



**Arab American
National Museum**

WHAT WE CARRIED

FRAGMENTS & MEMORIES FROM IRAQ & SYRIA
بقايا و ذكريات من العراق و سوريا



Object and caption: Dr. Baher Butti, carried with him from Iraq. Photographed by Jim Lommasson.

When you leave your home forever, perhaps under the cover of darkness with a kid under each arm, you can't bring much with you.

Millions of Iraqi and Syrian families were driven from their homes in recent years due to war, conflict and destruction. A small fraction of them overcame the bureaucratic obstacles needed to enter the United States. The images in this exhibition are of the personal objects carried by these immigrants and refugees.

Photographer Jim Lommasson traveled the United States documenting these objects and asking their owners to write directly on the image to explain why they chose these items, above all others, to remind them of the lives they left behind.

The resulting images are as beautiful as they are heartbreaking. With every image of what these immigrants and refugees managed to save, visitors also gain a better understanding of what each person has lost.

The combination of carried objects and intensely personal stories illustrate the common threads that bind all of humanity: the love shared for family, friends, and the places people call home.

STANDARD EXHIBITION (\$1,000 + SHIPPING)

- Scalable from 25 – 50 prints
- Prints displayed in 13"x19" frames
- Text in English and Arabic
- 2 downloadable videos
- 1 Introductory text panel
- 3 Informational text panels
- Quotes for use as vinyl letter graphics

OPTIONAL COMPONENTS (ADDITIONAL FEES REQUIRED)

- 20 additional framed prints (19" w x 13" h)
- 7 large framed prints (40" w x 32" h)
- Photographs of items carried by immigrants and refugees from your city or region (requires contract with photographer)

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