2026 OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

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# FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

## *A place to connect and belong*

*Friendship Circle is a program the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County*

It is officially the Jewish new year of 5787, Autumn is here, and somehow, we're already looking ahead to December. We had a lovely summer at Friendship Circle with a trip to San Francisco and meals with good company all over Sonoma County. We miss Sandy Andresen's leadership and beautiful singing voice, but the strength of the Friendship Circle Advisory Committee has kept us on course!

At the JCC we're in the process of interviewing to add a new staff member. This is a first step towards building a support team for Friendship Circle. Myself and the Advisory Committee make a pretty dynamic team, but we're excited for this program to grow!

Sincerely, Heather Muntzer, JCC SoCo Executive Director

## *Mark your calendars!*

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*Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah: Oct 2 - 4*

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| Oct 13 - Film Festival | PG 2 |
| Oct 14 & 28 - Mahjong | PG 6 |
| Oct 23 - Out to Eat / Bdays | PG 3 |
| Oct 25 - Holechim Walking Club | PG 6 |
| Oct 26 - FAMSF Art Zoom | PG 4 |

Oct 27 - Advisory Committee Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

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| Nov 11 & 25 - Mahjong | PG 6 |
| Nov 13 - Out to Eat / Bdays | PG 3 |
| Nov 17 - Film Festival | PG 2 |
| Nov 22 - Play @ 6th St | PG 5 |
| Nov 29 - Holechim Walking Club | PG 6 |

Nov 24 - Advisory Committee Meeting

**DECEMBER**

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*Chanukah: Dec 4 - 12*

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| Dec 7 - Hanukkah Party | PG 1 |
| Dec 9 & 23 - Mahjong | PG 6 |
| Dec 13 - Film Festival | PG 2 |
| Dec 18 - Out to Eat / Bdays | PG 3 |
| Dec 27 - Holechim Walking Club | PG 6 |

Dec 22 - Advisory Committee Meeting

# HANUKKAH PARTY!

*Save the Date*
12 / 7

*If you'd like to party-plan with us contact friendshipcircel@jccsoco.org*

## Monday, Dec 7th

*There will be latkes!*

We are looking forward to celebrating Hanukkah together this year. Note Monday, the 7th of December on your calendar!

More details about the nosh, the fun and location will become available soon!

# FC'S OUTREACH PROGRAM

This year I was blessed to join **Norman Eisely** and two of Friendship Circle's High Holy Days Outreach events at **Brookdale Paulin Creek** and **Oakmont Gardens**. This is a long standing partnership and program where residents sign up to join us thoughtfully combined Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur service, followed by a beautiful meal.

I can't tell you how lucky I felt to attend, and how meaningful I found both the service and conversations that followed.

Everyone at our tables had such distinctly different paths that had led them there. No two similar. You never would have guessed it though from the collective, reverential song of prayer you'd have heard walking by.

ABOVE: *Norman Eisley leading service at Brookdale Paulin Creek this September with his mother and Advisory Committee member Naomi Eisley to his right.*

*Thank you to Brookdale Paulin Creek for your partnership, delicious meal and all the individually-sized round challahs!*

THANK YOU
**to those who built, sustained, partnered with and attended this outreach program.**

Once Monthly: April - Dec

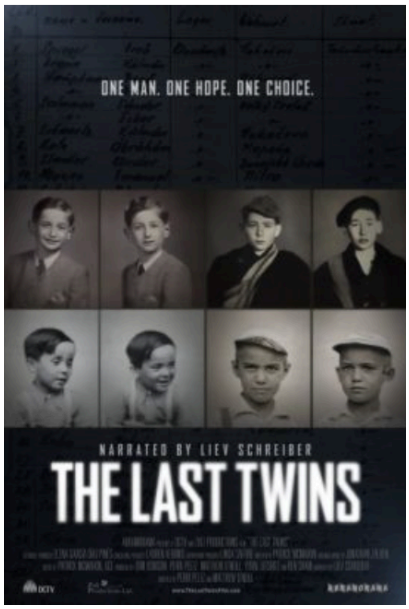
# JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

*For nearly 30 years the Rialto Cinemas has partnered with JCC SoCo to present film series showcasing a diverse selection of films that celebrate Jewish heritage, culture, and identity.*

**We hope to see you at the final showings of this year's festival!**

**Tuesday, Oct 13**
1 & 6:30 PM

## The Last Twins




*The Last Twins* is a 2025 documentary about Erno "Zvi" Spiegel, a Holocaust hero who used his position inside Auschwitz to save dozens of young twin boys.

