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May the coming years bring better days to Armenia and to Armenians everywhere



This week, on September 21, Armenia celebrated the 35th anniversary of its independence.

Thirty-five years ago, on September 21, 1991, the people of Armenia voted overwhelmingly in a referendum to establish an independent, democratic state outside the Soviet Union. That vote was more than a political act. It was an expression of a centuries-old Armenian dream: to live freely, securely, and with the ability to shape our own future.

As Armenians around the world marked Independence Day, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan emphasized the importance of peace, development, and the relationship between Armenia and its worldwide diaspora. The United

Nations General Assembly held its 81st-session general debate in New York beginning September 22, bringing world leaders and representatives together at a critical moment for international cooperation.

But Independence Day should be more than a day of celebration. It should also be a moment of reflection—and a moment to ask ourselves: **What are we going to do with the independence that generations before us dreamed of?**

Armenian history has been marked by displacement, genocide, war, occupation, migration, and enormous sacrifice. Yet through all those trials, Armenians preserved their identity, culture, language, faith, and connection to their homeland.

Today, we have something previous generations could only dream about: an independent Republic of Armenia.

That independence gives us a responsibility.

We must continue building a country where young Armenians can see their future—not only in Los Angeles, Paris, Moscow, Beirut, Buenos Aires, or New York, but also in Yerevan, Gyumri, Vanadzor, and throughout Armenia.

We must invest in education, modern schools, technology, entrepreneurship, healthcare, infrastructure and economic opportunity. We must create an environment where young people can study, work, raise families and build businesses in Armenia. We must care for the elderly, support wounded soldiers and their families, and make sure that no citizen feels forgotten.

And the diaspora has an important role to play.

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The diaspora is not separate from Armenia, and Armenia is not separate from the diaspora. They are connected by history, culture, family and a common future. The growing number of young Armenians who visit Armenia through internships, educational programs, cultural exchanges and volunteer initiatives offers reason for hope. Some come as visitors and leave thinking about returning to work, invest, study or even settle in Armenia.

That connection can become one of the great strengths of the Armenian people.

We do not need to agree on everything. Armenians, like every other people, have political, social and personal differences. But disagreement should not prevent us from working toward common goals: a peaceful Armenia, a democratic Armenia, a prosperous Armenia, and an Armenia where its

citizens can build meaningful lives.

There is much work ahead.

Independence is not something we celebrate once a year and then put away. Independence is something we build every day—through education, honest work, responsible citizenship, investment, creativity, service and participation in our communities.

One day, perhaps, Armenians in New York will gather on Fifth Avenue for a great celebration of Armenian independence, with concerts, families, young people and a parade proudly carrying the Armenian flag.

And when that day comes, I hope each of us will be able to say:

I did what I could.

I helped build Armenia.
I helped strengthen my community.
I helped connect the diaspora to the

homeland.

I helped create better opportunities for the next generation.

For generations, Armenians dreamed of an independent Armenia. In 1991, that dream became a political reality.

Now the responsibility belongs to us.

Let us not simply inherit that dream.

Let us build on it. Let us strengthen it. And let us leave the next generation an Armenia that is more peaceful, more prosperous, more democratic and full of opportunity.

Happy 35th Independence Day, Armenia.

May the coming years bring better days to Armenia and to Armenians everywhere.

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Armenia Celebrates 35th Anniversary of Independence with Grand Concert in Republic Square



Armenia marked the 35th anniversary of its independence on September 21 with nationwide celebrations culminating in a major concert, light show and fireworks display at Republic Square in Yerevan.

The anniversary celebrations, held under the theme “Enduring State,” commemorated the September 21, 1991 referendum in which Armenians overwhelmingly voted in favor of establishing an independent state outside the Soviet Union. According to official figures, 95 percent of eligible voters participated in the referendum, with 94.39 percent voting in favor of independence.

The main celebration in Republic Square brought together hundreds of musicians, singers and performers. The program featured the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra under the direction of conductor Sergey Smbatyan, the Hovhannes Tchekidjian National Academic Choir and the Karen-Sevak Band. Popular Armenian performers, including Tata Simonyan, Arman Hovhannisyan, Iveta Mukuchyan, Aram MP3, Roland Gasparyan and Saro Tovmasyan, were also among the artists taking part in the festivities.

Pashinyan Marks Armenia’s 35th Independence Anniversary with Message on Peace and Statehood

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan issued a congratulatory message on the occasion of Armenia’s Independence Day, noting that the country is marking the 35th anniversary of its independence in an environment of peace.

“We are marking the 35th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Armenia in an environment of peace, but we have achieved peace and an understanding of peace at the cost of the lives of thousands of our brothers and sisters,” Pashinyan said.

The prime minister emphasized that independence — in other words, statehood — is the most important thing Armenians collectively possess.

“It is the state that can guarantee the preservation and development of our identity and culture. It is our state that can guarantee the continuity of our history. It is the state that makes us masters of our own destiny and makes us the authors and guarantors of our freedom and security,” Pashinyan said.

“We must continue along this path of taking responsibility for and standing by our state,” he added.

Describing the Republic of Armenia as “the homeland of our dreams,” Pashinyan said citizens must continue to deepen their understanding of statehood and citizenship.

“Every year and every day, we must learn better what it means and what it entails to have a state. We must better understand what a state means and what it means to be a citizen,” he said.

Pashinyan acknowledged that Armenia continues to face numerous unresolved challenges but said their existence should not diminish citizens’ commitment to the country.

“There are many unresolved problems in the Republic of Armenia. This cannot be a reason for us to love our state any less, because there is no state in the world — there has never been and never will be one — without numerous unresolved problems,” he said.

“On the contrary, every problem that is solved brings new problems with it, and this process has no end or conclusion,” Pashinyan continued, adding that this continuous process is what leads to development and progress.

The prime minister also said that the Armenian government’s policies are aimed at strengthening citizens. He cited initiatives ranging from education and housing construction to universal health insurance and the introduction of the “Defender of the Fatherland” program in the armed forces, as well as a broad range of social, political and economic programs.

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"Independence, that is, the state, is the most important thing that we have together," Pashinyan said in his Independence Day message at Republic Square.

The evening program included a large-scale light show followed by musical performances and concluded with a fireworks display over Republic Square. Earlier in the day, Pashinyan had invited the public to gather in the square to celebrate what he described as one of Armenia's most important national holidays.

The Yerevan celebration was the culmination of several days of events organized across Armenia. Anniversary concerts began in Ijevan on September 17 and continued in Vanadzor on September 18, Kapan on September 19 and Gyumri on September 20 before

concluding in the capital on Independence Day. Approximately 250 artists were expected to participate in the main Republic Square event.

