

**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION, USA**  
**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER**  
in partnership with  
**The American Association of University Women, SFV Branch**

Invite you to join us for  
**Tales of Heroism and Heartache,**  
**The Kurdish Women's Battle against ISIS in Kobani**  
Special Presentation by Professor Amir Sharifi  
President of the Kurdish American Education Society Los Angeles



*Kurdish woman dancers northern Iraqi Kurdistan & armed Kurdish women Kobani (Kurdistan of Syria)*

**Thursday, April 9, 2015**  
**7:00PM to 9:00PM**

**North Hollywood Fire Station 89 – Community Room**  
**(at the far end of the parking lot)**  
**7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91605**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Light refreshments will be served. Friends and family are welcome.

For directions, information or to RSVP contact Ginny Hatfield at [ginnyvmh@aol.com](mailto:ginnyvmh@aol.com) or 818-970-4577

The world watched with great anxiety and hopelessness the ISIS-led assault on Kobani from September 13, 2014 through January 27, 2015. Threatened with the genocidal campaigns of ISIS, the world could not help but admire the resilient women fighters whose participation in the struggle helped break the brutal siege of the city. This special presentation, led by Professor Sharifi, will focus on the personal histories and stories of these Kurdish women fighters. Their lives and stories will be revealed as well as their political struggles and hopes through narrative excerpts, reports, and video clips. These women have transformed their role in society by immersing themselves in this political struggle, thereby taking the first steps toward achieving gender equality. Many of these brave women lost their lives in the bitter and bloody war against the ISIS; their impassioned voices will continue to reverberate throughout the continuing struggle of Kurdish women in the shifting political landscape of the Middle East.

Professor Sharifi is a lecturer of Linguistics at California State University, Long Beach and the President of Kurdish American Education Society, Los Angeles. In addition to publications in the areas of his specialization, he has written numerous articles on central issues of Kurdish human rights including gender and linguistic discrimination