

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19, 2018

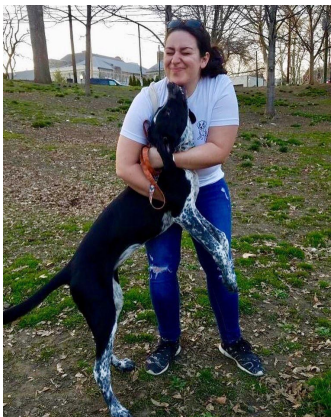
At 7PM

# SPITAK

At The Heart of an Earthquake

DECEMBER 7, 2018 marks 30 years since the devastating earthquake in Armenia. Thirty years ago, our very own Armenian Community, like Armenian communities worldwide, immediately joined forces to assist the victims of the earthquake. Today, there are members of our community who continue to work with and help the survivors, many of whom still live in deplorable conditions.

Please join us for this special event remembering the victims and survivors of the earthquake. Along with a showing of the film [SPITAK](#), special guest Sarah Derderian will discuss her work in Gyumri and the condition of the earthquake-devastated areas of Armenia today.



**Sarah Derderian**, originally from Philadelphia, repatriated to Armenia 3 years ago. She moved to Gyumri and began working at the **Debi Arach Children's Center** as their Development Officer and Special Project Director. In November 2017, she founded the **Dogs of Gyumri** organization, coordinating the adoption of 40 dogs both in Armenia and abroad in its first year. Future plans include opening the first animal welfare center and shelter in Armenia outside of Yerevan. Although conditions in Gyumri can be challenging, the meaningful work with both children, families, and dogs have inspired Sarah to stay and work in Armenia's second largest city.

**ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH, in Fairlawn, NJ**

12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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