

# FROM BABYLONIA TO AMERICA

*An Iraqi Jewish Immigration Journey*

*Featuring Velda and David Shaby*

Join CBI to hear the personal immigration story of Velda and David Shaby, siblings who were brought up in Iran after the family's escape from Iraq, leaving behind the rich 2,500 year old culture of the Babylonian Jews.

The year was 1950 and the Iraqi government had just announced a denaturalization law which gave Jews a one-year window in which to leave the country on the condition they relinquish their citizenship, property, and wealth. 130,000 Jews fled, including the Shaby family with their young daughter Velda.

To the Jewish people, forced immigration is an old story, often bringing with it the culture, traditions, and history of far off lands.

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Congregation Beth Israel  
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**RSVP by December 1  
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**Free and open to the public.**

*Traditional Iraqi/Iranian refreshments will be served.*