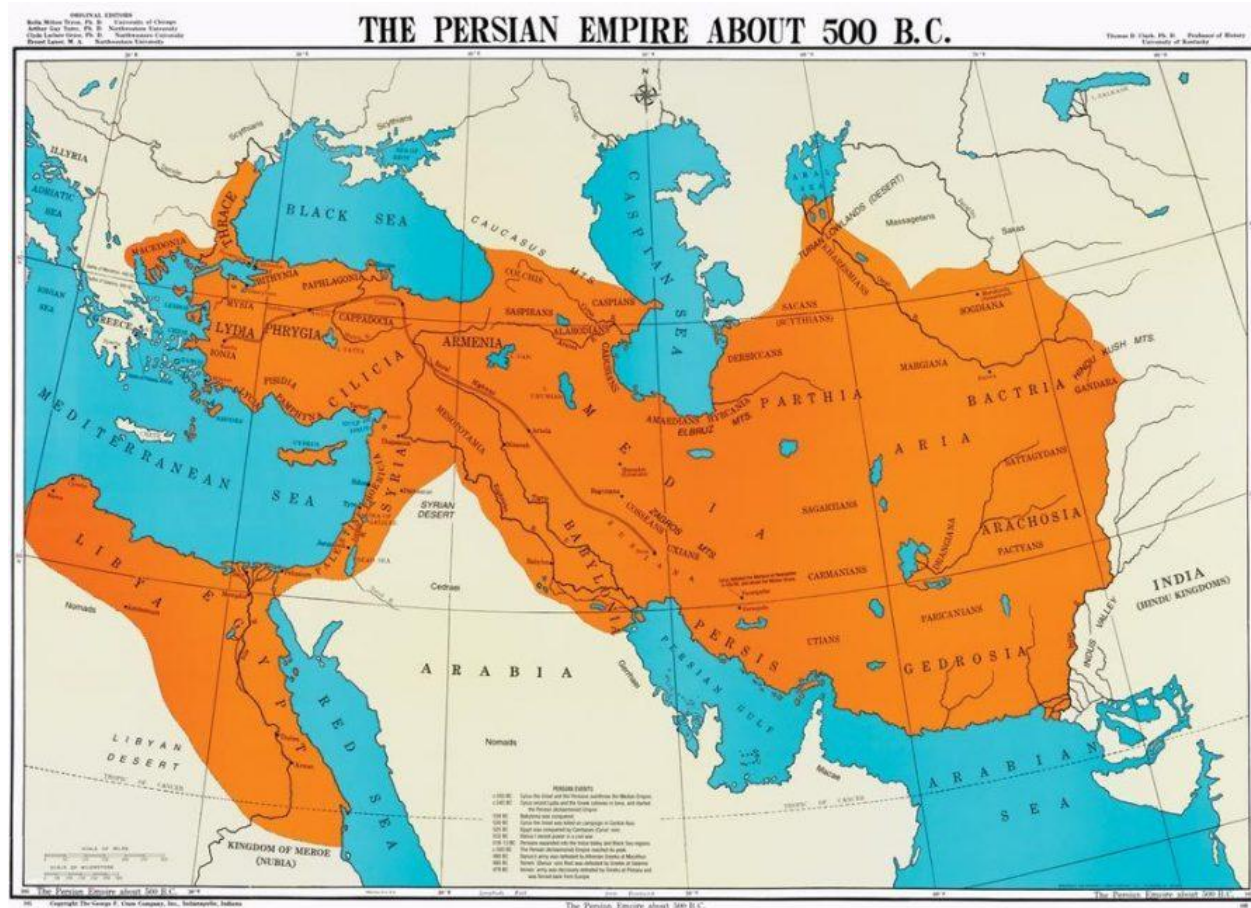


# My Immigration Story

Shari Spain

My name is Shari Spain. My birth name Shabnam Moradmand. I was born in Tehran, Iran in 1969.



My uncle Ardishir came first to the U.S in 1962-1963. Married 2 yrs later & had a daughter



My grandparents, my other uncle and a couple of my cousins were next to arrive to the U.S

My uncle Ardishir would apply and sponsor for them to come.