In Vanadzor, the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra presented its "Symphonic Rock" and "Symphonic Folk" programs, while Kapan hosted performances by Armenian bands. Gyumri's celebration featured the Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Eduard Topchjan. Ijevan hosted the Armenian State Jazz Orchestra together with guest performers.

A Quiet Tribute to Armenian Independence Day



Kayla Bajakejian

The volunteers of the ARHNJ marked Armenian Independence Day in a simple and meaningful way. During their weekly radio broadcast, they shared their thoughts and reflections over the air, proudly holding the Armenian flag throughout the program.

There were no picnics or parades to rush to, and no loud celebrations. Instead, there was a quiet moment to pause, remember, and be with



Greg Varjabedian

Armenia and the Armenian people—both in Armenia and around the world.

Perhaps, in the years to come, there will be many more opportunities to celebrate Armenian Independence Day with greater joy and togetherness. For now, the volunteers were grateful simply to dedicate their time on the air to Armenia, its people, and the meaning of independence.

As they looked toward the coming year, their heartfelt wish was for peace,



Kayla, Greg, Mihran, Hagop

prosperity, and a brighter future for all Armenians, as well as for the people of Armenia's neighboring countries.

Happy Armenian Independence Day. May the coming year bring peace, strength, prosperity, and hope to all.

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TUMO Raises More Than \$17 Million at 15th Anniversary Fundraising Gala



On Sunday, September 20, the TUMO Foundation in Los Angeles — the first U.S. location of the internationally acclaimed, free after-school learning program that empowers teens with hands-on education in technology, design, and digital innovation — held its inaugural gala in Downtown Los Angeles, celebrating 15 years of impact and supporting TUMO's expansion in Armenia.

The evening honored Vahe Kuzoyan, co-founder and president of ServiceTitan, Rev Lebareadian, vice president of Physical AI Simulation at NVIDIA, and Ara Mahdessian, co-founder and CEO of ServiceTitan, with a musical performance by System Of A Down's Serj Tankian. The live auction highlights included a private training session and lunch with UFC top lightweight contender Arman Tsarukyan, a private tennis lesson with former world No. 1 Andre Agassi, and a private chess lesson from grandmaster Levon Aronian, contributing to a total of over \$17M raised to support TUMO's efforts in Armenia.

The guest list included Councilmember



Adrin Nazarian, Arman Tsarukyan, Michael Gozorian, Katherine Sarafian, Sona Movsesian, Dave Farina, Mary Basmadjian, and others.

Celebrating TUMO's 15th anniversary, the gala highlighted the organization's mission to deliver life-changing learning experiences to young people around the world. The evening reflected on TUMO's impact and growth while looking ahead to the next generation of students empowered through technology, creativity, and innovation.

The event raised more than \$17 million to support TUMO's continued growth and expansion throughout Armenia.

Held at Vibiana in Los Angeles on Sunday, September 20, the gala immersed guests in a striking visual light experience created by People of Ar, bringing the creativity of TUMO students to life. The installation was inspired by student sketches and incorporated work from TUMO's 3D scanning program, through which TUMOians digitally preserved Armenian monasteries and cultural landmarks in territories that have fallen outside Armenian control as a result of recent wars.

Blending art, technology, and cultural preservation, the visual experience offered a powerful look at how TUMO students are using their skills to connect creativity with history and heritage.

"Fifteen years ago, TUMO began with a simple belief: that when young people have the freedom to discover their talents, they have the power to shape not only their own futures, but also the future of an entire nation," said TUMO founders Sam and Sylva Simonian. "Since then, we've watched thousands of young people walk through TUMO's doors and grow into confident young adults who know their ideas matter."

Serj Tankian took the stage for a special musical performance, treating guests to several fan favorites while offering an intimate glimpse into his latest work.

The live auction featured several exclusive experiences, including a private training session and lunch with UFC top lightweight contender Arman Tsarukyan, a private tennis lesson with Tennis Hall of Famer Andre Agassi, and



a private chess lesson with grandmaster Levon Aronian. Proceeds from the auction contributed to the funds raised throughout the evening.

TUMO leadership also reflected on the organization's impact around the world. TUMO CEO Marie Lou Papazian said, "People often assume that TUMO is a place where young people discover their passions, figure out what they want to do with their lives, and build the skills they need to pursue competitive careers. And, of course, that's all true. But I've come to understand that the real magic happens when our students discover, often to their own surprise, the incredible capabilities they had within them all along."



The gala also featured the sale of a one-of-a-kind ARARAT brandy created from spirits dating back to 1991 as a tribute to the 35th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Armenia.

Donated through TUMO's strategic partnership with the Yerevan Brandy Company, the bottle reflected a shared commitment to Armenian heritage, creativity, and future generations, with proceeds supporting TUMO's continued expansion across Armenia.

Aileen Agopian: An Auctioneer Who Knows How to Move a Room

Aileen Agopian, , the energetic, experienced and professional auctioneer was the driving force ' the heartbeat' behind the extraordinary \$17 million fundraising achievement for TUMO Centers.

This video brings the energy of auctioning two lunches, with NVIDIA's Rev Libaridian, for \$40,000 each.

Aileen can sell camels in Arabia!!!



for creating excitement and competitive energy at TUMO's 15th Anniversary Gala,

Aileen is President of Agopian Arts, and her career in auctioneering and the arts has taken her from the wealthiest Gulf States to the Homeless ArtWalk in New York. Across diverse venues and audiences, she has developed a reputation for bringing professionalism, energy, and an unmistakable personal presence to the auction stage.

For Aileen, auctioneering is not simply about calling bids. It is about understanding the audience, creating momentum, telling a compelling story, and giving people a reason to raise their paddles. At her best, she becomes the heartbeat of the room—and the results speak for themselves.

To raise \$17 million at a gala takes more than an auctioneer—it takes someone with energy, experience, professionalism, and the ability to connect with a room. Aileen Agopian brought all of those qualities to the TUMO Gala, On September 20, 2026, at Vibiana in Los Angeles, helping advance the next chapter of TUMO's work in Armenia. She was the driving force behind an extraordinary fundraising achievement for TUMO Centers.

Aileen has a remarkable ability to

engage an audience and turn enthusiasm into action. As the saying goes, she could sell ice cream in Alaska or sell camels in Arabia!

Her confidence, timing, warmth, and command of the room allow her to inspire guests to participate at levels they may not have initially imagined.

