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Arab-American Family Support Center

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the August edition of our newsletter. We hope you are enjoying your summer and finding ways to stay cool.

The Arab-American Family Support Center is busy preparing for the upcoming school year. With new adult education classes, after-school activities for children and a new cycle of women groups, it's sure to be a busy year. In the meantime, we hope to see you at this month's events and classes listed below.

As always, we would love to hear from you with any comments, suggestions or ideas. E-mail us at info@aafscny.org or call us at 718-642-8000. You can also let us know your thoughts on our [Facebook](#) page.

Movie Screening: Tarfaya

Ramadan Kareem!

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and blessed Ramadan full of warmth!



Congratulations, Lena!

Congratulations to our Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini, for receiving the Fearless Factor Woman of the Year Award!

The Fearless Factor Woman of the Year Award celebrates women who stand up for what they believe and make enormous strides in changing their community. Lena was honored alongside Saranne Rothberg of ComedyCures.



The Arab-American Family Support Center and Alwan for the Arts invite you to join us for a free screening of *Tarfaya* on Thursday, **August 18th at 7:00 PM** at our Court Street office, located at **150 Court Street**, 3rd Floor, Brooklyn, NY, 11201. The screening is a part of a our monthly movie series.

TARFAYA Director: Daoud Aoulad Syad / Morocco / France / 2004 / 97 min/ In Arabic with English S/T

The beautifully shot, hypnotically-paced *Tarfaya* focuses on the torment of North African immigrants trying to slip into Europe. Miriam (Touria Alaoui) arrives in *Tarfaya* looking for the smuggler who is supposed to ferry her to Spain. But those seeking clandestine passage are always vulnerable, and everyone she meets seems duplicitous and deceitful. What little money she has is stolen, and help from the police chief (Mohamed Majd) comes at its own price. Miriam is courted by Hassan (Mohamed Bastaoui), but blinded by the mirage of a better life on "The Continent," she spurns him. Like all those seeking safe passage, she will have to learn that much more than an expanse of water separates the Moroccan sea port from Europe.

Summer Adult Education Program

The Adult Education & Literacy Program is offering several classes this summer at our Court Street and Bay Ridge locations.

Citizenship classes are being offered at Court Street on Mondays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and on Fridays from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. These classes are open for new enrollments.

English Conversation classes are being offered at Court Street on Mondays and Wednesdays for women and on Tuesdays and Thursdays for men and at Bay Ridge on Mondays and Wednesdays. All classes meet from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. To meet the language needs of the community, we are offering open enrollment for all English Conversation classes.

The Fitness and Health program through Adult Education continues to offer Yoga, Matt Exercise, and Belly Dancing for Fitness classes at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

An event will be held on November 11th to honor and celebrate the Fearless Factor Women of the Year. Tickets are \$65 (early bird special) and can be purchased [here](#). Proceeds from the event will go to the Arab-American Family Support Center and ComedyCures. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for joining us at the 7th Annual Music Festival!



A special thanks to our supporters for the 7th Annual Arab American Music Festival on July 17th at Prospect Park, Health Plus and Health First. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed our wonderful performers: Al Sarah, Zikrayat, Salah Rajab, Omnia, Tarik Sultan, Karina and Khalid Al Masry. We are looking forward to making next year's event even bigger and better!

For pictures of this year's events, check out our [Facebook](#) and [Flickr](#) pages.

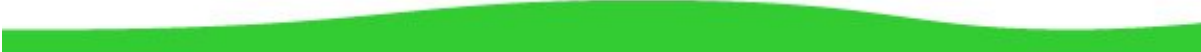


For more information, contact Nora Farid-Nestor at 718.643.8000 ext. 39 or nora@aafscny.org.

Women's Economic Empowerment Series

The Women's Economic Empowerment Series is underway for the summer! Our final workshop, Budgeting & Saving, will take place on August 18th at our Court Street office. Join us to learn best practices when saving and how to budget. The Arabic workshop is offered from 10:00 to 11:00 AM and the English workshop is offered from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

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