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*I am the descendant of a people that builded Damascus, and Bybl os, and Tyre and Sidon and Antioch, and now I am here to build with you, and with a will.*

Kahlil Gibran

We are pleased to let you know that we are making progress toward organizing our first Middle Eastern American Culture Festival that is planned for March 22-23, 2019. We invite our MED Club members and friends to help us out in planning and running this important event. The proceeds from this festival will support several student scholarship funds at UA and MED Club. Below is the student scholarship funds that will be supported:



- Student Scholarship Fund at Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES)
- Student Scholarship Fund at the School of
- Student Scholarship Fund at The Tucson MED Club
- Kerr Family Scholarship Fund
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)

All the sponsorships will be federal and state tax exempt and we call on the business and professional community in Arizona state to support these not-for profit funds. We have formed the following committees:

- Fund Raising Committee, Salim Hariri, Hassan Hijazi and Benjamin Fortna
- Entertainment Committee, Hassan Hijazi and Sonia Shiri
- Art Committee, Charles Joukhadar
- Food Committee, Ari Baban
- Business Out Reach Committee, Mena Latas and Tim Sultan

# KEEFOE

By Lynn Gabriel

Growing up bi-culturally is one of the best gifts God has given me in this life.

As an infant and young child I grew up in a home where both English and Arabic were spoken and slept between my maternal grandparents Elias and Selma Esber.

My toddler memory informs me that my parents were allowed infrequent and limited access to me even though we all lived in one house. Jid-dee, or, Pop, as we called him, took me everywhere with him, on long walks, to visit friends and relatives, to the store to buy his tobacco for rolling cigarettes. All that came to an abrupt end when school started and rolling cigarettes was not a skill I could show off.

Although it was all wonderful, it's the preschool years that were the best with Pop. I was convinced that Pop and I were in charge of maintenance for the household. One of our main responsibilities was to keep Keefoe running during the cold winter days in Ohio.

Our well appointed brick home (one of several owned by pop in which aunts uncles and cousins lived) was heated by keeping Keefoe stoked with coal.

During the day Pop would often take care of the work himself, but at nighttime, always the last ones to sleep, the duty would fall to both Pop and me. They tell me I was under two years old the first time I went to visit Keefoe, but from three years of age on, I remember being a willing worker when it came helping feed him.

The evening would begin with me and Pop sitting in front of the fireplace playing Bosra, then at some point before bedtime Pop would say, "Kha-li nah rooh shouf al furnace, keefoe." That sentence heard time after time on cold winter nights told me two things: Our furnace was named Keefoe, and we were in charge of seeing to his needs.

To my mind I had the best job navigating down the basement steps to the belly of the house where Keefoe stayed. Sometimes I was even allowed to open the furnace door. If the embers were very low Pop would stir them up with a poker and I would put two or three pieces of coal inside, but if there was a bit of a fire inside Keefoe, Pop would hold me from behind by the waist to put the coal in. Afterwards, I would always say, "Keefoe akal mleeH!" That signified that Keefoe had eaten well.

Just to be sure the job was well done, we would march ceremoniously back upstairs and walk around to test all the floor vents and see if the heat was coming up properly. The last thing every night I would do was to open the door to the basement and say good night.

Tis-bah bil kheir, (Good Night) Keefoe



## ADAM

Contributed by Ibrahim Haddad

هذا المقال الرائع للكاتب العربي السوري الكبير \*محمد\* \*الماغوط\* :

سأنجب طفلاً ذكراً اسميه \*آدم\* ،  
لأن الأسماء في زماننا و في بلداننا تهمة !  
فلن اسميه \*محمد\* ولا \*عيسى\* ،  
لن اسميه \*علي\* ولا \*عمر\* ،  
لن اسميه \*صدام\* ولا \*حسين\* ،  
ولا حتى \*ديفيد\* ولا \*جورج\* ...

أخاف أن يكبر عنصرياً  
و أن يكون له من اسمه نصيب ،

فعند الأجانب يكون إرهابياً ،  
وعند المتطرفين يكون بغياً ،  
وعند الشيعة يكون سنياً ،  
وعند السنة يكون علوياً أو شيعياً ،

أخاف أن يكون اسمه جواز سفره !!!

أريده \*آدم\* ... يهودي ، مسيحي ، مسلم ...