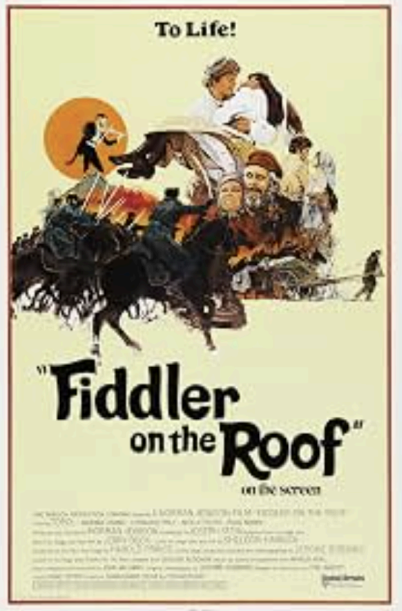
**Tuesday, Nov 17**
1 & 6:30 PM

## We Met at Gossingger's

*We Met at Grossinger's* is an immersive journey through the Jewish Catskills (once known as the Borscht Belt) reviving the iconic resort that inspired Dirty Dancing and defined an era of Jewish American life.

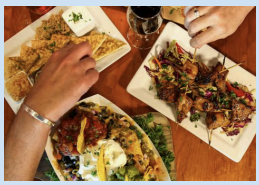
**Sunday, Dec 13**
1 PM

## "Fiddler on the Roof" SING-ALONG!




*Fiddler on the Roof* sing-along is an interactive screening of the 1971 classic film where audiences are invited to sing along to Fiddler's beloved musical numbers together.

**CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS, TRAILERS & MORE INFORMATION**



## LUNCH & A MOVIE?

Come early to the Rialto Cinemas for the Oct 13th and/or Nov 17th matinee and grab pre-film lunch!

RIALTO CAFE MENU

Once Monthly: Fridays @ 11:30 AM

# OUT TO EAT

*With Friendship Circle*

## Shabbat & Birthday Celebrations

*There will be cake!*

**Friday, October 23rd**
October Birthday Celebrations!

MEZZELUNA
Savor Greece in Every Bite

Mezzaluna
8099 La Plaza Suite A, Cotati CA

MENU • RSVP

**Friday, November 13th**
November Birthday Celebrations!

TOMATINA
fresh italian

TOMATINA
2323 Sonoma Ave. Santa Rosa, CA

MENU • RSVP

**Friday, December 18th**
December Birthday Celebrations!

MARY'S
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est 1959

Mary's Pizza Shack
432 McDowell Blvd. Petaluma, CA

MENU • RSVP

# ARTFUL DISCOVERIES ON ZOOM

*With the Fine Arts Museums of SF*

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**If you haven't considered logging on for a quick trip to the museum with us, you should before this special program takes a break in Nov & Dec.**

*This is a wonderful partnership where two knowledgeable guides curate an artful experience that connects us not only with our incredible Fine Arts Museums in the city, but with history, wonder and each other as well.*

**Monday, Oct 26th**
**10:30 AM - 12 PM**

THEME: **Something Fishy is Going on Here!**

GUIDES: **Joy Bullen & Shelley Ford**

Fish have swum throughout the human imagination and made their way into great art for centuries appearing in such diverse forms as ancient Roman mosaics, 18th century Chinese porcelain and 19th century paintings of American sport fishing. Fish have symbolized fertility, abundance, and prosperity. However we also appreciate fish for their endless variety, brilliant colors, and for their value as a culinary delight. Please join us for this captivating presentation that will surely get you hooked, and, if you like, share your best fishing tale with us.

**CLICK HERE TO RSVP & RECEIVE A ZOOM LINK**

**NEED ZOOM SUPPORT?**

Contact Randi Hulce (206) 499 - 5422, randihulce@comcast.net
the Sunday before the program.

# MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

*Presented by 6th St Playhouse*

## Sunday, Nov 22st • 2 PM Matinee

*Meet Me in St. Louis* is a heartwarming, nostalgic musical that brings the charm and excitement of turn-of-the- century America to life. Set in 1904 on the eve of the St. Louis World's Fair, the story follows the Smith family through a year of romance, humor, and unexpected change.

At its center is the spirited and lovestruck Esther Smith, whose blossoming romance unfolds alongside her sisters' own adventures and the family's hopes for the future. Featuring beloved songs like "The Trolley Song," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and "The Boy Next Door," this classic musical overflows with warmth, wit, and unforgettable melodies.

Rich with period detail, lively ensemble numbers, and tender family moments, *Meet Me in St. Louis* celebrates community, resilience, and the enduring power of home.