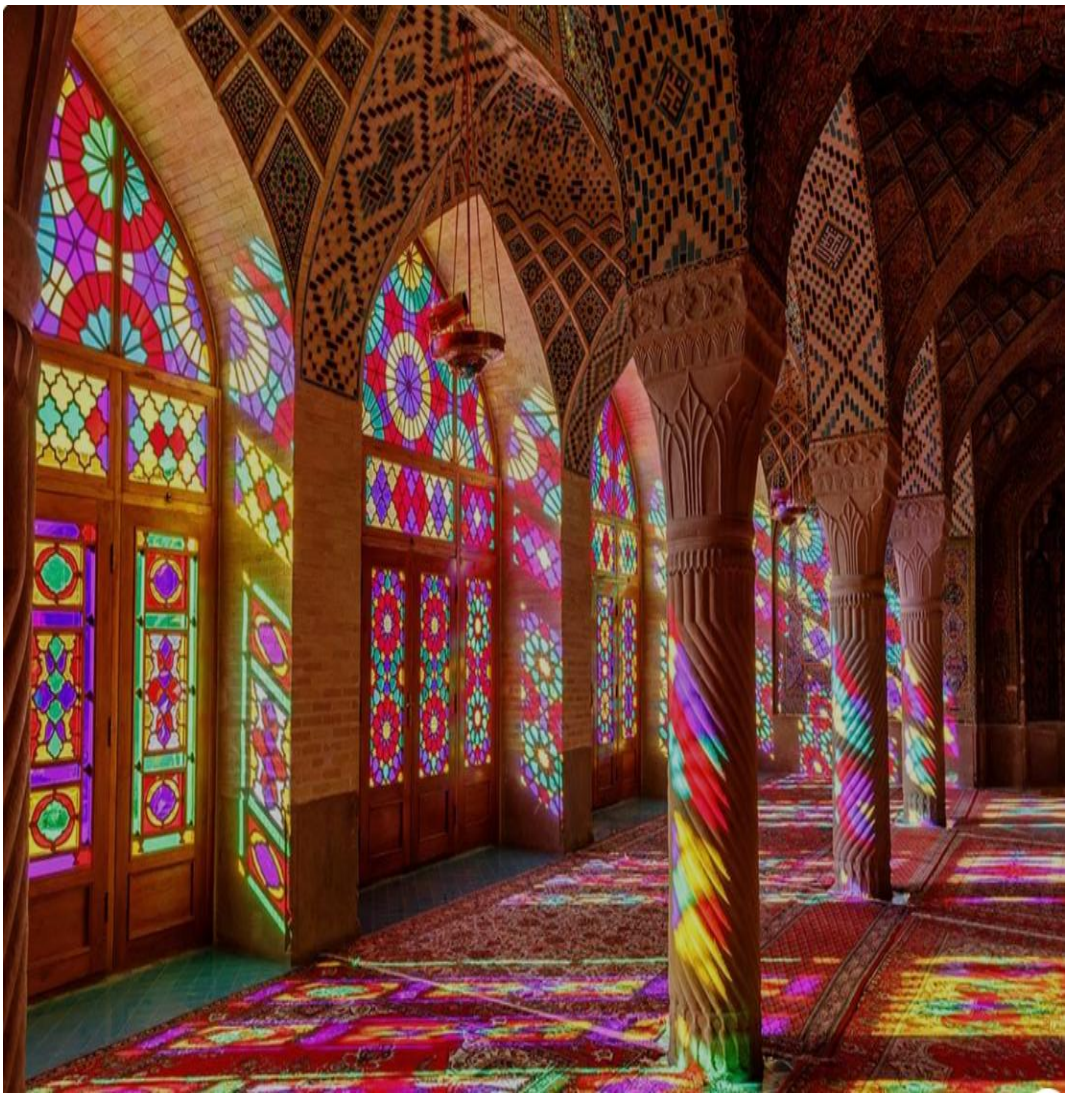
