal football match held at the Old Actonian Club in Acton during a family event organised by the *Armenian Youth Association Football Club*.



On 30th October 2008 a special outing was organised by HAYC to visit the West End Musical *Chicago*. A group of 40 young people accompanied by volunteers enjoyed the two hour long show. The outing to the West End as well the Go-Karting trip was kindly support by Ealing Council's *Cash 4 Youth* programme.

On 16th November HAYC held its last event for 2008 in Hayashen where young people under the age of 19 enjoyed themselves by interacting, watching Armenian TV, play computer games, pool table, football table, board games, piano, listening to DVD's as well as eating free snacks and soft drinks provided by CAIA.

The *Hayashen Armenian Youth Club* will take place twice a month in 2009, normally between 4.00-7.30pm. Forthcoming HAYC dates agreed by the young people so far are 30th January, 13th & 27th February, 13th & 27th March, 17th April, 1st and 15th May, 2009.



If you wish to receive regular information about *HAYC* and/or take part in its various activities and outings please send your name, address and email to hayc@caia.org.uk

The *Hayashen Armenian Youth Club* is a member of *London Youth Club* which represents over 400 youth clubs in London.

ARMENIAN COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP EVENTS



CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY

In July 2008 a certificate handing ceremony took place in *Hayashen* for those young children who had competed their early years play and education at the Armenian Community Pre school group and were starting school.



ACPG ANNUAL SUMMER PLAYSCHEME & OUTING TO LEGOLAND

During August, the *Armenian Community Pre School group* organised its annual summer project for the 23rd consecutive year thanks to the kind support of *Ealing Council*, The Hilden Charitable Trust, Capital Radio's *Help a London Child*, and *Lankely-*

Chase Foundation. The 3-week project consisted of diverse cultural activities in Hayashen as well as outings. In particular, a special outing took place to Snakes and Ladders in Syon Park and a day-long outing to *Legoland* in Windsor on a 72-seater Double Decker Coach on 20th August. (see photo above left) In total 90 over children and young people benefited from the summer project.



ARMENIAN COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

On Monday 8th December a Christmas party was held at the *Armenian Community Pre-School Group* in *Hayashen*. The children sang and danced to festive music and enjoyed finger food and refreshments with their parents. Father Christmas was kind enough

to visit *Hayashen* to distribute presents to all the children.

ARMENIAN SENIOR CITIZENS AT HAYASHEN

SEASIDE OUTING TO BRIGHTON



Over 50 senior citizens, carers and their children enjoyed a relaxing day at the seaside resort town of Brighton on 23 July 2008. The outing was organised by the CAIA thanks to the support of *Hammersmith & Fulham Council*.

HEALTH TALKS, PRESENTATIONS & CULTURAL EVENTS AT ARMENIAN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB



On 26th September 2008, Kimberley Bailey and Harmit Kaur, Health trainers from *Ealing Primary Care Trust* spoke about their work to an attentive audience of Armenian Senior citizens and carers.

Further series of talks have been organised in the coming months thanks to funding from the *London Councils*. Armeniak Armavirtzi read

and recited his original poems to an appreciative audience at the *Armenian Senior Citizens club*.

A short film entitled "*From isolation to integration - Voices of older Refugees*", produced by *Age Concern England* and the *Refugee Council*, was shown at the Armenian Senior Citizens club on October 7th. The film made by Adom Saboonchian includes scenes from the Armenian Senior Citizen Club and various members who took part in a conference about older refugees in City Hall in 2007. In an email CAIA's CEO Misak Ohanian congratulated everyone associated with the production of this short but unique film. Elaheh Rambarzini from the Refugee Council in

turn wrote back thanking that "We were unable to put together this DVD without you and CAIA's Elderly Project support."



On 21st November 2008, Community Safety Officers from Ealing Council visited Hayashen and spoke about how to live securely. At the end of their presentation the community safety officers distributed over 30 security equipment and personal alarms to those present.

ARMENIAN SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday 12th December 100 Armenian senior citizens enjoyed their annual Xmas feast in Hayashen organised by CAIA for the 23rd consecutive year. Throughout the 4-hour event Armenian Senior Citizens from across West London and further a field enjoyed the company of their peers, entertained themselves by playing the piano, reciting poetry, singing, dancing and telling jokes.



The worshipful deputy mayor of of Ealing Council, Cllr Seema Kumar, was special guest of honour who along with Mr Mher Margaryan from the *Armenian Embassy* spoke in glowing terms about the charitable work CAIA and wished everyone all the best for the festive season.

The CAIA is grateful to all the volunteers who helped in organising the successful event and in particular to *Katsouris Brothers* for their kind support with in kind with delicious *Cypressa* products and *Barclays Bank* for its small grant.

OUR PLANS FOR A CARE HOME

Since the start of CAIA's Elders Health advocacy project we have started building a comprehensive file on their needs. There is a desperate need for such a service and that a special care unit for our elders is a top priority. Please read the attached article and inform Ealing Council and the CAIA if you think such a plan would help you, your parents, or relatives.

CONSULTATION MEETING WITH ARMENIAN SENIOR CITIZENS



On the initiative of *Ealing Councils Scrutiny Committee*, a panel of Ealing Councillors have been visiting various older people's Social clubs throughout the borough to find out more about the needs and services experienced by older people from Black and Minority ethnic communities.

To ensure that the views of Armenian Senior Citizens and carers are heard, the CAIA invited the panel, including the Committee chair Cllr. Gurcharan Singh to *Hayashen* on 7th November.