At the TUMO Gala, Aileen demonstrated that ability by successfully auctioning, among many other things, two lunches with NVIDIA's Rev Libaridian for \$40,000 each—a striking example of her talent

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Armenian music, poetry, and storytelling with Lilit Pipoyan at St. Mary Toufayan Hall and at National Opera Center of New York

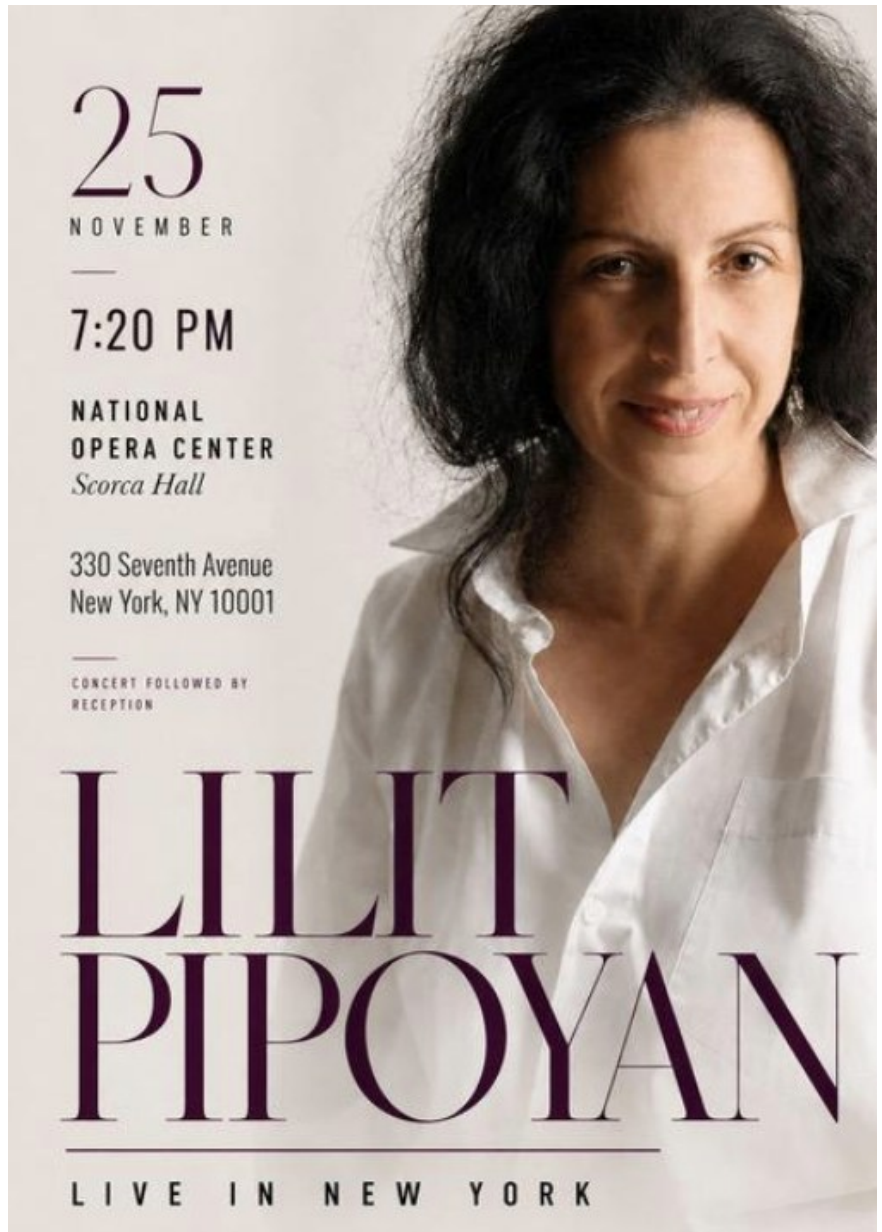
Born into an artistic family in Yerevan, Lilit Pipoyan began her musical education at an early age. After pursuing architecture and earning a PhD in the Theory and History of Armenian Architecture, she returned to her first passion - music - and developed a distinctive artistic language of her own.

Pipoyan is one of the most distinctive voices in contemporary Armenian music. Her work moves beyond traditional boundaries, bringing together Armenian poetry, folklore, medieval secular songs, and contemporary musical arrangements.

Her compositions breathe new life into centuries-old Armenian melodies, sometimes reconstructing or creating new melodies where the originals have been lost. Guitar, piano, and a rich variety of string instruments come together to create a sound that is deeply rooted in Armenian heritage while remaining distinctly contemporary.

For decades, Lilit Pipoyan has performed for audiences around the world, bringing her unique interpretation of Armenian music to renowned concert halls and cultural stages internationally.

Experience an afternoon of Armenian music, poetry, and storytelling with Lilit Pipoyan at the Toufayan Hall of St. Mary Armenian Church, Livingston, NJ and on November 25 at the National Opera Center, New York City at 7:00 P.M.



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Vocalist Manet-Miriam and Founding Principal Melanya Geghamyan to Headline “HYEMINDS” in Support of the Avedisian School in Yerevan



Paramus, NJ – The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) Boston Child Care Committee is proud to present **HYEMINDS**, an inspiring evening benefiting the Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School in Yerevan, Armenia.

We warmly invite the community to join us on **Friday, November 13, 2026**, at the Wellesley Country Club in Wellesley, Massachusetts, for an unforgettable evening dedicated to education, opportunity, and hope.

Established in 1998, the Avedisian School has become a beacon of educational excellence, providing tuition-free K–12 education on a modern, environmentally sustainable campus. Inspired by the vision and generosity of benefactors Edward and Pamela Avedisian, the school has transformed the lives of thousands of students in Yerevan's Malatia-Sebastia district. Today, sustaining this mission—and ensuring every child continues to receive an exceptional education regardless of financial means—remains more important than ever.

HYEMINDS celebrates the remarkable potential of Armenia's next generation while raising critical support for the school's future. Together, we can help ensure these talented young minds have every opportunity to grow into tomorrow's leaders.

This year's program, Co-Chaired by **Jeanmarie Papelian and Grace**



Bottomley, will feature an exceptional lineup of guests. We are honored to welcome **Manet-Miriam**, acclaimed Armenian

Canadian vocalist and star of *La Voix* (*The Voice* Canada), whose extraordinary talent has captivated audiences across North America and beyond. We are also privileged to welcome **Melanya Geghamyan**, founding Principal of the Avedisian School, who will share firsthand the school's remarkable journey, its lasting impact on generations of students, and the difference that supporters continue to make.

Guests will enjoy an elegant evening featuring cocktails, dinner, live entertainment, and an exciting live auction.

The spirit of HYEMINDS is perfectly captured by a sentiment previously shared by AMAA CEO/Executive Director **Serge D. Buchakjian**:

“The Armenian community of Boston is invited to take part in a unique opportunity to support the children of Armenia. For decades, the Boston Child Care Program has been a model of success, positively impacting thousands of young lives. We invite you to join us in this important effort—your presence and partnership will help ensure that many more children are given the care, education, and hope they deserve.”