لا يهم  
أريده أن لا يعرف من الدين إلا إنه لله ، وأريد أن يعرف أن وطنه للجميع ،

سأعلمه أن الدين ما وقر في قلبه وصدقه وعمله ... وليس اسمه ،

سأعلمه أن العروبيين وهم ، و ان المتدينين وهم ، وأن الإنسانية هي الأهم ،  
سأعلمه أن الجوع كافر والجهل كافر والظلم كافر أيضاً .

سأعلمه أن الله في القلوب ... قبل المساجد والكنائس ... ، وأن الله محبة ليس مخافة ،

سأعلمه مانسي أهلنا أن يعلمونا ،  
سأعلمه أن ما ينقصنا هو ما عندنا ،  
وأن ما عندنا هو الذي ينقصنا ،

سأعلمه أنني بدأت حديثي بأنني سأنجه ذكر ، لأن الأنثى ما زالت تؤود ،  
وأن الخلل و الجهل باق في "المجتمع العربي"

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This wonderful article written by the big Syrian writer Mohammed Maghout.

I will have a boy child that will be named Adam  
Because in our time and our countries the name itself can be a charge against you  
I will not call him Mohammed or Issa,  
I will not call him Ali or Omar,  
Not Saddam or Hussein,  
Not even David nor George

I am afraid that he will grow up to be a racist  
And to have his name defines who he is  
For foreigners, he is a terrorist,  
For extremists, he is a prostitute,  
For the Shiites, he is a Sunni,  
For the Sunni, he is Alawite or Shia,

I am afraid that his name is going to be his passport !!!

I want the name to be Adam regardless of being a Jew, Christian, or Muslim  
It does not matter  
I want him to know one thing from religion that it is for God, and I want him to know  
that his homeland is for all and not for the majority religion

I will teach him that religion is in his heart, in his sincerity and in his work ... and not in  
his name,

I will teach him that hunger is an infidel and an infidel is ignorance and injustice is also  
an infidel.

I will teach him that God is in the hearts ... before the mosques and churches were  
built ..., and that God is love and not fear,

I will teach him what our people forgot to teach us,  
I will teach him that what is lacking is what we have,  
And that what we have is the one who is lacking,

## A New Form of Communication for Arab Americans: Arab Emojis and Stickers

By Randa Necola/Arab America Contributor Writer

[HTTP://WWW.ARABAMERICA.COM/HOW-THE-ARAB-EMOJIS-AND-STICKERS-IS-AHEAD-OF-THE-APPLICATIONS-GAME/](http://www.arabamerica.com/how-the-arab-emojis-and-stickers-is-ahead-of-the-applications-game/)



Stickers and Emojis became very popular for smartphones. However, Arabs pioneered creating Arab stickers and emojis to give the chats and message an Arab and fun twist or as we say, SPICE! The Arab emojis and stickers are about countries, religions, and dialects in the Arab world. They have become so popular that even Viber offers special Arab stickers. Here is an overview of how the Arab emojis and stickers have become popular among Arabs and Arab American smartphone users.

### Funny Arab Stickers

Arabs are known for their high sense of humor which they like to

share with each other all the time. Each Arab country has its own jokes and funny idioms, but some of the jokes are common in all the Arab countries. The funny stickers and emojis use typical funny lines from a specific country's culture and associate it with a funny illustration that resembles its culture too. There are so many of them that are offered for IOS and Android smartphones .

### Religious Emojis

Because Arabs are super religious and they care about following their faith, they created religious emojis to install to smartphones that can express religion which is a huge part of their life. However, Muslim emojis are becoming famous by having Arabic religious words like Allah (God) and girls wearing hijab emojis. Not to mention, there are specific emoji applications for Ramadan which is a holy 30 day month that Muslims fast until sunset; it's one of the most popular seasons in the Arab world.



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### Arab Women Emojis

Feminism is a big deal in the Arab world and women are taking a huge role in every aspect of life. Arabs created emojis that would represent the true Arab woman in chat and texts. The emojis applications show women with Arab skin and hair common colors and there are applications for women who wear the hijab only. Also, there are emoji applications for women who wear fully covered outfits for specific cultures that require a dress code. The emojis include a variety of things that women do, including activities such as work, shopping, makeup, ...etc. There are applications that show the Arab women's strength in general and how they progress at work and home.