Cllr. Gurcharan Singh spoke for a few minutes about the purpose of the committee and introduced his colleagues which included, Cllr Eileen Harris, Noreen Coppin (Social Services) and Nigel Spalding, Scrutiny Review Officer. Over 50 people and CAIA staff/Management Committee members took the opportunity to express their views. In addition, CAIA CEO, Misak Ohanian attended a meeting of the Scrutiny Panel a few days later at Ealing Town Hall on November 11th where he continued to speak out about the short and long term needs of Armenian Senior Citizens and their carers.

Below are some of the views expressed at the 7th November consultation meeting *without the responses made by the visitors*. It is anticipated that the panel will make its recommendations to LBE Cabinet sometime after March 2009.

Comments made:

Have been helped with Housing Benefits here at the Centre - otherwise would not get advice. Don't go to the Council because of language barriers.

Agency carer visits home. 20 minutes was not enough.

2 or 3 people indicated that they had used the Taxicard scheme but not always on time.

Freedom Pass: easy to apply.

Blue Badge: it's very difficult now.

Adaptations: one person did work with his own money and was not aware of the availability of grants. Another person had been supplied with a commode instead of the requested downstairs toilet. Had also been told by the council that some changes could not be made but had been treated nicely and with respect.

Mother comes here twice a week. If this Centre did not exist we would be on our own. This place helps us a lot.

The Centre has helped the majority of people here. Without the staff here we would not have known how to go about getting council or other help.

Live in council building and wife almost blind. Haven't applied for home adaptation support - don't know how to.

Could the council provide the Armenian community with an Older People's home? Our people may be in hospital or in places where the staff do not speak Armenian. It would be good if we were allocated an area or a number of places in a home. Luckily the majority have families but they are under a lot of pressure.

CAIA Staff/Management Committee member comments:

Makes more sense if there are 20-25 Armenian older people in a home that we can deal with them all together in one place rather than for them to be dispersed. Makes sense for quality of life.

Knows of a client who has been waiting 5 years for the installation of a shower. The reason for the delay is unknown. Lives in sheltered accommodation. Been told to contact Social Services, who say contact Sheltered Accommodation.

Sometimes accompany people to the Housing Benefits service. The quality of service depends on the individual. Some staff are really good and nice; some are not. Can be there for 20 minutes without proper communication - staff member listens and then starts work on the computer without any proper communication.

There is a lot of pressure on CAIA. Language is often a barrier. Nobody from the council comes to give advice. But Cllr Gallagher has helped to raise issues on our behalf.

Adult Services commissioning: we applied and were not successful. We came to a Scrutiny meeting to highlight that every community not commissioned received some sort of funding except for CAIA. We only receive £4k from the Small Grants fund and £5k Carers Grant. Took part in the 2003 and 2004 seminars on commissioning but without a positive outcome for CAIA.

We rely on our own networks rather than other voluntary organisations in Ealing.

Have visited nearly 50 clients in their own homes. There are benefits to which they are entitled but assessments by Social Services are a problem. 99% are not assessed if thought they are not needy. People are scared of the language barriers and don't want any carers visiting that they do not trust. None of them know about the direct payments scheme. Have a couple of people in nursing homes, one of whom does not speak English. He had his belt fixed too tight and was in pain all day until I arrived, because he was unable to communicate in English. It's about meeting basic daily needs in nursing homes. On another occasion I clipped someone's toenails - the need should have been noticed. If an older person cannot communicate in English they may wave their hands but this can sometimes be interpreted as violent behaviour.

Social Services is the most insufficient service, especially the Assessment Team (AT). We are meant to call the AT and supposed to give details but find it works completely differently each time. It's disorientating. Clients are given a questionnaire to fill in that it is only appropriate for professionals. Even for a doctor it is difficult to complete.

Do not bother to provide interpreter. And then there is miscommunication between departments, so we have to start again. *Direct Payments* are supposed to be assessed by Social Services but it does not work. We have invited the *Direct Payments* team here to explain. A lot of hand-holding, time, language skills are needed to be made accessible.

A 90 year-old who was unhappy with the agency carer. Never provides receipt for shopping she makes. Took long time to change private agency carer. Why does it have to be so complicated?

One of the biggest contradictions is that it is not possible for people to comment on services if they don't know about them. Our older people need information and explanation to ensure a coherent picture. Some refugees are afraid to speak out - they may still have a refugee mentality so suffer in silence instead.

We have a good record of working in partnership with other organisations, eg we participated in '*Renewal*' which was led by *Ealing PCT*, have been part of the *Acton Healthy Living Centre*. Council should recognise CAIA's skills more and be more forthcoming in engaging community.

If you wish to have your say about the needs of Armenian Senior Citizens or share your experience, including the importance of some kind of residential care home we urge you to write to *Nigel Spalding, Scrutiny Review Officer* at Ealing Town Hall by email at: SpaldingN@ealing.gov.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

ARMENIAN TYPE NOW EXHIBITION

On July 5th, 2008 an exhibition entitled "*Armenian Type Now*" was opened in the Wren Library of Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 5th of July 2008. This opening ceremony of the exhibition commenced with two songs, The Apricot Tree and The Crane, sung by Kate Witney of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Manchester.

Mrs. Carolyn Puzzovio, Principal Lecturer at the Lincoln School of Art and Design introduced to the audience a brief history of Armenia and the Armenian Alphabet. Mrs Puzzovio, the driving force of the exhibition, reminded the audience that Armenian writing was one of the few that had an origination date: nearly all others were developed over long periods of time. Not only that, it can be attributed to a specific person, St Mesrob Mashtots, and his team of workers. Mr. Edik Ghabuzyan, the head of Department Creation and Preservation of the Armenian Fonts at the Ministry of Culture of Armenia, spoke about the new trends in the Armenian typography.

