



Naim Kattan, is a Canadian novelist, essayist and critic of Iraqi Jewish origin, born in Baghdad and educated in Baghdad and France. He is author of over 30 books in several languages and has been much honoured by Canada and France. In 2013, the Canadian director Joe Balass directed a documentary titled *La longueur de l'alphabet avec Naim Kattan* about Kattan's literary legacy.

# The Jewish Exodus from Arab Lands 1947–1967

## A SERIES OF FIVE PROGRAMS

### PART FOUR

**Sunday March 2, 2014 at 7:30pm**  
**FAREWELL BABYLON**

**Naïm Kattan**

*Iraqi Jewish writer, Montreal*

Naïm Kattan, author of *Farewell to Babylon*, 1976, will present a personal view of the Jew from Iraq, the long history of Jewish life there and its destruction by Arab nationalism and Islamism. He will also discuss the struggle for recognition of the plight of Jews from Arab lands.



Born Regina Malaka Bublil in Tripoli to a family that had lived in Libya for centuries, she was persecuted, nearly murdered and brutally expelled from her homeland in 1967, all because she is Jewish. Waldman co-founded JIMENA in 2002 to bear witness to the suffering of Jewish refugees from Arab lands.

### PART FIVE

**Sunday April 6, 2014 at 7:30pm**  
**THE JEWS OF LIBYA**

**Dr. Gina Waldman**

*Founder of JIMENA (Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa), San Francisco*

Gina Waldman will speak from personal experience of discrimination and persecution and her battle to win recognition of the nearly one million Jews who were forced to flee their homes in Arab lands from 1948–1970. She vividly recalls that as a young child she faced adversity in going to school in an Arab country. She has lived in the US for the past 35 years where she has dedicated herself to the cause of freedom and the defense of human rights.

Join us as we explore the stories of our own Jewish refugees.

Doors open 7 pm and program begins at 7:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

Cost: \$5 for members and students. \$10 for non-members.

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