



**Asal**





*Helpo!*

**I am Asaf.**

When I try to imagine you, I think of what a hard time this must be, and how honored I am that you'd consider me to take care of your baby. I hope that you are able to take deep breaths and think about what's best for you and baby to be. I hope that I can be part of your journey and that I can be of help with your peace of mind.

I've wanted a baby to share my life with for a long time. I wasn't able to get pregnant and I would love the chance to raise a kid who is already here. I work with autistic kids as an occupational therapist- I approach each of my patients with joy and curiosity, and plan to do the same with you and baby. I hope this book shows you what a life with me would look like for your child.

**All my love,**

*-asaf*

# My Story

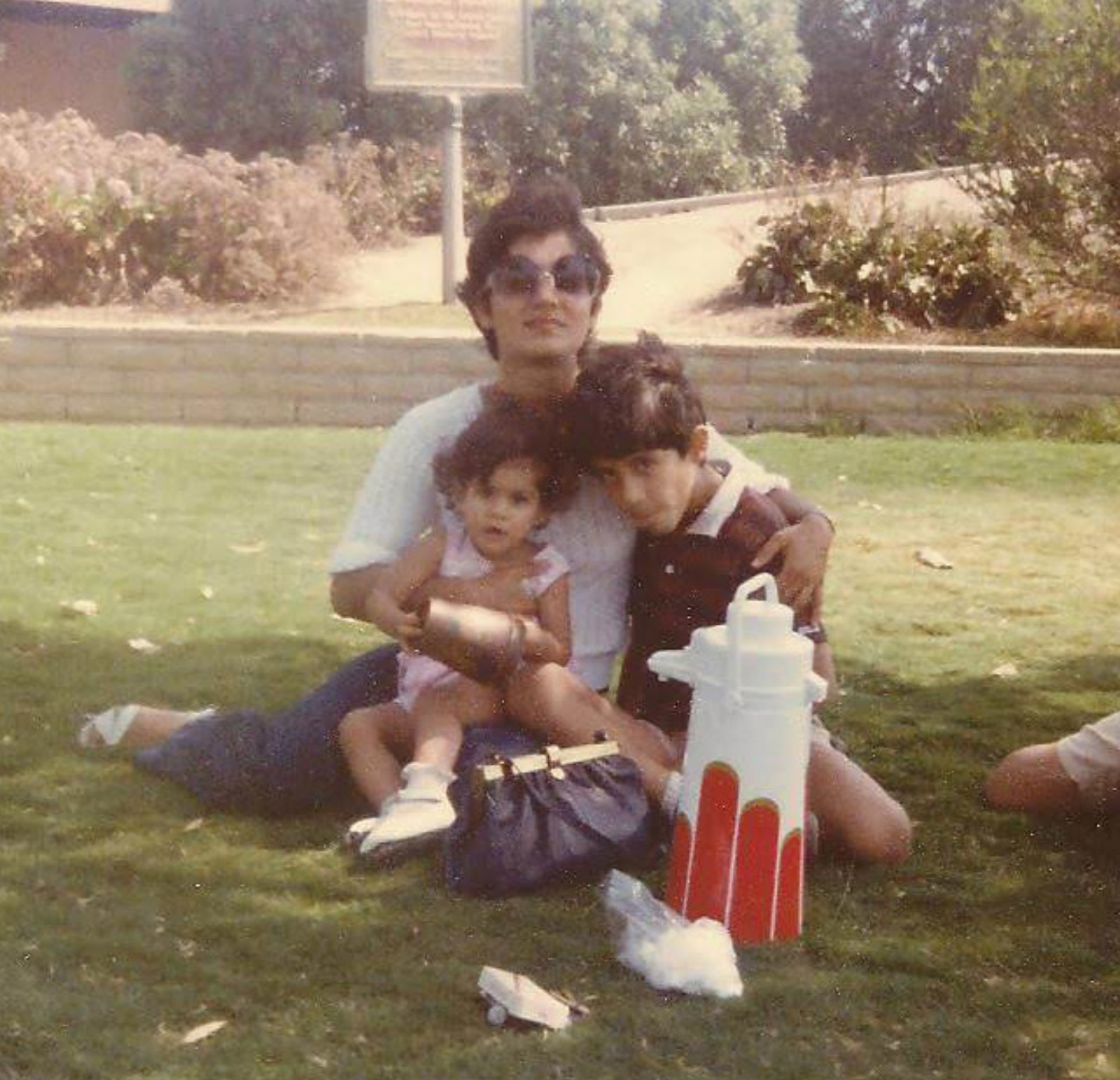
**I was born in Los Angeles to parents who had just immigrated from Iran.**

My parents divorced pretty early but my brother and I grew up in a home filled with love. My parents are each one of five kids, and so I've always had loads of cousins around (I have 20 in all!) and grew up with lots of playmates. I've always loved languages and studied Linguistics in college – I speak a bunch of languages and your baby will too! I got into healthcare when I was 15 and still am in healthcare all these years later. I went to school in the Caribbean and earned Graduate Degrees in medicine, business, and occupational therapy. Now I'm an occupational therapist who works with kids on the autism spectrum.