The Armenian ambassador, Vahe Gabrielyan, emphasised that two pillars supported Armenians: their Christian faith and church, and their language. Despite severe political and economic constraints, new Armenian lettering was continually developed both in the pre-and post-Soviet periods. Computer technology digitised fonts, and recent software advances have allowed new ranges that can be used over many hardware platforms. These require considerable, painstaking and detailed work over many hours of effort.

In 2005, collaboration started between Carolyn Puzzovio of Lincoln University and Edik Ghabuzyan, Head of the Department of Creating and Keeping Armenian fonts of the National Book Chamber. Carolyn Puzzovio had done extensive research into Armenian typefaces with visits to many libraries and depositories, including St Lazare, Venice. They devised new fonts that would encompass both Armenian and Latin characters, and one that was made available in the exhibition is called *Pomegranates* after the national fruit.

The exhibition consists of 20th and 21st century books chosen to demonstrate the vast range of fonts that are in existence. Though mainly printed books, there were other examples of manuscript illustrations and even embroidery. A fascinating video film shows dancers forming the letters by moving their bodies to music.

LORD ARA DARZI HONOURED

The Armenian Medical Association of Great Britain on 18th July 2008 organised a Champagne reception and buffet Dinner at The Royal College of General Practitioners to honor and celebrate its honorary president Lord Ara Darzi's dual promotion to The House of Lords and Ministerial position. For further information about the aims and

objectives of the Association contact Dr. Seta Boghossian by e-mail at setchn@tiscali.co.uk

HEART OF TWO NATIONS

Hrant Dink, *Heart of Two Nations*, a film of in-depth conversations with London-based Nouritza Matossian, written, produced and directed by her was screened at the Golden Apricot Yerevan Film Festival in July, 2007. It was short-listed for a prize.

On 25th September, *Heart of Two Nations* opened the *Pomegranate Armenian Film Festival* in Toronto. Nouritza was present to speak after the screening and to introduce the 4 minute pilot of her new documentary film project, *The Art of Arshile Gorky, A Survivor's Passion*. A 5 day programme of new Armenian films, documentaries, animation and features, drew enthusiastic audiences with distinguished directors and script-writers from around the world - Eric Nazarian, Serge Avedikian, Robert Kechichian and Alex Peltekian - presenting their latest films, meeting for discussion and interviews in a lively and warm ambience.

The audience at each screening cast votes in order to judge the film they had just viewed for their top three favourites. The First Prize chosen by the public was *Heart of Two Nations, Hrant Dink* by Nouritza Matossian.

ARMENIA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISITS LONDON

On October 27, 2008. H.E. Mr. Edward Nalbandian, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia arrived in London for bilateral meetings. Mr. Nalbandian had meetings with the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Rt Hon David Miliband and the Minister for Europe Caroline Flint MP. A wide range of bilateral, regional and international issues were discussed. Later in the day Minister Nalbandian was hosted at the Parliament by the British-Armenian All-Party Parliamentary Group. He also delivered a speech at the Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House) on the new developments in Armenia's foreign policy, followed by a lively question and answer session. In the framework of his visit to London, Mr. Nalbandian gave interviews to BBC's Russian, Turkish, Azeri and Ukrainian services. Among the Minister's other meetings was a warm gathering with representatives of the London Armenian Community.

For further information please visit the website of the Armenian Embassy at www.armenianembassy.org.uk

APPEAL FOR IRAQ'S ARMENIANS

Wales-Armenia Solidarity launched a worldwide appeal to give financial and other help to the Armenians of Mosul and Baghdad who have had to flee for their lives. This follows a fact finding visit to Iraq by founding member of Wales-Armenia Solidarity Eilian Williams. According to a press release by Wales-Armenia Solidarity, Mr. Williams visited the Armenian communities of Havrest, Zeikho, the Chaldean Church in Dohuk and the Municipality of Ankawa, an entirely Christian town just outside Erbil.

For further information about the appeal please contact Mr Eilian Williams directly at Wales-Armenia Solidarity, 7 Nant Ffynnon, Nant Peris,, Gwynedd,, Wales, LL55 4UG.

BYZANTIUM EXHIBITION AT ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS TO 22 MARCH 2009

An absolutely fabulous exhibition for anyone with an interest in art, culture and the church is currently taking place at the Royal Academy of Arts in London. It brings together priceless items from all over the world that probably have not been assembled before. Thanks to the efforts and scholarship of Rev. Dr Vrej Nerses Nersessian, there is a solid Armenian content in the Beyond Byzantium section. This includes a khatchkar from Noraduz (Cat 285) and various manuscripts (Cats 292 - 301).

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE COMMEMORATED

On 7th December 1988, a devastating earthquake resulted in the death of 30,000 Armenians in the former Soviet Union. The disaster came at a time when the cold war and the Soviet Union were coming to end. The tragedy in Armenia caused unprecedented world attention on Armenia and Armenians. The earthquake had a galvanizing effect in bringing dispersed Armenians together to provide urgently needed humanitarian help but also enormous support of ordinary people throughout the world and governments across all continents. In the UK, all Armenian organizations came together for the first time in a spirit of cooperation to form a new charity called Aid Armenia specifically in order to organize a concerted effort on behalf of the British Armenian community. There were and are many lessons to be learned from this experience, apart from the quality of the construction of buildings in such earthquake prone zones.

1 - That despite all promises there are to this day many people still living in temporary accommodation as result of the earthquake which is unacceptable after all this time and enormous amounts of contributions made.