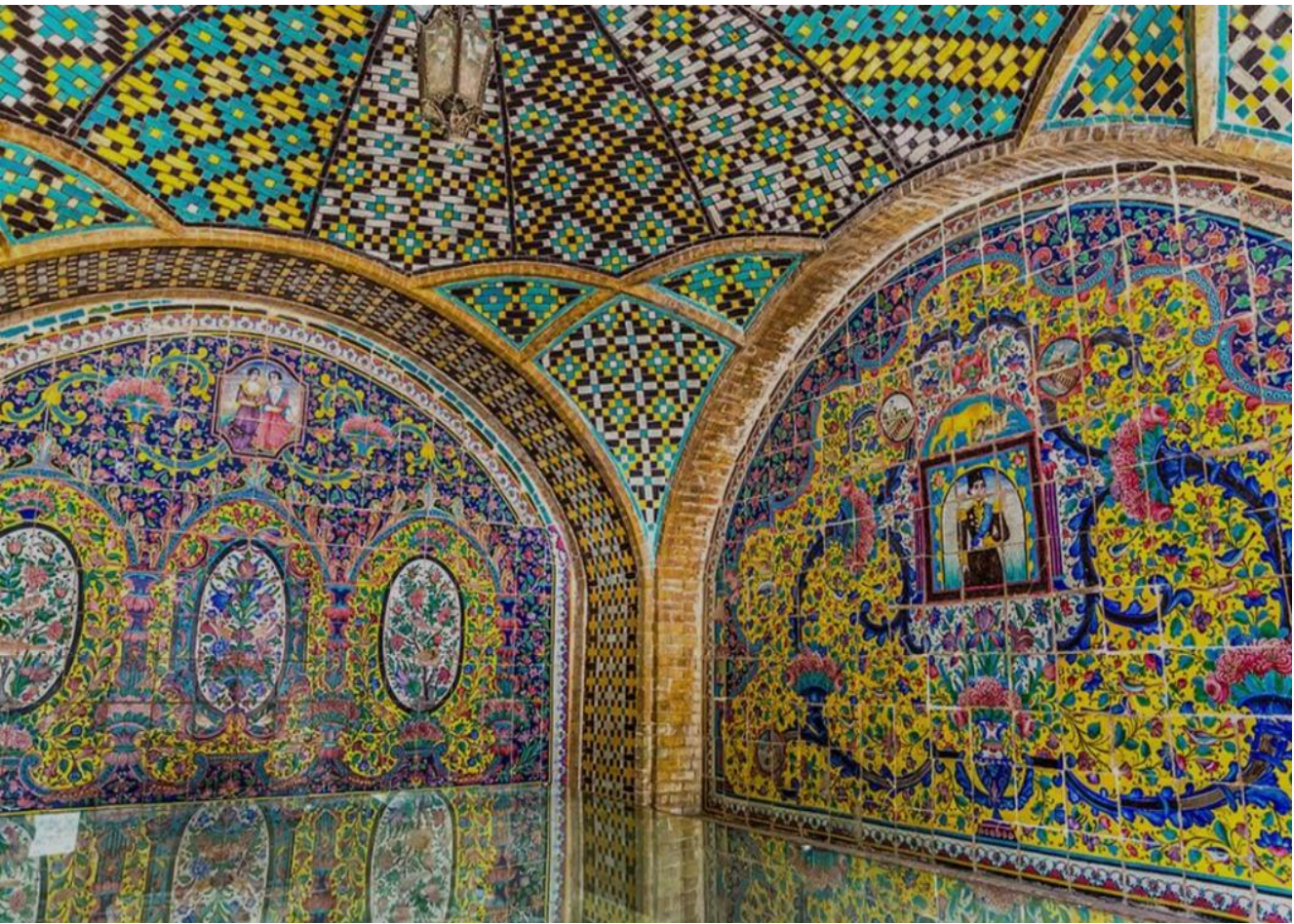