### Viber Stickers

Viber provides some of the best stickers, offering almost everything in life. They also provide religious, funny, and social Arab stickers. Some of the stickers move and some of them do not. However, those stickers are ahead of the sticker and emojis game because they have very good graphic design and connect deeply with many Arab cultures. Further, Arabs use Viber more often because it is a free application that has chat, call, and video options, and connects family and friends nationally and internationally.



### Arabic Language Emojis and Stickers



# RECIPE

## Baba Ghannoush - Eggplant Appetizer

Serves from 6 to 8

- 1 medium eggplant, about 1 pound
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3 tablespoons ground almonds
- 1 medium onion, very finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh coriander leaves
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 tablespoons salt
- 1/2 tablespoons pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 12 small black and green olives
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Place eggplant in oven, then bake in a 350 F preheated oven for 1 hour, remove and allow to cool.



Remove the skin and discard then mash pulp in a mixing bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients, except olives and olive oil. Mix well and chill. Spread on a platter, then garnish with black and green olives and sprinkle with olive oil and serve

# Scholarships For Arab-American Students

## [Ameen Rihani Scholarship Program](#)

Individuals are eligible to be nominated as recipients of the ARS if they:

- are of Lebanese or other Arab descent;
- are citizens/legal permanent residents of the United States;
- have attained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale;
- will enter a college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking freshman in the fall of the year (students who are already in college are not eligible for an ARS award);
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Applications for this scholarship will be accepted throughout the period of **January 1 through March 15** of each year for the fall of that year. To be eligible, all materials must be postmarked on or before March 15 of each year and sent to: Ameen Rihani Scholarship Program, The Ameen Rihani Organization, 7979 Old Georgetown Road Suite 700, Bethesda, MD 20814

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## TUCSON MED CLUB INVITE YOU TO A FAMILY FUN NIGHT

A promotional poster for a Karaoke Night event. The background is dark blue. At the top, there are three microphones in the center. To the left of the microphones, the text 'Starts 7 pm' is in a blue box. To the right, 'May 19 2018' is in a blue box. Below the microphones, the word 'Fun' is in a red circle, and 'Dance' is in red text. To the left of the microphones, 'DJ Music' is in red text. The main title 'KARAOKE NIGHT' is in large, bold, white and red letters. Below this, a red banner contains the text: 'Mixed Grill or Vegetarian Dinner Adult: \$15, Kids: \$ 8 (12 or less)'. Below the banner, the restaurant name 'Zaatar Restaurant' and address '2310 N. Country Club Road' are in bold blue text. At the bottom, RSVP information is in red and white text: 'RSVP to by Call/text or email to Sonia Hariri: 520-977-7936 or hariri21@gmail.com Lydia Sahyouni: 520-370-2218 or larmaleh@gmail.com'.

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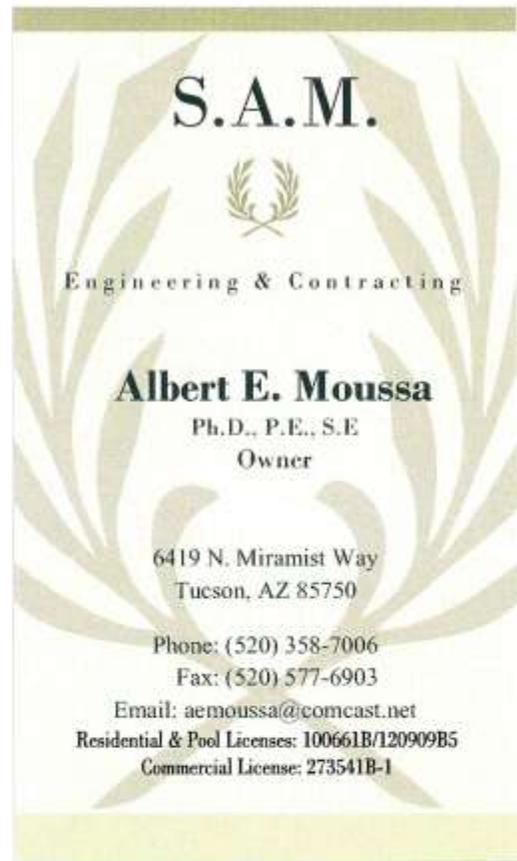
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