Audiences will be swept up in its colorful seasonal settings—from summer dances to a magical Christmas Eve—culminating in the dazzling anticipation of the World's Fair. Perfect for theatregoers of all ages, this timeless musical offers romance, laughter, and a joyful reminder that even in times of change, love and family light the way forward

Stage Photos: Above: The Muny Theater, Missouri
Left: Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia

**Tickets $55**

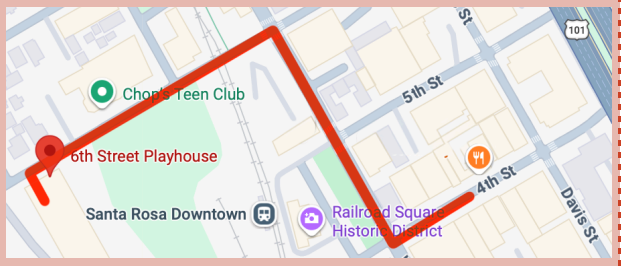
**CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS & RESERVATIONS**

MENU

## MAKE A DAY OF IT!

Join us before the play for an optional, no-host lunch @ **12pm**

PARADISE SUSHI & GRILL
(Railroad Square)
119 4th St, Santa Rosa




*If you register for lunch (in addition to the play) we will connect you with other lunch-goers to coordinate parking and carpooling between the play and lunch.*

Twice Monthly: 2nd & 4th Weds @ 1 -3 PM

# MAH JONGG

*Beginners & seasoned players are all welcome!*

Whether you're new to Mah Jongg or have been playing for years, we hope you'll consider joining us at our **drop-ins welcome** Mah Jongg.

Twice a month you can find **Leslie Kline**, **Deborah Greenfield** and **Jeri Phillips** leading tables of Mah Jongg at the: **Rincon Valley Manufactured Homes Club House** in Santa Rosa.

FREE LESSONS

4671 Circle Drive, Santa Rosa CA

(Near Highway 12 & Mission Blvd in Rincon Valley)

FIRST TIME PLAYING WITH US? WANT MORE INFO? CALL LESLIE KLINE (559) 273 - 7826

# PRESCHOOL "BUBBE HOUR"

*Fridays*
*11:30 - 12:30 pm*

Do you have experience in Early Childhood Education, preschools or with little children? Do you enjoy reading children's books?

SIGN UP TO READ STORIES DURING OUR PRESCHOOL'S "BUBBE HOUR"

Every Friday JCC SoCo Preschool welcomes Shabbat with school-made challah, song and prayer.

To help us prepare for our community Shabbat visitors can sign up ahead of time to read stories to preschoolers (11:30 - 12). Visitors are then encouraged to stay for our Shabbat celebration (12-12:30)

CONTACT SARAH WELTON
JCC SoCo Preschool Director
(708) 528 - 4272
sarahgrace@jccsoco.org

# HOLECHIM SONOMA WALKING CLUB

*Last Sunday of the Month*

CLICK TO RSVP

MORE INFO: NorthBayShalom@gmail.com

TEXT (707) 968 - 7375

# THANK YOU

## *to everyone who made Friendship Circle possible in 2026*

We are a program ***by*** our community, ***for*** our community, and are so very grateful to all those who gave their time, skills and financial support this year.

## 2026 DONORS

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*If you donated to Friendship Circle in 2026 and don't see your name, please contact Heather Muntzer.*

## SPECIAL THANKS

**The Friendship Circle Advisory Committee**
for dedication and commitment to the FC

Carol Jarvis
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**Sandy Andresen**
*for 5 full years of Friendship Circle leadership. This 40 yr old program came out of COVID and through to 2026 because of your dedication and care.*

**Shelley Bauer**
*for piloting our Preschool's "Bubbe Hour" and reading stories to the children..*

**Norman Eisley**
*for Lay Leading Passover, High Holidays and Hanukkah events*

**Leslie Kline, Edee Sternfield-Squires, Sheila Hirsch & Rincon Valley Manufactured Homes** *for hosting Mahjong*

**Adrea Moss**
*for her event support as both FC member and JCC SoCo Board Member*

**Barry Sovel**
*for his support of FC as a JCC SoCo Board Member, especially his dedication to FC's strong and vibrant future.*

Are you **remembering someone,** or wishing to celebrate? Donate to FC and make an impactful gift in someone's honor.

## DONATE

## PLANNED GIVING

### GENERATIONS FUND

Join a group of strategic impact-makers by giving to the JCC's Generations Fund to ensure both the short, and long term success of our organization.

### CONTACT

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*Thank you to those who have remembered Friendship Circle & the JCC SoCo in your*
**LEGACY PLANNING**
*Please know your gift will make a difference, and we're honored.*

## SPONSORSHIP

### LOCAL BUSINESSES & CORPORATIONS WELCOME!

Know a business that values community and would like recognition for their support of our programming?

### CONTACT

(369) 444- 0971
heather@jccsoco.org

## MEMBERSHIP

### DON'T MISS OUT!

Members receive discounts on big ticket events, receive monthly digital news blasts, and/or quarterly printed newsletter in the mail and become an always-included part of the FC community.

**$65 /year - Individual**
**$95 /year - Two Individuals**

APPLY ONLINE HERE

### CONTACT

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