



Jewish Community Center

SONOMA COUNTY

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2009-2010

JCC's Friendship Circle 55+ has enjoyed major growth in attendance for our "Lunch and Learn Programs" and our "Senior Excursion Trips," thanks to all of you who have participated.

With several grants from the Jewish Community Federation, Barbara Scharf, Program Director, and Fran Danoff, Outreach Coordinator, have been able to expand Friendship Circle programming and reach out to an ever-growing senior community in Sonoma County. Isolated and vulnerable seniors have programs and holiday celebrations brought to them at their residential facilities. We are making a tremendous impact on the lives of many Jewish seniors in Sonoma County.

OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HELPS TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAMS YOU'VE COME TO ENJOY AND ENSURES THE FUTURE OF FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OUTREACH TO ISOLATED SENIORS.

Our **Lunch and Learn** programs are entertaining and educational, not to mention delicious, with the vegetarian buffets we offer.

SOME OF THE MOST MEMORABLE PROGRAMS AND EXCURSION TRIPS HAVE INCLUDED:

- ◆ *The Asian Art Museum* in San Francisco
- ◆ *The San Francisco Contemporary Jewish Museum: Warhol's Jews Exhibit*
- ◆ *Happiness is an Inside Job*, Author and Spiritual Leader Sylvia Boorstein
- ◆ Jewish Music Performed by *Music Historian Mark Levy*
- ◆ Rabbi Jerry Danzig: *How the Hebrew Bible Influenced American Values*
- ◆ *San Francisco Symphony* at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco
- ◆ *Laughter Yoga for a Healthy Heart* with Carmela Carlyle

WE'VE OVERHEARD PARTICIPANTS SAYING:

"If it weren't for Friendship Circle, I could never get to San Francisco anymore"

"Friendship Circle is the best part of my social life and I look forward to it."

"Friendship Circle is my only connection to the Jewish Community."

PLEASE JOIN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE AS A "MEMBER"

FROM APRIL 1, 2009 TO MARCH 31, 2010.

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Benefits of Membership: First priority for trip reservations is given to our Friendship Circle Members and those who have never attended an excursion previously. Members enjoy reduced fees for all Friendship Circle activities. You will be our special guest at the annual Membership Tea, which has always been lots of fun with delicious homemade goodies, door prizes, and great entertainment.

Keeping in mind the hardships we all face with the economy, membership fees for this year will remain steady. Our monthly luncheon meetings will have a slight increase to \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members; this is unavoidable with the rising costs of food and supplies. 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.

We welcome your ideas for programming and are especially thankful for the guidance and loyal support of the Friendship Circle Advisory Committee for the many hours of volunteer work they donate to make our programs so successful. Friendship Circle Advisory Members: Ray Kaplan (Committee Chair), Mark Milberg (JCC Board Member liaison), Harriet Baer, Sy and Sel Berkowitz, Evelyn Breger, Natalie Friedman, Carol Jarvis, Victoria Kalish, Gloria Solomon, Lee Strauss, Ruth Turner, and Irene Wilson.

We look forward to another wonderful year together.

With warm regards,

Barbara

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Please contact the office at 707/528-4222 if you'd like to use a credit card.

Name(s): _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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\$ _____ \$40 Individual \$ _____ \$60 Couple

Take this opportunity to make an additional annual gift to Friendship Circle. We depend on those who can, to give beyond the basic membership fee. Know that your support makes it possible for others to stay connected and participate.

Thank You.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION

\$1000 _____ \$600 _____ \$360 _____ \$180 _____ Other \$ _____