We sincerely hope you will join us to share in the spirit of this extraordinary evening. Whether through your presence or your generous support, the AMAA is deeply grateful for your commitment to advancing the life-



changing mission of the Avedisian School.

Reservations can be made through the AMAA website at <https://amaa.org/hyemindsboston2026/>. For additional information, please contact Boston Child Care Committee Co-Chairs **Phyllis Dohanian** at 617-510-0395 or **Susan Covo** at 617-818-8977. For payments by phone, donations, or other event-related questions, please contact the AMAA at 201-265-2607, extension 117.

All proceeds will directly benefit the Avedisian School, and contributions in excess of the value of goods and services received are tax-deductible.



Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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Կու տայ մեզի աղուոր դասեր:
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Երբ դասերնիս գիտենք շատ լաւ.
Դէմքը երկինք մ'է մըթագնած,
Երբ չենք սորված բան մը բնաւ:

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Բայց երբ սահեցան ամառներ բազում,
Եւ խնձորենին մեր թուլաբազուկ,
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Երբ պիտի իջնէր հարուածն առաջին,
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Մարդկային մարմնի ողջ անդամներուն,
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Պարտ էր որ ինձ տար կենսատու աւիշ :
Մինչդեռ՝ան անհոգ, ծոյլ ու անտարբեր,
Քնացած մնաց ամառ թէ ձմեռ:

Արդ, եթէ կ'ուզես ունենալ խնձոր,
Պէտք է որ հողին տաս դաս մը աղուոր,
Որպէսզի մոռցած կոչումն իր յիշէ
Եւ իր պաշտօնը անշեղ կատարէ:

Ծառի խօսքերը համոզողական,
Տիրոջ գանկին մէջ պարարտ հող գտան,
Եւ պտղասերը բրիչով մը մեծ,
Հողի կողերը այնպէս մը ծեծեց,
Որ քնացողը ցաւէն շմահար,
Քանի մը անգամ ցատկեց վեր ու վար,
Ապա զօրացած օդով ու ջուրով ,
Մնեց արմատներն այնպիսի սիրով,
Որ տարի մը ետք ծառն անպտղաբեր,
Տիրոջ պարգեւեց խնձորի անձրեւ:

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Pashinyan Presents “Real Armenia” Ideology to Armenian Students in New York



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan met in New York with members of the Pan-Armenian Students' Association who are studying at leading U.S. universities.

During the meeting, Pashinyan presented the ideology and principles of “Real Armenia” to the students.

The prime minister also addressed relations with the Diaspora, efforts to improve the quality of education, the recruitment of highly qualified professionals into the public



administration system, and various areas of government policy.



Pashinyan also answered a number of questions from the students.

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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's speech at the United Nations General Assembly on September 24, 2026



“Honorable President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;

The peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan, established on August 8, 2025, with the support and personal engagement of US President Donald Trump, has opened up new opportunities for our region, the South Caucasus.

On this occasion, I would firstly like to address what President Trump referred to from this podium two days ago. I have said it and I reiterate it now: the breakthrough in the establishment of peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan simply would not have been possible without President Trump’s personal engagement and his resolute commitment to establishing peace.

President Trump’s personal presence, by the way, has practical and symbolic expressions on the ground as well.

The fourth paragraph of the Peace Declaration adopted at the Peace Summit held at the White House on August 8, 2025 states: ‘The Republic of Armenia will work with the United States of America and mutually determined third parties, to set forth a framework for the “Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity” (TRIPP) connectivity project in the territory of the Republic of Armenia. We confirm our determination to pursue efforts in good faith to achieve

this goal in the most expeditious manner.’

The implementation of the TRIPP project is thus becoming a reality with tangible steps. The Framework Agreement on Strategic Cooperation on the “Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity” project signed between Armenia and the United States of America will soon be ratified by the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia.

We are currently working with the United States government to establish the TRIPP Development Company and sign a shareholders agreement.

Accordingly, Armenia will initially have a 26 percent stake in the TRIPP Development Company, and the United States will have a 74 percent stake. The agreement provides that in the event of its extension, in the 50th year, the Republic of Armenia’s share will become 49 percent, without additional investment.

One of the practical expressions of the TRIPP project will be the implementation of paragraph 3 of the Peace Declaration, adopted by me and the President of Azerbaijan on August 8, 2025, and signed by the President of the United States as a witness.

Paragraph 3 of the Declaration states: ‘We reaffirmed the importance of the opening of communications between the two countries for intra-state, bilateral, and international transportation for the promotion of peace, stability, and prosperity in the region and in its neighborhood on the basis of respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and jurisdiction of the States. These efforts are to include unimpeded connectivity between the main part of the Republic of Azerbaijan and its Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic through the territory of the Republic of Armenia with reciprocal benefits for international and intrastate connectivity for the Republic

of Armenia.’

The implementation of the TRIPP project will be of historic importance for the Republic of Armenia. For the first time since the early 1990s, Armenia will get railway connection with Azerbaijan, and thus with Russia, Central Asia and China. However, it should be emphasized that after the Peace Summit on August 8, 2025, Azerbaijan opened its railway to Armenia, and now we have a railway connection with Azerbaijan through the territory of Georgia.

The implementation of the TRIPP project will create a direct railway connection between Armenia and Azerbaijan, as well as a railway connection from Azerbaijan to Azerbaijan through the territory of Armenia and from Armenia to Armenia through the territory of Azerbaijan, because Armenia does not have a railway connection between its northern and southern regions, and this is practically possible only through the territory of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of the Republic of Azerbaijan, while Azerbaijan does not have a railway connection with its Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic and this is practically possible only through the territory of Armenia.

In the near future, we will restore the railway sections of Meghri and Yeraskh in the Republic of Armenia that existed during the Soviet Union and were later destroyed, and the railway connections I mentioned will be opened.

But this will also have a huge international significance, because in parallel with the construction of the aforementioned railways, we are waiting for the opening of the Armenia-Türkiye railway.

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Together with the TRIPP project, this could become one of the most important events in the field of international logistics in recent decades, because thus a new railway connection will be opened between China, Central Asia, Türkiye and the European Union.

All this opens up another crucial opportunity for international logistics, because the restoration of the railway connection between Armenia and the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of the Republic of Azerbaijan restores the railway connection between the Persian Gulf and the Black Sea. This is an important nuance, because it shows why and how the implementation of the TRIPP project promises great benefits to all countries in our region, and these potential benefits can become a cornerstone of long-term stability and peace.

Especially between Armenia and Azerbaijan. After almost 35 years of conflict, we are now discussing issues of building pipelines, power lines, and roads in addition to the east-west railway within the framework of the TRIPP project, and this will enable not only the Republic of Armenia, but also the entire South Caucasus to become a Crossroads of Peace.

