



March, April & May
2025



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Friendship Circle

A program for adults 55+

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Friendship Circle is a Program of the Jewish Community Center Sonoma County

Good Pesach Members and Friends of Friendship Circle!

As you may have noticed, we are attending more Broadway shows. There's nothing like singing and dancing to clear away the blues!

In the coming months we'll go to see ***Mamma Mia!***, and ***A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical***. Coming up in October we'll see the new musical ***Suffs*** about the brilliant, passionate, and funny American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote.

We are trying to keep the cost low for our tickets and events. We do have a number of seniors who need financial assistance in order to attend. If you have a few extra dollars, please donate to Friendship Circle so that we can continue to offer our programming to anyone who wants to join us.

Bringing Seniors out, and together, is one of the greatest contributions to better physical and mental health as we age.

Love, Sandy



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Jewish American Heritage Month

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Mondays, March 24 & April 28

10:30 AM - NOON

Zoom Tours with the Fine Arts Museums of SF

MONDAY, MARCH 24

A Soundtrack For Our Eyes

Docents: Margaret Grohne and Lani Shepp

Some pieces of visual art seem to have a soundtrack. When we look at them, music comes to mind and adds an extra dimension to the experience of looking. Join us as we look at several art objects from the collection and explore how they inspire all our senses, but especially sight and sound.

To receive your FREE zoom link go to [REQUEST A RESERVATION](#)



Night Life, Stuart Davis, 1962, oil on canvas

MONDAY, April 28

Wayne Thiebaud: Art Comes from Art

Docent: Anne Burns Johnson

Bay Area artist Wayne Thiebaud (1920-2021) became famous for his colorful paintings of cakes and buffets. He described himself as an "art thief" who openly appropriated and reinterpreted old and new European and American artworks. Highlighting works from across the beloved artist's six-decade career, the exhibition features Thiebaud's inventive reinterpretations and direct copies of famous artworks.

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VIRTUAL ONLINE PROGRAMMING VIA ZOOM

ZOOM

Need Zoom support? Contact Randi Hulce (206) 499-5422, randihulce@comcast.net, the Sunday before the program. On the day of the program contact Sandy Andresen for help (707) 775-8811.

COST

Consider making a suggested donation of \$5.00 to help pay for Friendship Circle's Zooming! With a donation of \$60.00, sponsors automatically receive Zoom links for one full year.

Jewish Film Festival

Tuesday, April 8 & 29 at 1:00 PM



This year's film festival runs April through December.
Screening takes place on a Tuesday with showings at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM

BLUE
RIDGE
KITCHEN

Join us for a no host lunch before the matinee showing at **Blue Ridge Kitchen**
in the Barlow in Sebastopol.

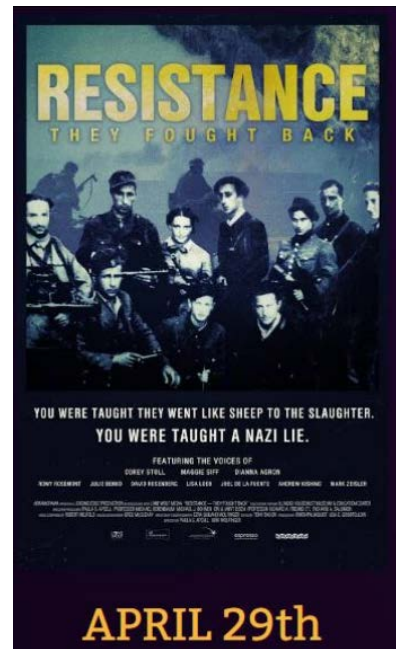
Featuring a locally inspired **menu** in a casual, upscale setting.

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6770 McKinley St. #150
Sebastopol, CA 95472



Not Rated • 114 mins
Documentary



Not Rated • 97 mins
Documentary

Click on images for trailers and to purchase advance tickets.

Movie tickets also available at the theater.

Thursday, April 10 @ 6:30 PM

Seniors and Seniors is Back

Congregation Shomrei Torah



Join us for a very Special Seniors and Seniors Evening with **Rick Concoff** and **Sandy Andresen**

Students from High School Kehillah Class led by **Rick Concoff** meet with Seniors from the JCCSoCo Friendship Circle led by **Sandy Andresen** to engage in intergenerational conversations about our culture, our lives, what came before, and what comes next!



A great evening of sharing stories, commonalities, and intergenerational cultures.

Dinner is provided!

[Reserve HERE](#)

Saturday, April 26

TRASH BASH—Post Runway Celebration

Sonoma Community Center

Trashion Fashion Sonoma celebrates the intersection of fashion, art, and environmental sustainability.

