RESETTLEMENT & SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF PERSECUTION

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## From Emmanuel Didier, Chair of the Justice and Remembrance Committee

One of the most devastating consequences of a genocide for its victims is their loss of confidence in the very existence of justice. Healing requires recognition of the actions committed and damages done. This, in turn, requires extensive research and documentation to satisfy the legal thresholds for the admissibility of evidence in judicial proceedings.

The effort is well worth it because it ensures the collection, analysis and conservation of memories and physical evidence for existing and future generations as a basis to achieve justice.

In partnership with Yazidi Legal Network, Project Abraham has been supporting the construction of a *Bibliography* and a *Database* on Yezidis. The Bibliography now contains more than 4500 references to books, articles and videos concerning 21 categories of topics.

The **Bibliography** and the **Database** are available to individuals and organizations, Yezidis and others, working in or about history, sociology, education, health, welfare and social works, justice, police and intelligence.

The *Bibliography* is completed by a *List of Torts* and a list of *Grounds for prosecution* which systematically document the intentional torts (Assault, Battery, Violation of privacy, Intentional infliction of mental distress, False imprisonment, Slander, Libel, Trespass to land, Trespass to personal property, Conversion) and non-intentional torts (Negligence) suffered by Yezidis in the hands of their persecutors.

This research and documentation will be very useful in supporting civil lawsuits by Yezidis against ISIS men and women coming back to their countries of origin in Europe and North America.

To view the **Bibliography**, go to <u>www.yezidibibliography.com</u>

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."



Our vision is to become the leading resettlement organization supporting victims of persecution, empowering them to create a future for themselves and their children as fully integrated Canadian citizens.

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## First Time Voting!

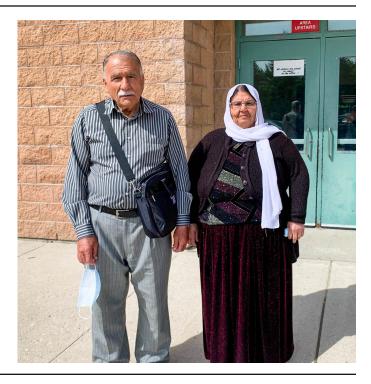
In March 2017, Project Abraham welcomed Juumah and Tuffaha to Canada as part of our sponsorship program.

Reunited with their son and his family in the GTA, they joined Project Abraham's YES program in January of 2021 and in 2022, they both became Canadian citizens.

Now Juumah and Tuffaha are excited first-time voters in the recent provincial election.

We are happy and proud of them for the amazing progress they have made in the five years they have been in Canada!

**Congratulations to Juumah and Tuffaha!** 



## Get to Know the Team at Project Abraham Hamid Mirzaie



Upon graduating with a Masters degree in English Literature, Hamid worked as a university lecturer in Iran

Having heard many good things about Canada, Hamid then decided to come here in 2013. Once settled, Canada provided him with the opportunities needed to achieve most of his life goals.

After studying and working as an ESL teacher, Hamid feels lucky and honoured to have found Project Abraham where he began to teach the YES program to the Yezidi community in June 2020.

Hamid views teaching English proficiency in the English language as part of a bigger picture. Inspired by his first ESL teacher, Mr. Hedayati, who used a mix of humor, games, photos, songs, and movies in English language instruction to make language become alive, teaching ESL for Hamid is more than just teaching English; he is also enabling his students to achieve their own personal and professional goals in Canada.

Hamid is incredibly proud of his Yezidi students who are dedicated to learning and have progressed in their English acquisition skills in leaps and bounds.