Honorable President of the 81st session of the UN General Assembly, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;

All of this reflects the optimism that has been established in our region and in the Republic of Armenia since the Washington Peace Summit on August 8, 2025. The citizens of Armenia reaffirmed their optimism in the parliamentary elections held on June 7 of this year, where the overwhelming majority of voters voted in favor of the slogan "Stand up for peace," enabling the "Civil Contract" party to form a parliamentary majority.

The elections took place under special circumstances of external information manipulation, and a number of external and internal forces were

developing and implementing a plan to seize the state, using mass disinformation, hybrid and other tools, as well as the distribution of mass voter bribes.

But the democratic and institutional reforms we have implemented in recent years proved their strength, and Armenia's state institutions demonstrated high resilience, preventing state seizure and giving the people of Armenia the opportunity to have their say.

The people of Armenia have upheld the peace, and we must consistently engage in the further strengthening and institutionalization of peace.

In the relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the clarification of the fate of several thousand missing persons is a matter that needs to be addressed, on which we have reached an agreement to cooperate with Azerbaijan. Armenia is ready to continue and deepen cooperation with Azerbaijan on the issue of demining. And of course, people in the Republic of Armenia are waiting for the return of Armenians who were detained in Azerbaijan as a consequence of the conflict.

Along with these issues still being unresolved, another reason that fuels pessimists is the use of conflict rhetoric from time to time in certain circles of Armenia and Azerbaijan, sometimes at the official level. I think that we, I mean Armenia and Azerbaijan, have achieved more than sufficient results, which should be more valuable for us than the use of conflict rhetoric, whether it is about history or historical-cultural monuments or anything else.

Nurturing the peace, strengthening and making it institutional should be the main theme of cooperation between Armenia and Azerbaijan. For two and a half years now, there have been no casualties or injuries as a result of cross-fire between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and I believe this is the greatest value that has been created as

a result of the recent years.

We have never had such a period in the relations between independent Armenia and independent Azerbaijan before, even though Armenians and Azerbaijanis have centuries of experience of peaceful coexistence.

Our task, however, is not to restore that historical experience, but to build interstate relations on the basis of that experience of the peoples, based on respect for each other's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and political independence. This, by the way, is exactly the rhetoric that Armenia and Azerbaijan have already agreed upon and initialed in the text of the agreement on establishing peace and interstate relations between the two countries.

The signing and ratification of the agreement, which was initialed at the Washington Peace Summit, is the next major topic in the joint agenda of Armenia and Azerbaijan, and we will consistently continue to work in this direction.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The balanced and balancing foreign policy adopted by Armenia stems from the logic of multipolarity, which is one of the key principles of the United Nations. In recent years, we have established strategic relations with Georgia, France, China, the Netherlands, Kazakhstan, Germany, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, the United States of America, and the European Union.

Today, by the way, the European Commission approved the decision to adopt autonomous trade measures for Armenia, which is yet another manifestation of the new quality of Armenia-EU relations.

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Now that we have established peace with Azerbaijan, Armenia-Russia relations will naturally change, and it is our desire that these relations develop on the basis of the principles of friendship and mutual respect.

We will, of course, continue to develop our relations with our partners located closer to or farther from Armenia, and in this regard, I would like to highlight the countries of Central Asia, with which our relations are also highly dynamic.

But I also cannot but emphasize that the normalization and deepening of relations with our neighbors are nevertheless of key importance for our foreign policy vision. I have already

spoken about the dynamics of our relations with Azerbaijan.

We have a high-level dialogue with Türkiye, and I want to confirm the words expressed by President Erdoğan from this podium the other day, that we are resolutely advancing the process of normalizing Armenia-Türkiye relations.

Our relations with our two other neighbors, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Georgia, remain of exceptional importance to us, and our good neighborliness continues to develop and deepen.

The Republic of Armenia considers its contribution to the region's stability and development to be our key task in

international peace, stability, and development.

Honorable President of the 81st session of the UN General Assembly, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;

This October, Armenia will host the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP17), and I invite you all to participate in this very important event for Armenia and for the international biodiversity agenda.

Dear ladies and gentlemen, this is what I wanted to share with you in my speech today. Thank you for your attention."

Pashinyan and Erdoğan Discuss Armenia-Turkey Normalization in New York



and expressed readiness to give fresh impetus to bilateral relations.

The sides stressed the need to consistently pursue efforts aimed at expanding



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan discussed the Armenia-Turkey normalization process and the implementation of agreements reached between the two countries during a meeting in New York.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly. According to the Armenian government, the two leaders emphasized the importance of advancing the normalization process

trade and economic relations, establishing ties between the business communities of the two countries, and jointly restoring the historic Ani Bridge.

Pashinyan and Erdoğan also exchanged views on regional issues.

The two leaders discussed peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan and expressed confidence that it would have a significant impact on the development of regional cooperation. In this context, they emphasized the

importance of implementing the TRIPP project and unblocking regional transport links.

The foreign ministers of Armenia and Turkey also participated in the meeting. The Turkish presidency separately said Erdoğan stressed the importance of maintaining the positive momentum in bilateral relations and invited Pashinyan to attend the COP31 Leaders' Summit in Turkey.

Armenia-Based Analyst Richard Giragosian Dies at 61 in Istanbul



Richard Giragosian, a prominent regional analyst and director of the Regional Studies Center (RSC), an independent think tank based in Armenia, has died in Istanbul at the age of 61, according to Agos Weekly.

Giragosian had traveled to Istanbul last week to attend a meeting when he became ill and was hospitalized. According to Agos, he suffered a brain hemorrhage and was treated at Okmeydanı Prof. Dr. Cemil Taşcıoğlu Hospital, where he remained in intensive care. He died on the evening of September 19.

A well-known analyst on political and security developments in Armenia and the wider South Caucasus, Giragosian was frequently sought for his views on regional affairs. He also occasionally contributed articles to Agos. News of his death prompted expressions of

grief from colleagues and friends in Armenia, Turkey and the broader international policy community.

Nigar Göksel, Turkey Director of the International Crisis Group, recalled sharing numerous panels with Giragosian over the course of more than two decades across Western Europe, Turkey, Armenia and Georgia. Despite disagreements on various issues involving Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan, she said their discussions were grounded in mutual understanding and an expectation that their dialogue would continue.

Göksel described Giragosian's death in Istanbul as leaving a significant void in the professional community they had shared for more than 20 years. In her tribute, she recalled a phrase Giragosian frequently used to conclude panel discussions: "The conclusion we have reached is that there is no conclusion."

