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Bergen Community College  
hosts

Mimi Melkonian, author & educator



# Nightingales

True Stories of Escape, Hope and Resilience

*a compilation of Syrian refugees' stories fleeing a country in the midst of a civil war*

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 • 7:00 pm

Pitkin Education Building, Room A-104  
Bergen Community College | Paramus Campus

Free and open to the public

More than 11 million Syrians have been forced to flee their homes as a result of civil war. Many of these people left everything and everyone behind to start new lives in a new country. They traveled hundreds, even thousands, of miles to start new lives in a place where they knew no one, and even didn't speak the language. These are their stories—stories of escape, hope, and resilience.

In *Nightingales*, **Mimi Melkonian** has compiled a fascinating collection of stories of Syrian migrants who left familiar surroundings, family members, and more, knowing they may never step foot in their homeland again. Their vision of a better life is what inspired them to keep moving forward without looking back. Their resilience has enabled them to flourish in their adopted countries. Melkonian profiles 16 inspiring migrants, including artists, musicians, intellectuals, and entrepreneurs.



Light refreshments will be served. Books will be available for sale and signing

*Cohosts: Tekeyan Cultural Association-Greater NY, Armenian International Women's Association-NJ Affiliate, The Daughters of Vartan*

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