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**Podcast: Iranian Jewish professionals make waves with new mentoring program**

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Nearly two dozen Los Angeles area successful Iranian Jewish professionals in their 20's and 30's are turning heads in their community by participating in a new program matching them as mentors with Iranian Jewish teenagers. Specifically, the new [Thirty Years After](#) organization's members and volunteers have partnered up with the [Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles](#) (JBBBSLA) to provide mentoring for these teens.

I've volunteered as a mentor myself because I'd like to share my own expertise and experience about the world of journalism with a Jewish teen. Many young professionals in Southern California's Iranian Jewish community feel the need to educate and enlighten teens in the community of the other career options besides the law and medicine for them to consider. JBBBSLA is currently looking for volunteer mentors right now to serve a number of Jewish children in the city and Valley. Those interested in being mentors can contact JBBBSLA at: **(323) 761-8675**.

**Our blog's latest podcast on the new mentoring program among local Iranian Jews can be found [here](#)**

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