Emilio Cricchio of BBC Radio, who previously served in Armenia, also paid tribute to Giragosian, describing him as a dedicated analyst who worked tirelessly to promote peace in the region. He also remembered Giragosian for his kindness and sense of humor.

Born on January 8, 1965, in Providence, Rhode Island, Giragosian built a career focused on international relations, security and political developments in Armenia and the South Caucasus.

During his career, he served as a consultant to the Asian Development Bank, the European Union Delegation to Armenia, the French Ministry of Defense, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and the U.S. Department of State.

His analyses appeared in publications and organizations including the European Council on Foreign Relations, Le Monde, The Moscow Times and Turkish Policy Quarterly.

Giragosian moved to Armenia in 2006 and most recently served as director of the Regional Studies Center, where his work focused on regional security, foreign policy and political developments affecting Armenia and its neighbors.

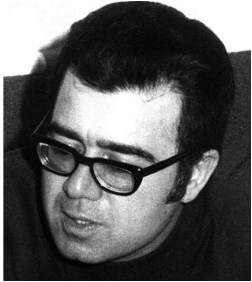
A funeral ceremony for Giragosian is expected to be held in Armenia.

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Ara Baliozian (1936 - 2019)

One of the most independent voices in modern Armenian letters



Ara Baliozian—Armenian author, translator, critic, musician, and one of the most independent voices in modern Armenian letters.

Born in Athens, Greece, on December 10, 1936, Baliozian was educated at the Mekhitarist College of Moorat-Raphael in Venice and continued his studies at Ca' Foscari University. He later made his home in Kitchener, Ontario, where he lived a quiet but intensely intellectual life, devoted to reading, writing, translating, and thinking. He died on December 7, 2019, just three days before his eighty-third birthday.

Ara Baliozian is difficult to categorize—and perhaps that is exactly as he would have wanted it. He did not write to reassure his readers. He wrote with precision, often with severity, and always with a determination to strip away comforting illusions.

For Baliozian, patriotism was not a matter of repeating familiar slogans, praising the past, or endlessly mourning national losses. He believed that if we sing songs of praise and lamentation about what has already happened while ignoring what still must be done, that is not patriotism. It is negligence—perhaps even a betrayal of responsibility.

That uncompromising spirit placed him in the intellectual tradition of the great Armenian writer Kostan Zarian, whom Baliozian deeply admired. Zarian wrote: “Every thinking Armenian is like a radio station in the middle of a storm, sending messages to distant places and receiving no reply.”

That image seems especially fitting for Baliozian himself: a solitary voice, transmitting his message from beyond

the traditional centers of Armenian communal life, refusing to change the message merely because few were prepared to hear it.

Zarian offered another principle that Baliozian seemed to take as a personal literary creed: “You want to be original, daring and controversial? Stick to facts. You want to be outrageous and shocking? Tell the truth.”

Baliozian did precisely that. His judgments about Armenian life, the diaspora, religious institutions, and nationalism were often sharp—and frequently controversial. He criticized what he saw as duplication, waste, factionalism, and complacency in diaspora institutions. Why, he asked in effect, should one community need competing churches, schools, newspapers, and organizations when cooperation could serve the community better?

He was equally critical of institutions that, in his view, rewarded obedience and flattery while neglecting writers, free thought, and intellectual life. He believed that communities which honor power more than ideas eventually lose their ability to renew themselves.

His criticism of the Armenian Apostolic Church was especially blunt. Baliozian objected to clerical privilege, dogmatic rigidity, and the tendency of institutions to discourage questioning. Whether one agrees with his conclusions or not, his challenge was clear: faith, patriotism, and communal loyalty should never become excuses for silencing thought or avoiding self-examination.

One of his most memorable observations was this: “Armenians preach survival and yet practice assimilation.” It is a hard sentence. It may sound too harsh to some. But it forces an important question: are we preserving Armenian identity through active intellectual, cultural, and linguistic life—or simply speaking about preservation while

allowing it to fade?

Some critics accused Baliozian of being isolated, living in Kitchener, Canada, rather than at the center of Armenian organizational activity. But distance may also have given him a valuable freedom: the freedom to observe the center without depending on its approval.

To encounter the full Ara Baliozian, however, we should look beyond his provocative statements. His many book reviews reveal an exceptionally wide reader—someone deeply engaged with major writers and thinkers from Armenia and the wider world. His reading was not ornamental. It gave him perspective, standards, and the intellectual tools to examine Armenian reality honestly.

He admired Henry David Thoreau and cherished simplicity, reflection, and books. Baliozian once expressed that ideal in his own spare and memorable way: all we need to survive is some bread and a book.

That image captures something essential about him. He lived simply. He played organ in non-Armenian churches. He made regular walks to the library. And he chose the independence to read, think, and write over the comforts of institutional belonging.

Ara Baliozian matters because he refused to offer an easy picture of Armenian life. He asked us to move beyond remembrance toward responsibility; beyond lamentation toward action; beyond slogans toward facts.

Whether one agrees with him or not, Ara Baliozian deserves to be heard—because he would rather disturb us with a truth than comfort us with a cliché. It is not so complicated to understand the truth nor to know how to act.

Launch of Armenia-US Business Council announced



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on Wednesday had a working dinner with members of the US Chamber of Commerce, in New York, the PM's office informs.

First, US Chamber of Commerce vice president Khush Choksy thanked the premier for being hosted and noted that the members of the Chamber represent various sectors of the US economy. He added that the purpose of the meeting is to get familiarized with the developments taking place in the economic sphere, investment opportunities, and the business environment in Armenia.

In turn, Prime Minister Pashinyan touched upon the Armenia-US trade and economic relations, and noted that



significant developments have already taken place in this regard as a result of the documents signed during the meeting with US President Donald Trump in Washington on August 8 last year. The Armenian leader noted, in particular, the establishment of two large artificial intelligence factories in Armenia. Also, the premier expressed a conviction that Armenia-US relations will continue to develop and strengthen in various other directions.

In his remarks, the prime minister touched also upon the peace established between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the developments taking place in the region as a result, and the emerging opportunities. In particular, Nikol Pashinyan spoke about the



implementation of the TRIPP project aimed at unblocking regional communication routes.

In addition, he presented the developments taking place in various sectors of the economy in Armenia, the existing opportunities, and the reforms and programs being implemented by the government to consistently improve the business environment in Armenia.

Subsequently, the prime minister of Armenia answered questions of interest to the businesspersons in attendance.

And as a result of this meeting, the launch of the Armenia-US Business Council was announced.

Armenian exports to EU rise 70%



Exports of Armenian products to several major markets increased significantly in

January-August 2026, while a substantial decline was recorded in exports to the Eurasian Economic Union market, Economy Minister Gevorg Papoyan said at a Cabinet meeting.

