



**JUDY SARYAN PRESENTS
ZABEL YESSAYAN:
THE ORACLE OF ISTANBUL**

Sunday, February 28, 2016

**ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION-CHICAGO CENTER
7248 N. HARLEM AVENUE, just north of Touhy**

2:00 pm *meet & greet*

2:30 pm *presentation*

Reception to follow

Get to know Zabel Yessayan. The visionary writer and political activist serves as a role model for her courage in venturing alone into devastation, for her empathy for victims regardless of their ethnicity or creed, and for her

cosmopolitan outlook in the midst of a crumbling world.

NEW RELEASE! "IN THE RUINS" by Zabel Yessayan now translated into English, Edited by Judy Saryan

In 1909, following the Turkish massacre of 30,000 Armenians in Adana, Turkey, Armenian writer and activist Zabel Yessayan journeyed to the region to provide relief to survivors. She

wrote her monumental account *In the Ruins* as a powerful testimony of this devastating event, considered a prelude to the 1915 Armenian Genocide. Her compelling images convey the horror and destruction she witnessed. Translated into English for the first time, *In the Ruins* has been acclaimed as one of Yessayan's most influential works.

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