2 - The importance of cooperation and unity between all Armenians irrespective of their background, social standing or where they live. Something which should not be limited to times of a national disaster or on national commemorative days as such April 24th.

On Friday 5th of December 2008 a commemoration took place at the St Yeghiche Church in South Kensington under the auspices of the Primate of the Armenian Church in the UK, the Armenian Community & Church Council of Great Britain. The highly impressive and emotional programme of the evening included the screening of documentaries, classical instrumental and vocal contributions, and addresses were given by His Grace Bishop Nathan Hovannesian, the Armenian Ambassador Dr V. Gabrielyan and the Chairman of the Armenian Community & Church Council of Great Britain, Mr. Ara Palamoudian.

All speakers made particular mention in gratitude of the Britain for the Earthquake relief at the time, when more that £7 million were donated to the Aid Armenia relief fund in addition to over 400 tons of material aid including medication, foodstuffs, clothing and medical equipment by air freight and 1100 tons of similar goods by containers via Leningrad.

Aid Armenia funded the building, equipping and maintenance of a new hospital in Vanadzor in the Earthquake zone. Additionally the British Government funded the building of a school in the same area, which on completion was opened by the Prime Minister of the time, Baroness Margaret Thatcher.

ARMENIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



The Armenian Youth Association Football Club (AYA FC) held a celebration on Sunday January 4th 2009 at its new premises at Gunnersbury Sport & Social Club, Park Place, Acton. The AYA FC will be playing their football on the ground of the club after reaching an agreement. For further information about AYA FC please contact Nick Nicolaou niknicolaou@hotmail.com

PROVERBS ARE THE COINS OF PEOPLE

The first edition of the *Oxford Dictionary of English Proverbs* defines a proverb as a '*crystallised summary of popular wisdom or fancy*'. This is not the place to take issue with such an illustrious source but it provides a useful baseline definition. However the Russian proverb '*proverbs are the coins of people*' says much the same thing but much more tellingly and poetically. This provided an appropriate title for a modest collection of proverbs from various refugee communities and countries published by *The Evelyn Oldfield Unit* in 2007. The CAIA is a founding member of the *Unit* and has benefited greatly from its support over the years. We also agree with the purpose of this small book which provides insight and humour contained in the proverbs that migrants bring from their own language and countries. Some of the proverbs in the publication will be familiar to Armenians as a people who have travelled much and lived across various countries due to their history of persecution over the centuries.

In the United Kingdom proverbs have a long history. '*Rome wasn't built in a day*' was first noted in 1190. '*Look before you leap*' in 1350. Proverbs were all pervasive when written communication was limited if not rare. Local communities had their own sayings. Kelly, in preparing *Scottish Proverbs* in 1721, jotted down 1,200 simply from memory. A book of English translations of Armenian sayings, compiled by a Professor of McGill University in Canada, Ms. Dora Makayan, was published by Caravan Books publishing house in 1995. The book contains 2,500 sayings on 12 major themes, on 528 pages. The author provides linguistic analysis of sayings, comparison with other languages, and much more. As Tim Cook writes in the introduction, "*It is our hope that the refugee's love of proverbs can become a gift for us to rekindle our lost linguistic enthusiasm for this form of expression. Much discussion on language and newcomers to this land concentrates on the need to learn English, and that is well understood. But we should not discourage in any way the value of mother tongue and its associated culture as evidenced in a small way by the use and knowledge of proverbs.*"

Below are just some of the proverbs randomly reproduced from the book. We have added some Armenian proverbs not in the book as our contribution from the following website en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Armenian_proverbs
For more information about the book, please visit www.evelynoldfield.org.

CHANGE

Afghan - A tree does not move unless there is a wind.

Tamil - Don't step in the river before knowing its depth.
 - Even if the moustache turns grey, the desires will not.
Farsi - The wolf may lose its teeth, but never its nature.

COURAGE

Iraqi - Sit crooked and talk straight
Latin American - Better to live one day as a lion than 100 years as a sheep.
Farsi - A brave man makes a short sword long.

DETERMINATION

Farsi - The camel that wants food stretches its neck.

DIVERSITY AND DIFFERENCE

Iraqi - A fish begins to rot from its head.
Tigrinya - The gorilla kisses its children according to their needs.
Farsi - God hasn't created the five fingers equal.
Togo - All the fingers are not the same.

EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE

Tamil - One's knowledge is only a handful of sand; there is still an ocean of knowledge to learn.
Somali - Ignorance is worse than a drought.

ENEMIES AND WAR

Iraqi - He acts like a lion with me, but he is an ostrich in war.
Somali - A man who has never experienced war rushes towards it.
Kenyan - When the elephants fight, the grass feels the pain.

GRATITUDE

Iraqi - Beware of hospitality from someone for whom you have done a favour.
Latin American - Do not spit up to heaven because it may spit back on to you.
Uganda - During the day go and thank him who has led you by the hand during the night.

HOMELAND

Iraqi - To depart is sad and to return is joy.
Kenyan - He who forgets his culture is a slave.
Farsi - A dog in his master's house is a lion.

HOPE AND PATIENCE

Iraqi - Not everything that shines is gold.
Tamil - You will have tears if you are crying, and also if you are overjoyed.

HOSPITALITY

Iraqi - Do not throw a stone into the well that you drink from.
Tamil - Make a wrongdoer feel embarrassed by doing him a favour.