# Pre Revolution Iran in the 70's









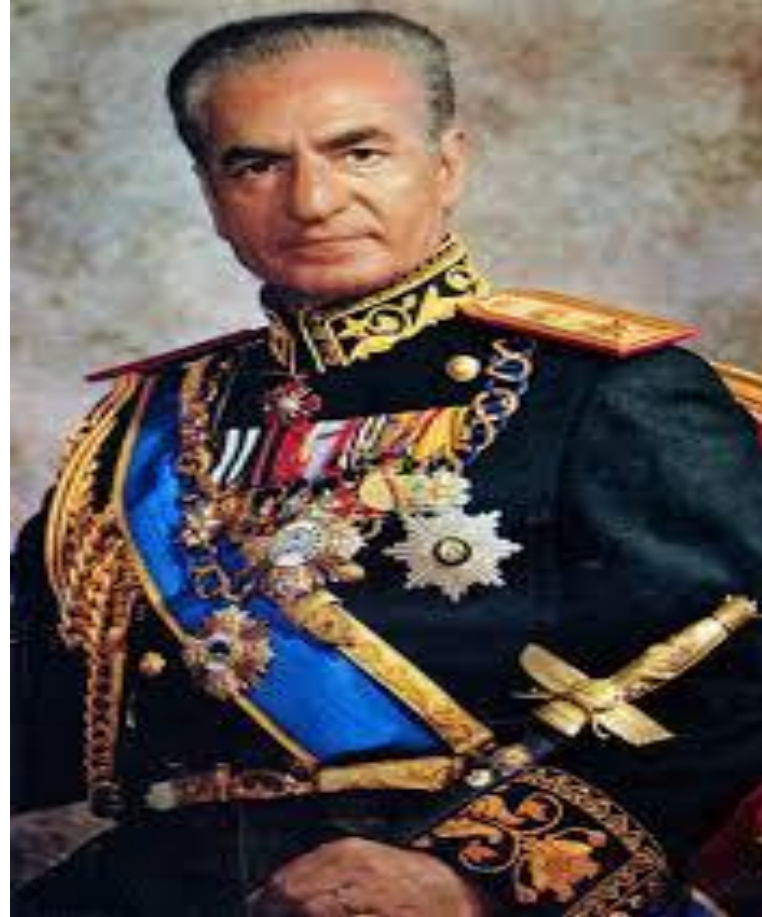


## Brief History of Iran

**The Shah was the king in Iran and a close ally to America.**

**He led a modern and secular Iran**

**His picture was in every classroom and every business building.**

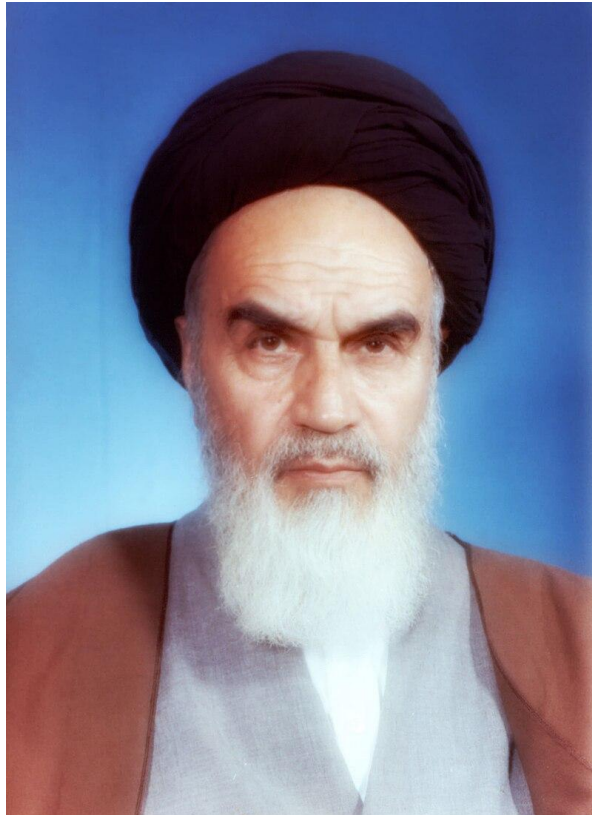




Mom wanted to join the family in America.  
Started new at age 48



In 1979, everything changed. The Shah of Iran was overthrown in the Iranian Revolution, and Ayatollah Khomeini rose to power, creating Iran's first Islamic Republic





# Family Portrait

**At just 10 years old, I became the family translator. As the years went by more of my family immigrated to the U.S**



I was the first in my family to get a college degree, UC Berkeley.

A snapshot of some of my favorite female cousins. Despite our diverse paths, we never forget where we came from and what we escaped.

