

# Persian Dinner Fundraiser

## for Sima Fallahi's Political Asylum

Exotic Iranian/Turkish food prepared by local caterer [Vimala Rajendran](#)

Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

4907 Garrett Road, Durham

### ***Funds raised will be used for Sima Fallahi's case for political asylum.***

Sima is an Iranian citizen who has resided in the US for 20 years, most recently in Carrboro. She is an artist and single mother of an 11-year-old daughter (Leila), an American born citizen. Sima will be at the dinner selling her art!

Sima was denied political asylum several years ago. She was arrested and held in jail from November 2006 until March 2007 under a standing deportation order. While she was imprisoned, the community raised several thousand dollars to help pay for legal counsel. Thanks to her attorney, Jorgelina Araneda, a motion has been granted to re-open her case.



If Sima is not granted asylum, she could face deportation to Iran, where she is at risk of being persecuted as an unwed mother and apostate (Sima converted from Islam to Unitarian Universalism). If Leila accompanies her mother to Iran, she would be treated as an outcast. Only by political asylum will Sima be able to remain in the US with her daughter.

**Join us, Sima, and her daughter Leila for this festive Persian dinner!**

**Bring family and friends!**

**Suggested donation \$20 per person**

**If possible, please RSVP ASAP to 942-7244 or [maryod1@aol.com](mailto:maryod1@aol.com)**

**so we know how many to expect.**

***If you can't RSVP, please come anyway!!!***

Hosted by the ERUUF Sima Fallahi Defense Fund Task Force