

## Rumi Night in Washington: Celebrating Our Shared Humanity

Museum of the Bible, Washington, D.C.

### Rumi Night

- 18:00-18:30 **Guests' Arrival & Registration**
- 18:30-18:35 Welcoming Remarks by Director of Afghan Institute for Strategic Studies (AISS), **Dr Davood Moradian**.
- 18:35-19:00 Launch of Persian translation of the book, "**From Kabul to Queens: The Jews of Afghanistan and Their Move to the United States**", by **Sara Y. Aharon**. / Moderator: **Dr. Sahraa Karimi**, Film Director & University Lecturer.
- 19:00-19:20 "**Convergence: At the Intersection of Hebrew & Persian Calligraphy**" by **Mr. Ruben Shimonov**, National Director of Sephardi House & Education, American Sephardi Federation.
- 19:20-19:40 Special Lecture, "The Story of the Afghan Liturgical Quire", by **Mr. Herschel Hepler**, Associate Curator of Hebrew Manuscripts, Museum of the Bible, Washington, D.C.
- 19:40-20:10 **Special Conversation** with **Pastor Dr. Mark Burns**, Multicultural Policy & Political Action Conference Chairman, MPAC. / Moderator: **Ms. Nazila Jamshidi**, Gender and Social Justice Professional.
- 20:10-21:00 Music Performance by **Yuval Ensemble**.
- 21:00-22:00 **Dinner**