MONEY

Tigrinya - Be the king of money but never its slave

OPTIMISM

Tigrinya - Give me an egg today rather than a chicken next year

POVERTY

Tigrinya - Wealth makes people more insane than poverty
 - A full stomach does not understand the pain of empty stomach

ARMENIAN PROVERBS

Transliteration: Amenin mi achqov e nayoom.
Translation: She/he sees everyone with one eye.
Meaning: She/he sees/treats everyone equally.

Transliteration: Arach mtatzir, heto khosir.
Translation: First think, then speak.

Transliteration: Es akanjov lsoom e, myoosov doors e anoom.
Translation: She/he hears it from this ear, and throws it out from the

other.

Meaning: She/he doesn't follow advice.

Transliteration: Dzoogogha dziagogh ka darna.

Translation: An egg-thief will become a horse-thief.

Meaning: Great misdeeds start from small mistakes.

Transliteration: Qani lezoo imanas, aynqan mart es.

Translation: However many languages you know, that much of a human you are.

Meaning: Pretty close to the translation.

Transliteration: Sooti votqera kartj en.

Translation: The feet of a lie are short.

Meaning: A lie cannot get too far and the truth will finally come out.

NANOR TASHDJIAN



Nanor Tashdjian was born in Nicosia, Cyprus. She is a graduate of Frederick University in Nicosia with a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Arts & Design. She continued on with post graduate studies at the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff, obtaining her Master's degree in Fine Arts in 2002.

Nanor has had many solo and group painting exhibitions internationally. Her work has been exhibited in the UK, Cyprus, Sydney and Bangkok.

"I love to experiment with different arts and crafts. I like to combine my paintings, with lots of different colours, media and materials including, acrylics, pastels, paper, collage and anything that gives a fantastic colour combination, texture and style."

At present, Nanor's work combines with three-dimensional forms of art in particular glass that allows her to feel and see her pieces from every angle bringing light, colour and life. Nanor's first work with glass was to create pieces in stained glass but she wanted to design something different that she could wear, admire, and share with other people.



"Glass fusing allows me to combine many forms of art by fusing, slumping and giving shapes. When my fused glass pieces are 'born' each piece gives me the strength and the hope of life that is unknown. I feel my pieces transfer this positive energy to the people who appreciate and own my work."

For more information about Nanor Tashdjian please visit her website www.nanorart.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF: DIASPORA & ARMENIA

In July 2007, during his official visit to Cyprus, His Holiness Aram I spent about six hours in the Turkish-occupied territories of Cyprus, examining the state of Armenian structures there. His Holiness first visited the building of the Prelacy and the *Saint Asdvadzadine church*, then the *Melikian-Ouzounian School*, where a monument dedicated to the memory of the Armenian Genocide victims has been destroyed. The once Armenian club has now been turned into a Turkish cultural club. For photos visit: www.armenianorthodoxchurch.org.

Gevorg Davtyan, Tigran V. Martirosyan and Tigran G. Martirosyan in weightlifting, Roman Amoyan and Yuri Patrikeyev in *Greco-Roman wrestling* and Hrachik Javakhyan in boxing brought Armenia medals at the Olympic Games in Beijing in August, the first Olympic medals won by Armenian athletes since the 2000 Games in Sydney.

The 2010 World Cup qualifier between Armenia and Turkey played in Yerevan on September 6th ended 0-2 to the visitors. Many political analysts, though, consider that Armenia scored a diplomatic success by inviting the Turkish leader to attend the match. In addition, according to *ArmenPress* news agency, over 300 citizens of Turkey visited the *Genocide Museum* in Yerevan over the match days. Director of the museum Hayk Demoyan said that the Turkish visitors were mainly students, representatives of different organizations and sports fans, who had arrived to watch the football game. Hayk Demoyan said that the Turkish visitors had very different feelings about what they saw in the museum: some were shocked and felt very painful and sorry about the genocide, and some were unwilling to accept the facts seriously. Some of the Turks did not watch the exhibition of the museum till the end, partly because of psychological stress, and partly for the reason of avoiding reporters.

The latest "*Armenian Sports in the Ottoman Empire*" exhibition was of some special interest to the Turkish visitors. They were completely ignorant of the great Armenian contribution to the development of sports in Turkey. About 30 newspapers, TV channels and other media prepared different reports about the *Armenian Genocide Museum*, and interviewed its director. It is remarkable that Hasan Jamal, grandson of one of the organisers of the Armenian Genocide, Jamal Pasha, also visited Yerevan and laid a wreath at the memorial to the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

A civil action against the *National Archives and Records Administration of the United States* was filed in September 2008 seeking documents as they relate to the Armenian Genocide 1914 to 1925. "*Repeated efforts have been made to procure these documents, but the National Archives has been non-responsive*", says Mark MacCarley, partner with Glendale, Calif.-based MacCarley & Rosen who is representing plaintiff Vartkes Yeghiayan. "*Its actions are in violation of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).*"

The initial request by Yeghiayan occurred in April 2006. "*The National Archives acknowledged receipt of the request, but has not provided the information despite repeated inquires from my client,*" says MacCarley. "*The National Archives, without explanation, has exceeded the generally*

applicable 20-day deadline for processing FOIA requests. We simply want the requested documentation." Yeghiayan is an attorney who has successfully litigated lawsuits in State and Federal courts against U.S. and foreign businesses for Armenian Genocide asset restitution. Yeghiayan filed the FOIA request because he believes documents are being held by the U.S. government that would identify countries having either direct complicity in the Armenian Genocide or profited by the Ottoman government actions against Armenians.

During November 2008 various events took place to Celebrate the 300th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the *Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth*, Kolkata. As part of the celebrations, the equally historic *St. Mary's Church* in Chennai (formerly Madras) was re-consecration, which has recently been renovated.