**Attending school in  
the Caribbean**





**LOVE MAKES A**  
*family.*



## *More about me*

**"Asal is the bestest friend anyone could ask for.  
She's kind loyal, invested, super smart and fiercely loving."**

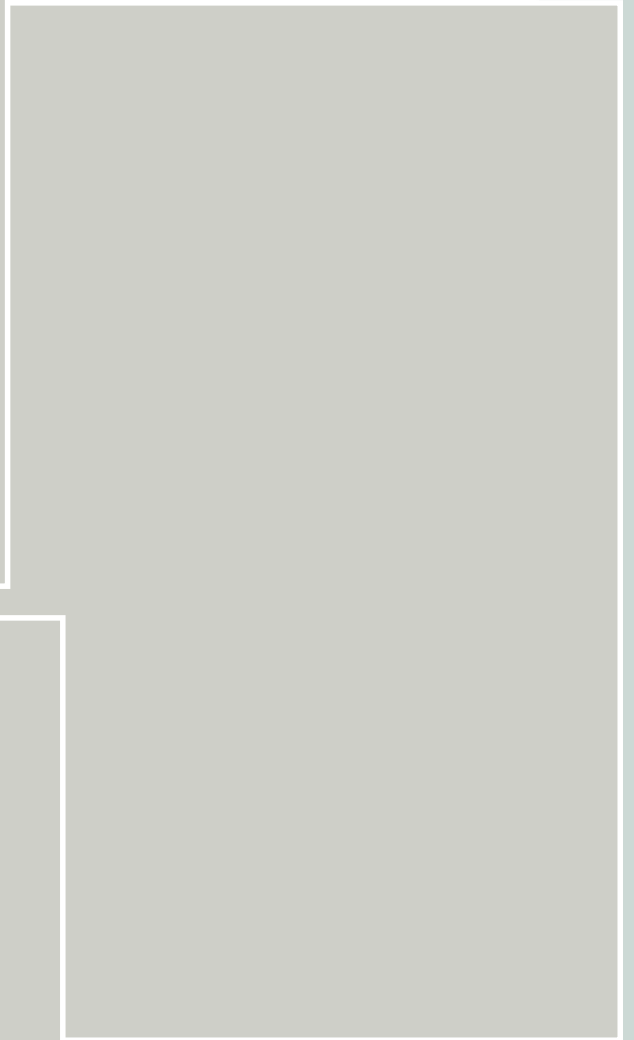
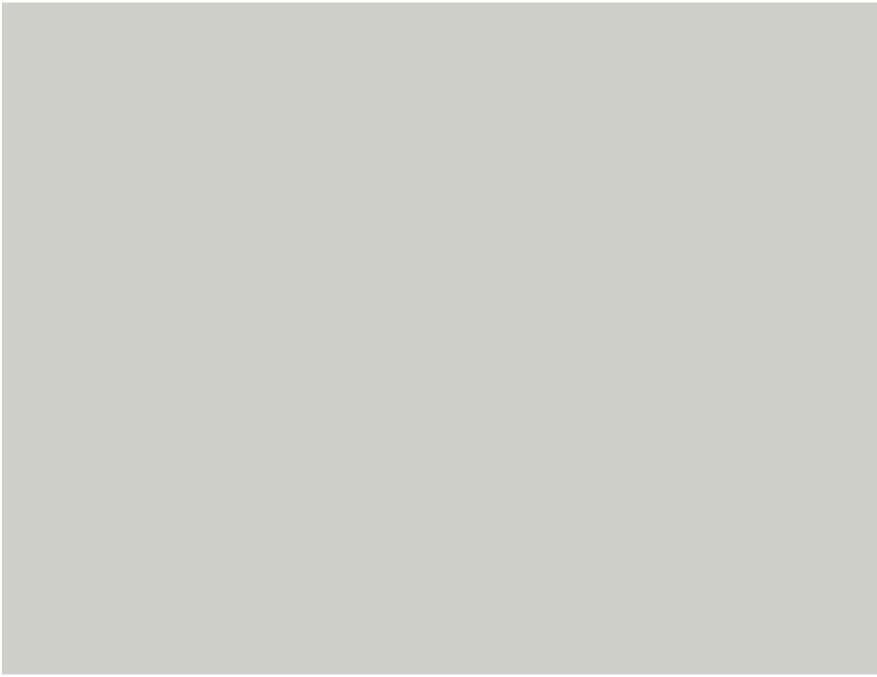
**- my best friend**

I believe that my superpower in life is meeting and connecting people. I'm the one who makes friends at the coffee shop, the grocery store, and just walking down the street. Whether I'm talking to a kid or an adult I believe that listening, respect, and a healthy sense of humor is the best way to connect to anyone. I love to read books and comics, draw, and cook. I also love hosting dinner parties.

My patients love me because I am silly, my friends love me because I'm always there to listen, and absolute strangers love me because I don't judge. I love me because I know I work hard to keep peace of mind and to make my life better. And I love making people laugh.

