

## IAJF Sponsors Float at NYC's Israel Day Parade

On Sunday, June 2, 2013 the Iranian American Jewish Federation of New York (IAJF) sponsored a float and marched up 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in partnership with the Sephardic Heritage Alliance Inc. (SHAI) celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State of Israel. The IAJF, together with the Iranian Jewish community of the tri-state area, proudly marched to the rhythm of classic celebratory songs in conjunction with over 35,000 people from other Jewish and international organizations and upwards of more than one-million spectators lining the parade route.

The theme of this year's float was 'The Children of Esther Salute the State of Israel.' Accordingly, the float was designed to replicate Queen Esther's shrine and its adjacent synagogue in the city of Hamadan, Iran. Among those who proudly marched with the IAJF included Israel's Mayor of Nahariya Jackie Sabag, U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Malone from New York, and the Israeli Scout's Ensemble.