In 2008 the *Civilitas Foundation* was founded by Vartan Oskanian, former Minister of Foreign Affairs. The aims of the new Foundation will be to work to strengthen Armenia's statehood and ensure the well-being of its people, promote the rights and responsibilities of its citizens by generating and fostering innovative ideas and initiatives, and assisting or creating the mechanisms and institutions to bring them to fruition.

Thus, in the spirit of the Latin '*Civilitas*' - the citizen's responsibility to society - the Foundation will promote the right of every individual to benefit from his/her full potential and the responsibility of every citizen to contribute to the realization of the inalienable promise of a functioning and prosperous democracy. For further information about *The Civilitas Foundation* please visit: www.civilitasfoundation.org

For months now, the Georgian State has set in motion a plan to expropriate the Armenians from Javakhk in order to settle Georgian families in these historical Armenian territories.

Armenian civil rights leaders from Javakhk, arrested in July 2008, have been sent to jail because they dared to demand that along with Georgian, Armenian be used as an administrative and regional language.

The Armenian churches from Tbilisi are converted into Orthodox Georgian churches with the Georgian authorities' consent.

On December 25, 2008 taking into consideration the written statement of "*Yerkir*" *Union of NGO's for Repatriation and Settlement*, Ombudsman Armen Harutyunyan, the *Human Rights defender of the Republic of Armenia*, has asked his Georgian counterpart to monitor the trials of the Javakhk Armenian political activists Vahagn Chakhalyan, Gourgen Shirinyan and his relatives to find out whether the human rights provided for by the international treaties acceded to or ratified by the Republic of Georgia are observed. For more information please visit: www.yerkir.eu

"Few Armenians would have survived the 1915 Genocide had the Arabs not saved the remnants of the deportees in the Syrian Desert, towns and villages".

Inspired by the above historical fact, a few years ago, many Armenians conceived the idea of erecting a monument in Yerevan that would symbolize the gratitude of the Armenian nation to the Arab nation.

The project was welcomed by numerous Armenians around the world. It also enjoyed the blessing of his *Holiness Karekin II - Catholicos of all Armenians* - and the full support of the authorities in Armenia who allocated/donated the land for the monument.

After many years of planning, designing, finalising formalities, bidding, etc, the construction of the eleven-meter high monument on a 400 sq. meter land along Isakov Avenue (overlooking Yerevan Lake) has finally commenced on July 20th, 2008 with an anticipated completion date of January 31st, 2009. The project will cost around 115 Million AMD (approx. \$385,000). Needless to say, the realisation of this ambitious project requires the backing and support of as many Armenians around the world as possible. Therefore, a donations appeal has been launched towards the building of this significant monument.

For further information about the history, progress of works, photos, donors, how to donate, and more, please visit the following website specially designed for this project: www.themonument.org

In November 2008, the Armenian men's team became the winner of *38th Chess Olimpiad* in Dresden by beating China 2.5-1.5 in the final 11th round. This is Armenia's second consecutive Olympic victory. Armenia has won the previous Chess Olimpiad in Turin in 2006. Our chess players: Levon Aronian, Vladimir Hakobian, Gabriel Sargsyan, Tigran Petrosian and Artashes Minasyan won 9 games out of 11, earning 19 points and thus becoming unreachable for such great chess powers as Russia, Ukraine, China, Israel.

BOOK / CD REVIEWS

Consequences Of Denial: The Armenian Genocide

by Aida Alayarian

Paperback - 250pp, ISBN10/13: 1855755653/9781855755659

Publisher: Karnac Books

"Consequences of Denial" seeks to provide some awareness and understanding of the horrendous tragedy of the Armenian genocide. This book illuminates the little known fact that over two million innocent Armenians died at the hands of the Ottoman Empire between 1894 and 1922; a genocide that has been, and continues to be, denied by successive Turkish governments. In this book, the author demonstrates the need not only for remembrance, but first and foremost for the acknowledgement of genocides, from government level downwards. Only by taking adequate steps at personal, group, national and international levels to acknowledge such massacres, and the trauma they create, can humankind attempt to prevent such atrocities from ever happening again. By documenting the psychological effects of the forgotten Armenian genocide and by linking these effects to cross generational trauma and processes of response and denial, this book aims to shed light from a psychoanalytic perspective on an insufficiently researched aspect of this genocide.

"This book is one of the very few books highlighting the long term psychological plight of forgotten human atrocities and genocide. The importance of the book comes not only as a reminder of the forgotten human tragedies and genocide it also sheds a light to new role of mental health professionals in understanding the psychological consequences of mass trauma and victimization. It also provides directions to proactive measures in preventing human sufferings. The negative impact of denying human sufferings would strengthen victimization process and enhance the cycle of violence.

The clear and easy psychological analysis and straightforward definitions of trauma, victimization and genocide make this book useful for scholars interested in peace and reconciliation such as researchers, policy makers, students and many others. As a Palestinian, I was amazed to read the real and logic psychological analysis of trauma, denial, victimization and forgiveness. The unresolved psychological consequences of genocide, loss at individual and community levels, continuous and repetitive trauma might also strengthen hopelessness, feeling of victimization that transmit from one generation to another and might lead to suspicions of the other's motivations. The book gives noticeable lessons on how to pave the road towards peace and reconciliation: acknowledging human atrocities, apology for survivors and their families, and recognition of others are steps towards forgiveness and reconciliation."