# Why adoption?

Adoption has always made sense to me. My uncle was adopted and his adoptive family and our family have always loved each other. I know that there are kids in the world who need a home and I'm happy to provide it. I tried to get pregnant but it didn't work out, and it lead me to some real soul searching - ultimately leading me to you. My friends adopted a little boy a few years ago, and I've been able to see how their blended family is full of joy. I'd like us to share that joy as well.





*My Home*





## **I love my neighborhood!**

I moved to Oceanside California a few years ago. I'm about half a mile from the beach and only a couple of miles from my mom and step-dad, and my grandma is nearby too.

The weather is nearly perfect all year long! We're about 30 minutes from San Diego and an hour from the border with Mexico. That means great tacos all year long! Nearby is Legoland, and Disneyland is about an hour away. About half an hour away is a lot of farms, which means we always have fresh fruit and vegetables.

My favorite thing about my neighborhood is that in the spring loads of butterflies pass through on their way to Mexico. I can't wait to take your child on walks to the park, spend lazy days at the local beach, and for visits to my mom's backyard!



# things I love



- independent comics
- good food
- long conversations
- stand up comedy
- walks on the beach
- pastries
- Backgammon
- coffee with my mom
- dinners with my stepdad
- traveling



# My family

**My extended family can only be described as big, messy and full of love.**

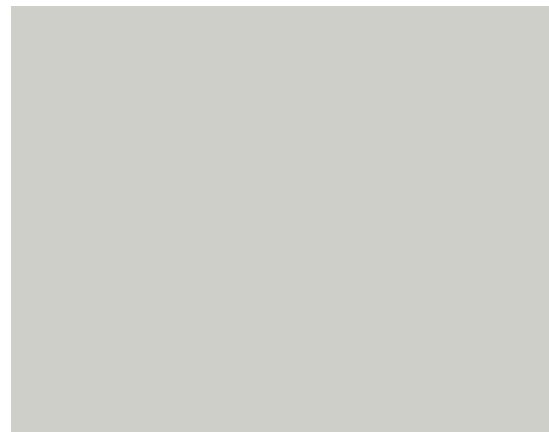
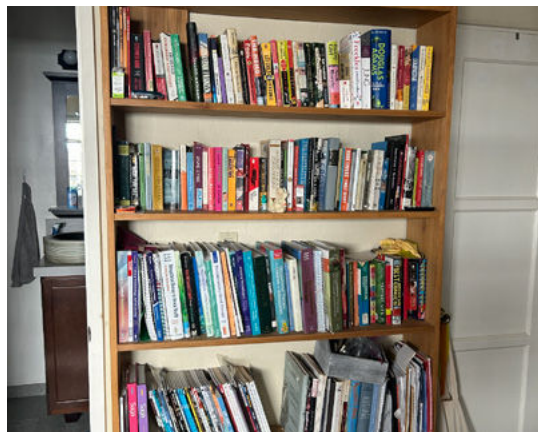
I have cousins who live as close as an hour away and as far as across the country. My mom and my dad are each one of five kids and those kids had kids and then those kids had kids and all in all there's a bunch of us! I'm lucky to have my grandma live about 20 minutes away and my mom and stepdad are only 10. EVERYONE is ready for me to bring a child in so they can give it all the love they have.





# 10 fun facts

- 1 • I've been to five continents, 19 countries and 28 states - I'm on a mission to go to all 50 states!
- 2 • I speak Farsi, English, and Spanish fluently and have studied three more
- 3 • I love playing backgammon
- 4 • I moved to Oceanside two years ago to be closer to my mom - she's excited and ready to help me raise a child!
- 5 • I have two careers I love! I work as a consultant in the morning and as a kids OT in the afternoon.
- 6 • School is a huge deal for me- I have three graduate degrees!
- 7 • I love dad jokes!
- 8 • My name means honey.
- 9 • I have been collecting baby books for the baby- I have over 70 ready to go.
- 10 • My parents immigrated from Iran and I was born in Los Angeles.





## These are my parents!

They live close by and they are ready to love your baby as much as possible! They plan to spoil the baby the way only first time grandparents can! My mom is retired, and my stepdad is a salesman, so their schedules are open to caring for a baby.

# My travels

**I was lucky enough to travel as a kid, and I've never been able to stop!**

I have friends throughout the states and across the world, and I love visiting them and finding out what's special to their corner of the world. Once the baby comes I'm going to make sure that baby gets to see the world too! My last trip was to Ireland, and next I'd like to go to South America (I've never been!)







## *My friends*

Friends are hugely important to me and a large part of my life.

# *My promises*


## **My promises to you and your child:**

- I promise to help your kid become the best version of themselves.
- I promise we'll have lots of fun - traveling and exploring new things together!
  - I promise to honor your family and cultural values.
- I promise to tell your child how much you love them - and support a relationship with you in whatever way you feel most comfortable.
- I promise to teach your child how to be courageous, kind, and self-respecting.
  - I promise to teach your child how to be strong, trust his or her instincts and get through life.
- They will always know they are loved unconditionally by a village of people.

**Thank you for taking the time to get  
to know me and my family.**

*- asaf*





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- RICHARD BACK