Exports to the European Union increased by around 70%, while exports to India grew 2.1-fold and those to the United Arab Emirates rose by around 45-46%, Papoyan said.

Overall the figure was "not bad" considering Russia's restrictions.

But aside from the restrictions, Papoyan said the decline in exports to the EAEU market was also due to crop volumes. In particular, more than 40,000 tons of apricots were exported last year, compared with around 12,000-13,000 tons this year, as the harvest was smaller due to weather conditions.

Businesses are expected to receive AMD 4.59 billion in compensation for products exported in August. The program provides support for exports of greenhouse products, fresh fruit, flowers, food products and certain types of beverages.

According to Papoyan, under the support

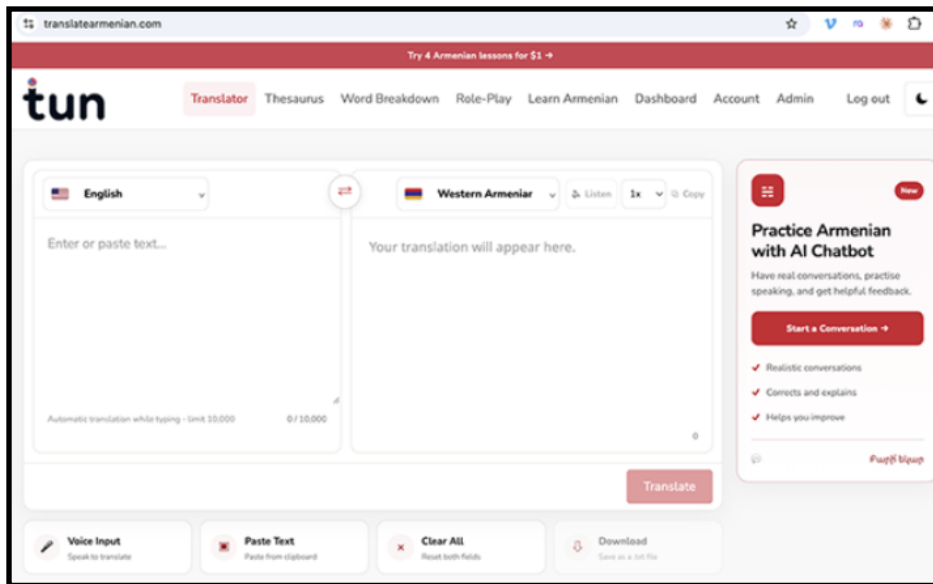
program, around 3,000 tons of tomatoes, more than 2,200 tons of peppers, 3.9 million flowers, more than 2,200 tons of peaches, 292,000 liters of bottled wine and 336,000 liters of fruit and berry wine were exported.

Armenia has exported aluminum foil to Azerbaijan, Economy Minister Gevorg Papoyan said on Thursday.

"Aluminum foil has been exported," Papoyan told reporters, without disclosing the volume of the shipment.

Asked whether Armenia plans to export other products to Azerbaijan, the minister replied, "We'll see."

Instant Western Armenian Translation Is Finally Here



Tun Online Armenian School has launched a new Armenian translation platform at translatearmenian.com, giving users access to instant Armenian translation, including Western Armenian.

For years, Western Armenian speakers have been frustrated by the severe lack of language resources and linguistic representation online, especially in comparison to the Eastern Armenian dialect. If you search for English to Armenian translation on Google Translate, there is no option for Western Armenian Speakers. For learners looking for Armenian on Duolingo, the gap is bigger again: there is currently no Armenian course at all. For a language whose future depends heavily on the diaspora, that's a significant digital gap. With translatearmenian.com, access to the Western Armenian dialect is now improving.

Tun Online Armenian School's idea is simple: make Armenian translation feel as easy and accessible as the translation tools people already use every day, while recognizing that Eastern and Western Armenian are not interchangeable. Rather than forcing Western Armenian speakers and learners to adapt an Eastern

Armenian translation themselves, users can work with the Armenian they actually speak, hear at home or are trying to learn. For diaspora Armenians, that distinction matters.

Western Armenian continues to be spoken across diaspora communities in places including Lebanon, Syria, France, the United States, Australia and Argentina. Its survival, however, cannot be taken for granted. Western Armenian has been the subject of significant language-preservation efforts for years, particularly as transmission between generations becomes more difficult in communities where English, French, Arabic, Spanish and other languages dominate everyday life.

Making Western Armenian easier to use digitally is one small part of changing that. The translator has been designed not simply as a way to look up individual words, but as a practical language tool. Users can translate Armenian and English instantly, while additional tools are being built around the experience to help people better understand and use the language.

Premium functionality includes unlimited translations, thesaurus functionality, word origins, text-to-

speech and voice input, while the broader platform connects translation with opportunities to practise and learn Armenian.

That matters because translation is often only the beginning. Someone might want to understand a message from a grandparent, write something in Armenian for the first time, or check whether they've used a word correctly; or, they might use it to understand the lyrics of a song, speak to a relative, or start learning the language their family once spoke fluently. Technology can make each of those small interactions easier.

The translator is one part of an expanding digital Armenian language ecosystem created by Tun Online Armenian School. Tun teaches both Eastern and Western Armenian, with learners able to study speaking alone or speaking, reading and writing.

Around the school, a collection of dedicated Armenian tools has been developed to solve problems that larger technology platforms have often overlooked. These include an Armenian keyboard (armeniankeyboard.com), Eastern and Western Armenian verb conjugation tools (armenianverbs.com), flashcards and workbooks, live Western Armenian tutoring, an Armenian AI conversation tool and other resources for people who want to learn and use Armenian online. There is also an Armenian Social Network (armeniansocialnetwork.com) designed to give Armenians around the world another place to connect with one another.