Abdel Hamid Afana

Ph.D. President of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)

The Armenian Gospel of the Infancy: With Three Early Versions of the Protevangelium of James

Translated and annotated by Abraham Terian

Hardback - 224pp - ISBN: 9780199541560

Publisher: Oxford University Press, USA

The Armenian Gospel of the Infancy is a sixth-century document, translated from an old Syriac version that no longer exists. It has never before translated into any modern language in its entirety and comprises of some forty stories about Jesus' family, birth, and childhood. These stories include references to Mary's Immaculate Conception through her ear, the foremother Eve's visit to the Christ child, and the schooling of Jesus, his encounters with his peers, and counsel against divorce and the death penalty. Further information from: www.oup.com/uk/catalogue

My Armenian Heritage

By Sooren S. Apkarian

Paperback 144 pp - ISBN: 978-0-6151-5265-3

Sooren S. Apkarian (a first generation Armenian recounting his trips to his ancestral homeland, Armenia) is a highly entertaining, witty, informative and objective, easy to read book that is a must for all Armenians wanting to learn more about their heritage and culture. Written in a diary manner, Sooren recounts his impressions from his visits to Haiasdan (Armenia), visiting his parents' relatives for the first time, witnessing first hand the generous hospitality and trials and tribulations of his never before seen, long lost uncles, aunts and

cousins. Readers experience tears and laughter abound and this is a book anyone with any Armenian blood in them cannot afford to miss!

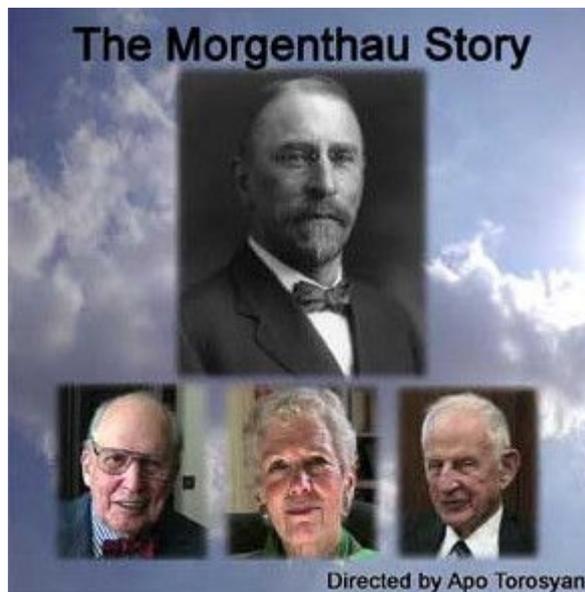
My Armenian Heritage is a good read for anyone but is especially of interest to Armenians who were born in the diaspora, but also want to learn more about their background and the Armenian way of life of before independence from the Soviet Republic in the 70's.

Sooren S. Apkarian, American born Armenian, a lifelong member of the *Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF)* in Michigan, spent a working life of 38 years in a cold-rolled steel mill in Detroit. He retired in 1985 and set about writing his memoirs.

My Armenian Heritage is available in paperback or download versions online at Lulu and Amazon: lulu.com and amazon.com

The Morgenthau Story

Documentary by Apo Torosyan



The Morgenthau Story tells the story of Ambassador Henry Morgenthau's commitment to helping humanity.

From 1913 to 1916, he served as U.S. Ambassador in Constantinople, and with the beginning of the Armenian Genocide in the spring of 1915 he appealed without success to the Ottoman leaders to stop the killings. In 1923, during the aftermath of the genocide and expulsion of Armenians, Greeks, and Assyrians, he helped save

thousands of lives by successfully leading the *Refugee Relief Committee* in Greece.

Torosyan interweaves the story of Morgenthau with interviews with three of his descendants: grandsons Henry Morgenthau III and Robert M. Morgenthau, and great-granddaughter Dr. Pamela Steiner.

Torosyan was born in Istanbul, Turkey, to Armenian and Greek parents. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Istanbul's Academy of Fine Arts. His previous films include *Bread Series*, *Water*, *The Gates*, *Witnesses*, *Discovering My Father's Village: Edincik*, and *Voices*. He is an active member of the *Boston Printmakers* and the *International Association of Genocide Scholars*.

Torosyan has had many solo and group art shows all over the U.S. and Europe, and his work has appeared in private and corporate collections in Turkey, Greece, Spain, France, Armenia, Canada, and the U.S. One of his works, *"My Father's Letter"*, 1991, was selected by the Museum of Modern Art at Tonneins, Bordeaux, France, for its permanent collection. His *"Bread Series"* is also in the permanent collection of the *Armenian Library and Museum of America* in Watertown, MA, and the *Flaten Art Museum* in Northfield, MN.

View the documentary flyer:

http://www.aramafilms.com/press/morgenthau_flyer.html

View more information on "The Morgenthau

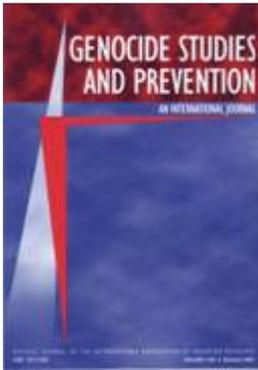
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Read an article about "The Morgenthau Story" at

www.hairenik.com/armenianweekly/cty06280801.htm

Genocide Studies and Prevention Special Issue on the Aftermath of Genocide



This special issue of *Genocide Studies and Prevention* focuses on the aftermath of genocide, a fascinating area within genocide studies which addresses the reality that genocide continues long after the direct killing stops. The issue explores the post-genocidal period in terms of justice in Rwanda, reconciliation in Bosnia and the former Yugoslavia, and the cross-generational impact of denial of the Armenian Genocide.

