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Dear Friendship Circle Community,

Spring has arrived and has brought forth a welcomed sense of hope and new beginnings. Last year's autumn firestorm brought about unanticipated hardships for our entire community. The healing and rebuilding will continue for years to come. Witnessing the generosity and cohesiveness of our community as we came together made me even more grateful for living and working in Sonoma County. The efforts to reach out and help one another were extraordinary. Thanks to the support of the *San Francisco Jewish Community Federation*, volunteers made **personal phone calls** offering help to our members who lived in the affected areas; our JCC provided **free senior lunches** that were sponsored by *Isra-Aid* and the *Jewish Community Federation*; beautiful **gift baskets** containing Judaica items were donated by *Bay Area Jewish Organizations* to replace those treasures that were consumed by the fires; and Friendship Circle hosted a **"Rebuilding Community" luncheon** featuring guest speakers Supervisor, Susan Gorin, and Sonoma County Regional Parks Ranger, Ilana Schy Stoelting, who offered their perspectives and suggestions for moving forward together. Our JCC staff worked tirelessly to provide our community with a safe place to connect and maintain a semblance of normalcy.

**We never closed our doors!** We have come a long way and it is now time to reflect and sow the seeds that will bring us fulfillment in the years to come.

**Friendship Circle** needs your help. Together we offer accessible programming that improves the lives of nearly 1,000 seniors in Sonoma County each year. Thanks to our members, private donors, sponsors, the *JCF and the JCC*, **Friendship Circle** has been able to expand our programming and reach out to our Jewish seniors in Sonoma County. We value your participation, the ability to subsidize those in need, and your support, which enables us to offer ongoing quality programming. **Please help us! A gift of any size makes a difference!** If you are not in a position to contribute financially, we welcome you as a volunteer, and appreciate your asking a friend or relative to support us.

The following are examples of how you can help:

**\$18:** Allow a senior to attend a Jewish holiday program at their residential community.

**\$36:** Help a senior savor a catered lunch, enjoy new friends and live entertainment.

**\$54:** Provide a senior with door to door transportation to and from one of our events.

**\$126:** Send a senior to San Francisco to visit an art museum or a live Broadway show.

**We never turn a senior away based on their inability to pay.** With your help we will be able to continue this practice of tzedakah (generosity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world).



Warm regards, *Jalena*  
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# Support Senior Programs

**THANK YOU** to our volunteer Advisory Committee: **Lois Abramson, Shelley Bauer, Binese Goldberg, Liz Hagen, Vicki Kalish, Ray Kaplan, Leslie Kline, Ruth Levy, Carol Jarvis, Joy Lovinger, Eleanor Olson, Karen Palmiotti, Ede Smith, and Edee Sternfield-Squires** for your continued guidance, loyalty, support and countless hours of volunteer work throughout the year. You make our programs possible and successful!

Please, join these dedicated volunteers and support **Friendship Circle** today!

**A special THANK YOU to our Friendship Circle Members!** As a member, you are given **first priority** for Day Excursion reservations, enjoy **reduced fees** for all *Friendship Circle* activities, and you are invited as our special guest at the annual **Membership Tea** later in the year. This yearly event is lots of fun with homemade goodies, door prizes, and entertainment – **save the date!** This year our Membership Tea will be on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Your membership helps sustain *Friendship Circle*, allowing us to continue to serve older adults in our community.

New members may join at any point during the year, and their membership is good for 365 days; we will help remind you when your membership is up for renewal. Encourage your friends to join.

I strive to keep our programming new and interesting, contemporary and sentimental, and welcome your ideas.

### Some of the more memorable programs over the past year have included:

- Broadway Shows ***Hamilton & Book of Mormon*** at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco
  - Sephardic Culture, Spirituality & Movement presented by **Rivka Amado** after a catered luncheon
    - Concert Pianist **Ian Scarfe** performing at a catered luncheon
  - **Hawaiian Luau Membership Tea** with authentic dance and live music
- Private backstage tour of **SF War Memorial Opera House** and lunch at **Delancey Street Restaurant**
  - Tour and wine tasting at **Hagafen Cellars** with lunch out at **Ristorante Allegria** in Napa
  - Plus away trips to **Las Vegas, San Luis Obispo & Hearst Castle**, and annually offered **Ashland Oregon Shakespeare Festival!**

If you are unable to pay the full cost for any of our programs, we want you to join us anyway; we truly are a **Friendship Circle**. I am available to speak with you in confidence.

### Yes, I want to keep the JCC Friendship Circle vibrant and strong!

**Please check one:**

- \$36    \$72    \$180    \$360    \$500    \$1,000    Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like my gift to support:**

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[www.jccsoco.org](http://www.jccsoco.org) or call (707) 528-4222

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- Yes! I would like to receive the eNews and know what's going on in our Jewish Community!

**Your contribution is tax deductible. JCC is a 501(c)(3).** All donations of \$180 and up will be acknowledged on the JCC website. Your name(s) as shown here will be included in a THANK YOU ad in the FC Newsletter.