

## LLSP ALUMNAE RAMADAN SCRAPBOOK 2020



Shared by Salma Hasan Ali, KARAMAH's Secretary/director. An introduction video to her "30 days 30 deeds" blog, as the theme is '30 reflections of our times'

http://www.salmahasanali.com/category/30days30 deeds/30-reflections/





## Recipe By Hasnaa Mokhtar (LLSP, class of

2017). Sambusa, or sambusak, is a treat I looked

Sitti's (gramma's) Sambusa

forward to having each Ramadan at sitti's home. It is a fried pastry filled with a savory stuffing and shaped as a half-moon. Sitti tried multiple dough recipes until she perfected her own and chose to fill it with either cooked ground beef mixed with fresh

herbs, any type of cheese, or cooked

vegetables. Every day of Ramadan, a plate

of these crunchy and fulfilling sambusas sat at the center of the dining table – or sometimes at the *sufra* (ground cover) – waiting to be devoured. Sambusa is a Ramadan staple in our household and in preserving this tradition I choose to honor sitti's legacy and those who came before her. I am sharing her recipe and I hope you

enjoy it!

## Sitti's dough ingredients: 4 cups of flour 2 tbsp of cornstarch

½ cup of vegetable oil 1 tsp of salt

1 cup of water (or as needed for the dough) In a bowl, mix the flour, corn starch, and salt well.

Add in the vegetable oil and mix more. Then add the water slowly and at this point start using your hands (or a mixed) until you get a smooth and firm dough.

and then put the dough in a bowl and cover it to rest for an hour.

Kneed it for 5-10 minutes on a surface or in a mixer

½ cup of finely chopped dill 1/4 of finely chopped cilantro Mix the beef, onion, garlic, and spices in a frying pan and place on the stove on medium heat. Stir the mix and break any

½ cup of finely chopped parsley

Sitti's filling ingredients:

1 medium onion finely chopped

½ kilo of ground beef

1 minced garlic clove

1/4 tsp black pepper

½ tsp ground cumin

Salt to taste

½ tsp ground coriander

1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

lumps until the beef absorbs the juicesley, dill, and cilantro. Divide the dough into small balls. Use a dough rolling pin tos and cooks well. Let the filling cool down then add the par

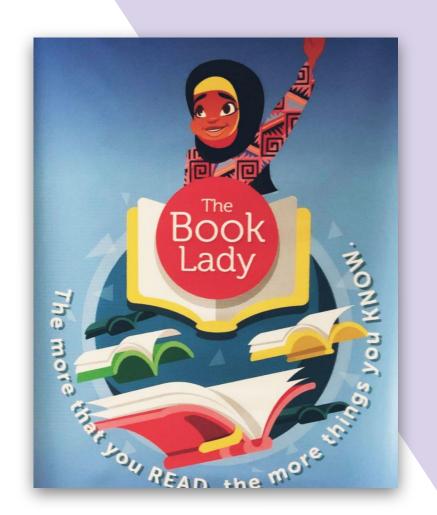
brown and crispy. You can make them a day in advance and keep them in the fridge until it is time to fry and serve!

flatten the dough balls into thin circles. Add a tablespoon of filling in the middle and fold the dough into half creating the half-moon shape. You can either press the edges of the half-moon with a fork or use a dough (or dumpling) press mold to shape them. Heat the oil and fry the sambusas until golden



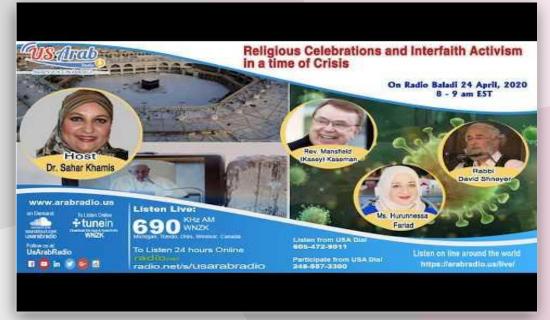


A picture shared by Atiya Aftab, Esq. LLSP class of 2011 (on the right) with her daughter Zahra Bukhari, LLSP class of 2018. This is a photo from Zahra's engagement in October 2019.



Shared by Khadija Mahdi Shared By Sahar Khamis, a Associate professor at the University of Maryland, College Park.

"The Bridge", a monthly radio show in which Sahar has been presenting on "U.S. Arab Radio", the first Arab-American radio station in the U.S. & Canada, over the last 7 years.



This specific episode shared tackled the theme "Religious Celebrations and Community Activism during a Time of Crisis", and the 3 guests were from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faith traditions. The episode talked about how the celebrations of Ramadan Easter, and Passover are different this year.