"The Injustice of Local Justice: Truth, Reconciliation and Revenge in Rwanda" by Jennie E. Burnet,

Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Louisville, calls into question the issue of justice. Based on extensive fieldwork in Rwanda over the past decade, Burnet finds that the successful functioning of the gacaca courts varies greatly among communities. The most important variable appears to be the character of the *"persons of integrity"* who serve as both judge and jury in this grassroots court system. It is clear in the short-term, at least, that this local justice initiative has actually increased conflict in local communities and intensified ethnic cleavages now fourteen years after the end of the Rwandan Genocide.

Rupert Brown, Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Sussex, England, and Sabina Cehajic, Lecturer in the Political Science Department of the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology in Bosnia and Herzegovina, authored the second article, *"Not in My Name: A Social Psychological Study of Antecedents and Consequences of Acknowledgement of In-Group Atrocities."* The article explores socio-psychological factors influencing individuals' readiness and willingness to acknowledge Serbian atrocities. Based on in-depth interviews with eighteen Serbians between 1992 and 1995, this study provides essential insights into some Serbian attitudes that will be invaluable for a realistic approach to the rehabilitation of Serbian society and future reconciliation with victims in the former Yugoslavia-and potentially other cases.

The article by Maja Catic, a PhD candidate in the Politics Department at Brandeis University, and former fieldworker in Yugoslavia, delves into the sobering reality that reconciliation between post-genocide parties who are attempting to live in the same state and imagine themselves as part of the same political community is completely different from post-genocide parties who do not have to attempt to live together again. *"A Tale of Two Reconciliations: Germans and Jews after World War II and Bosnia after Dayton"* argues that the success of German-Jewish

reconciliation relies on the fact that the victims and perpetrators did not have to live in the same state in the aftermath of genocide. This challenges the persistent tendency to invoke German-Jewish reconciliation as a viable model for all other post-genocide societies, such as Bosnia.

The groundbreaking article "*Cycles of Genocide, Stories of Denial: Atom Egoyan's Ararat*" by Donna-Lee Frieze, Research Fellow in the School of History, Heritage and Society at Deakin University, Australia, offers penetrating insights into the denial of genocide and its long-term impact on victims, perpetrators, and their relationships. This extensive analysis of Atom Egoyan's landmark feature film on the Armenian Genocide broaches the complex challenges of representing genocide artistically, hinging on whether the artist conceives genocide to be an isolated historical event or an ongoing reality. Frieze finds Egoyan revealing that the truth of genocide is much more complex, fragmented, and unsettled than is typically understood when genocide is viewed solely in terms of the mass killing. This article is an essential read and invites a revisit to Egoyan's *Ararat*.

Editor Henry Theriault has done a great service by providing a wide variety of articles illustrating that "*the post-genocide period poses a range of great challenges, and genocide casts its shadow across generations.*"

Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal was co-founded by the *International Association of Genocide Scholars* and the *International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies* (a division of the *Zoryan Institute*). The journal's mission is to understand the phenomenon of genocide, create an awareness of it as an ongoing scourge, and promote the necessity of preventing it, for both pragmatic and moral reasons. It is the official journal of the *International Association of Genocide Scholars* and is published three times a year by the University of Toronto Press. For more information, contact the IIGHRS at: admin@genocidestudies.org

Young Peoples' Films on Nagorny Karabakh

Conciliation Resources (CR) is an independent non-governmental organization working to prevent violence, promote justice and transform conflict into opportunities for development. Conciliation Resources is pleased to announce that ten films from its unique Armenian-Azerbaijani documentary project are available for purchase on DVD for £11.99 plus postage.

The *Dialogue Through Film* project was set up two years ago to build bridges across the Nagorny Karabakh conflict divide. It gives young people from Azerbaijan and Nagorny Karabakh the chance to talk directly to each other by making short films about their lives.

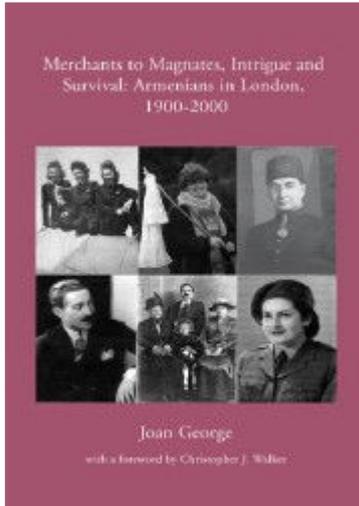
The result has been a series of moving films charting the fears, hopes, sadness and humour of people living with the day-to-day consequences of conflict. The films are available in Armenian, Azeri and Russian with English subtitles. To purchase a copy of the DVD please visit the website: www.c-r.org/resources/shop/product.php?item=61

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**Merchants to Magnates, Intrigue and Survival:
Armenians in London, 1900-2000**

By Joan George, with a foreword by Christopher J. Walker



FORTHCOMING TITLE IN 2009. This book is the first serious attempt to write a popular history of the Armenian community of London. It is both creditable and readable, and the author sheds much light on many quirky and serious aspects of the London Armenian community. Written in a celebratory style, the author exalts community activists and seems optimistic about the future, a view not shared by all. This work follows Joan George's *Merchants in Exile: The Armenians of Manchester, England, 1835-1935* (Gomidas Institute, 2002).

Joan George, *Merchants to Magnates, Intrigue and Survival: Armenians in London, 1900-2000* with a foreword by Christopher J. Walker, (Gomidas Institute), 2009, xii + 282 pp., foldout map, photos, index. ISBN 978-1-903656-82-3, pb. Price: UK£16.00 / US\$25.00 plus shipping. For more information see www.gomidas.org/books/Merchantstmagnates