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Dear colleagues and friends,

WomanLifeFreedom at UCSF is proud to host a gathering for Shab-e-Yalda, which is an ancient celebration on the winter solstice celebrated in Iran, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, and Tajikistan. This is the longest and darkest night of the year. Yalda is a Syriac word meaning birth and this night was considered to be the night of the sun's birth. It is a time when friends and family gather together to read poetry (especially Hafez), tell stories, dance, drink, eat fruits (especially pomegranates and watermelons), and stay up late.

This year, due to the Woman Life Freedom movement in Iran, we are upholding this important event at UCSF as a symbol of unity and solidarity with the people of Iran. We will feature print art related to the recent uprising from Iranian artists and will have light refreshments, music, and reading of Hafez.

Please join us on Wednesday 12/21/2022 at the UCSF Mission Hall lobby (550 16th Street, San Francisco) at 6pm PST.

Thank you,
Parya and Ali on behalf of *WomanLifeFreedom at UCSF*