Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, which is the last night of fall (December 20/21, depending on the year), is celebrated and referred to as Shab-e Yalda/Shab-e Chelleh in Iranian culture. This celebration has been one of the most significant Iranian celebrations since the time of ancient Iran.

Yalda Night is typically celebrated in form of a social gathering to eat/drink and read Persian poetry, particularly poems by the great Iranian poet Hafez.

University of Hawaii at Manoa
CC 308 Campus Center
Friday, December 19, 2014
5:30-9:30 pm
Shab-e Yalda Potluck

Dried fruit, nuts, fresh fruit (watermelon and pomegranate), and cookies/sweets will be served.

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