11:15 AM

Carpool pick up at
Behind Congregation Beth Ami
4676 Mayette Blvd Santa Rosa

12:00 PM (no host)

Lunch in Sonoma at "The Girl and the Fig"
110 West Spain Street, Sonoma
[menu](#)



2:00 PM

Trash Bash Post Runway Celebration
Sonoma Community Center
276 East Napa Street, Sonoma

[Reserve HERE](#)



Wednesday, May 7
Mamma Mia!
 Orpheum Theater, SF Broadway



*A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads.
 And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!*

Set on a Greek island paradise where the sun always shines, a tale of love, friendship, and identity is beautifully told through the timeless hits of ABBA. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the father she's never known brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited decades ago.

Wednesday, June 18
A Beautiful Noise:
The Neil Diamond Musical
 Golden Gate Theatre, SF Broadway



Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, this is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart-busting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 120 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "America," "Forever in Blue Jeans," and "Sweet Caroline," Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway-and head out on the road across America.

SCHEDULE

The bus **LEAVES at 10:00 AM from Congregation Beth Ami** (4676 Mayette Ave, Santa Rosa). Please park in the back parking lot behind Beth Ami.

The bus **picks up at the Petaluma Community Center (320 N. Mc Dowell Blvd., Petaluma) approximately 10:30 AM** and **LEAVES Petaluma at 10:40 AM** arriving at the theater around **12:15 PM**.

The bus **LEAVES SF around 4:00 PM** to return to Petaluma and then Santa Rosa by **5:30 PM and 6:00 PM respectively**.

COST

\$110.00 per person.

Includes: Transportation, ticket, lunch, parking and tolls, and tax.

Please reserve online [RSVP HERE](#) or call the Friendship

Circle at (707) 528-1182 to reserve. Make sure to specify what you would like for lunch. You may pay using a credit card online, over the phone, or mail in a check made payable to the JCC, Friendship Circle, 3421 Bonita Vista Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. **To reserve by mail:** Please include the name and date of the event on your check:

Mamma Mia! 5/7/25 or A Beautiful Noise 6/18/25

Please make your reservation early so you don't miss out. We strongly encourage those who have never attended one of our excursions to sign up! No one is ever turned away based on ability to pay. (Please speak to Sandy in confidence (707) 528-1182.) When making your reservation, please let us know if you need a ride to the bus, or if you are meeting the bus in Petaluma.

Lunch on the Bus!
Catered by Boudin SF

Sandwich Choices

Served with mixed greens and cookie

California Veggie Sandwich

Avocado, Havarti, red peppers, cucumber, lettuce, red onion, tomatoes, sun-dried tomato spread, balsamic vinaigrette, multigrain bread

Chicken Salad Sandwich

Chicken breast, celery, scallion, sliced almonds, red grapes, lettuce, Dijon, mayo, sourdough

Turkey Cranberry

Turkey breast, cranberry sauce, red onion, lettuce, mayo, sourdough.

Thank you to our Sponsors and Donors

Sandy Andresen

Drori Pearl

Beth Goodman

Sid and Gerry Lipton

Evelyn Howard

Howard Balfour

Elisabeth Van Nuys

Ruth Levy

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The Access Program of the DeYoung and Legion of Honor Museums

Karen Palmiotti

Leslie Kline

Rabbi Ron Koas

Thank You

The Friendship Circle Advisory Committee

for dedication and commitment to the FC

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for arranging for her Club House for Mah Jongg

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Steve Einstein and Sebastopol Jews *for Lay Leading Passover at Burbank Heights and Orchards*

The JCC Board of Directors *for their support of the FC*

Congregation Beth Ami *for hosting Friendship Circle events*

If you are remembering someone you hold dear, or would like to celebrate someone, please consider making a [donation to Friendship Circle](#) in their memory or honor.

Sending Good Wishes to Our Members with Spring Birthdays

March

Nancy Vargo

Bill Cordell

Ruth Levy

April

Julie Flieger

Binese Goldberg

Drori Pearl

Anne Kain

Shirley Liberman

Sid Lipton

May

Hedda Gold

Ruthie Herman

Howard Sidorsky



Please contact our office to let us know your birthday so we can celebrate YOU!

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MAH JONGG

with Leslie Kline and Deborah Greenfield

Beginners and seasoned players are all welcome.

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS

FROM 1:00-3:00 PM

LOCATION:

Rincon Valley Manufactured Homes

Recreation Area Club House

4671 Circle Drive, Santa Rosa

Contact Leslie Kline (559) 273-7826;

Sandy Andresen

(707) 528-1182 or friendshipcircle@jccsoco.com

Join Friendship Circle Today!

To become a member of the Friendship Circle online [click here](#).

To join by mail please send a check for:

Single Membership: **\$65.00**

Couple or Household: **\$95.00**

JCC Friendship Circle Membership

3421 Bonita Vista Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Please include:

Name(s) of member, Address, Email, Phone Number

Birthdate (optional)