The philosophy behind the ecosystem is straightforward: Armenian shouldn't have to be a large global language to deserve great digital tools. Technology can help keep a language in everyday life.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [September 26, 2026 - Pegasus 10th Anniversary Concert](#)
- ◆ [September 27, 2026 - St. Mary Armenian Church annual food festival](#)
- ◆ [September 27, 2026 - Tekeyan Cultural Association - Masterpieces for Piano Trio](#)
- ◆ [October 14, 2026 - St. Mary Armenian Church Women's Guild Tricky Tray Dinner](#)
- ◆ [October 17, 2026 - AGBU One-Night-Only All-Star Entertainment Event in Montreal](#)
- ◆ [October 18, 2026 - A Taste of Armenian Heritage](#)
- ◆ [October 24, 2026 - ARS Parisian night](#)
- ◆ [November 6, 2026 - Baikar Newspaper 10th anniversary celebration at St. Leon Church](#)
- ◆ [November 8, 2026 - Armenian Lunch hosted by Friends of Hovnanian School](#)
- ◆ [November 13, 2026 - AMAA evening supporting the Khoren & Shooshanig Avedisian School](#)
- ◆ [November 22, 2026 - Lilit Pipoyan live in concert at St. Mary Armenian Church](#)
- ◆ [December 12, 2026 - 23rd annual COAF event](#)

UPCOMING AGBU EVENTS

1. From Within: Strings & Voices
Pegasus: The Orchestra 10th Anniversary Season
 1. Saturday, September 26th at 7:00pm at the DiMenna Center
 2. Ticket Link: <https://secure.givelively.org/event/pegasus-the-orchestra-inc/from-within-strings-voices>
2. Pegasus: The Orchestra presents Brilliance in Motion
 1. Saturday, October 24th at 7:30pm at Kaufman Music Center
 2. Ticket Link: <https://www.kaufmanmusiccenter.org/mch/event/PegasusBrilliance/>
3. AGBU 94th General Assembly
 1. Thursday, October 15th – Saturday, October 17th in Montreal, Canada
 2. Event Page : <https://agbu.org/general-assembly>
4. Armenians in Film at Lincoln Center 2026
 1. *This event can be shared as a save the date listing.*
 2. Tuesday, December 15th at 8:00pm at Film at Lincoln Center
 3. Event Page Link: <https://agbu.org/armenians-film-lincoln-center-2026-2026>

SAVE THE DATE FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- ◆ [January 16, 2027 - Armenian Heritage Cruise](#)
- ◆ [April 10, 2027 - Hovnanian School's 50th anniversary gala](#)
- ◆ [November 6, 2027 - Shushi Dance Ensemble's 35th anniversary celebration. Details to follow](#)

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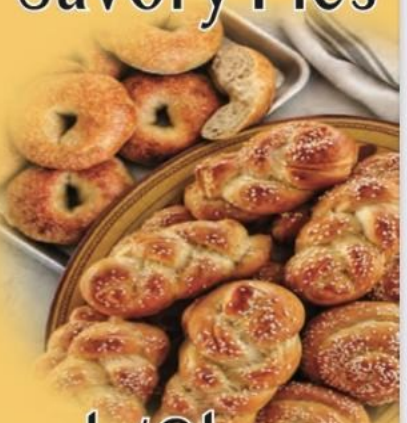
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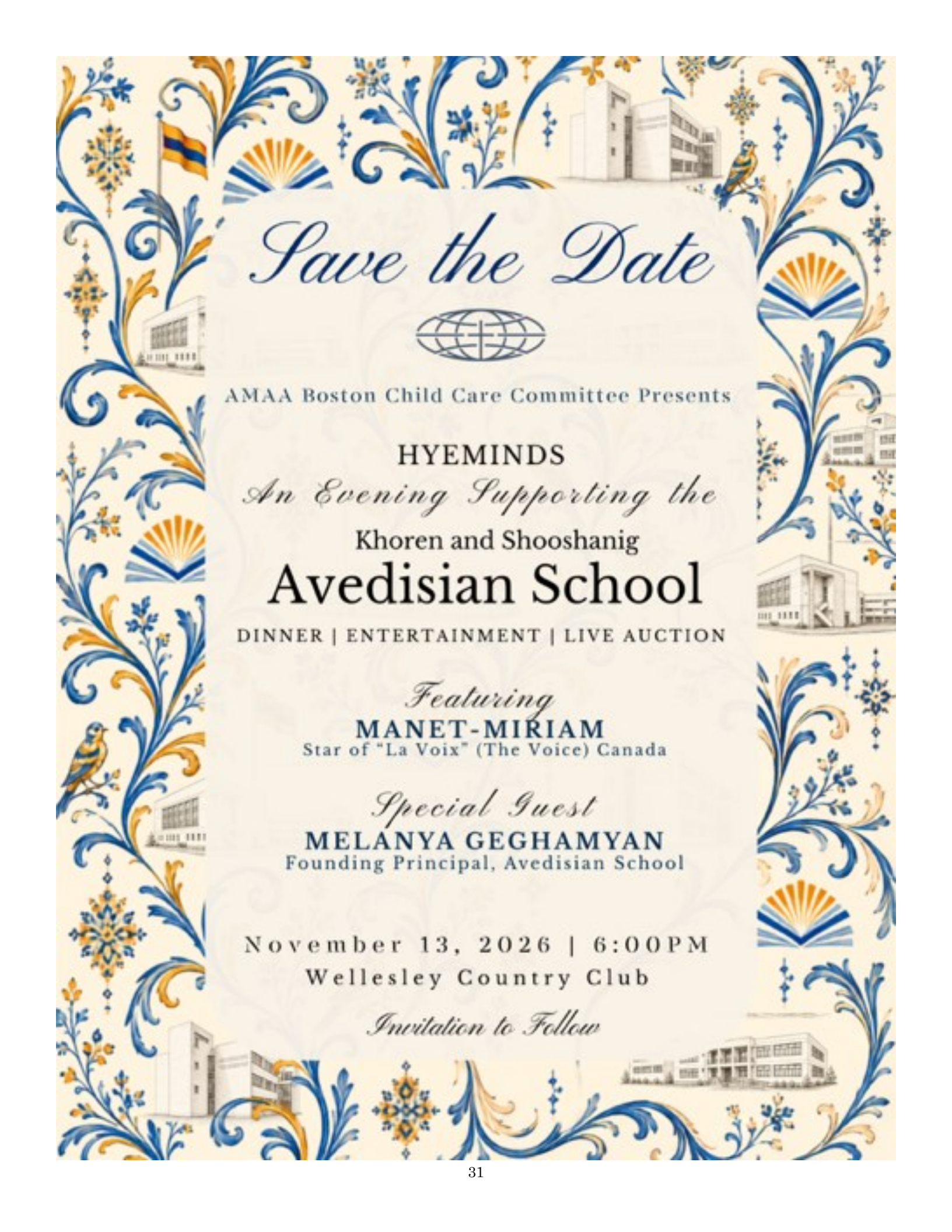
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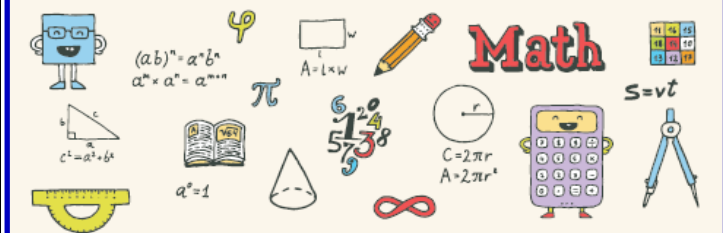
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