

August 2020



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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

Monday Mornings 10:30 AM - Noon



IMPORTANT:
designate your donation
to "Friendship Circle."

- Zoom** All programs are offered using Zoom (We will send you the link to join once we have received your reservation.) If you are not familiar with Zoom and would like support, please contact one of our dedicated volunteers:
Randi Hulce: (707) 499-5422, randihulce@comcast.net or Olivia Jacobs: (707) 239-3572.
- RSVP** By the Sunday prior to the program. Contact Carol King: carolk@jccsoco.org, (707) 528-1182
- Cost:** Programs are FREE. Please consider making a donation to help Friendship Circle programs remain accessible to all. We welcome donations made in any denomination.

Monday, August 10: Riccardi Cabaret

Suggested Donation: \$18

Sandy and Richard Riccardi will make you scream with laughter at their all-original, all-comedy musical show, describing their cracked and bush-whacked road to marital bliss, social consciousness, and menopause. This Monday Morning program includes small group check-ins, performance by **Sandy and Richard Riccardi**, Q&A, and free time at the end to chat and catch up with friends. [Click here for more information about Sandy & Richard Riccardi.](#)



Monday, August 24: Deborah Rosengaus Returns!

"Jewish Music & Broadway: Part 2"

Suggested Donation: \$18

Do you have a special Broadway-related memory? Share your memories and take a theatrical journey with mezzo soprano **Deborah Martinez Rosengaus**. **Deborah** will deliver an interactive lecture on *Jewish Music and Broadway*. Explore Broadway musicals of the 60s & 70s, and the powerful influence Jewish culture and music played in molding the art form into what we know and love today!

This Monday Morning program includes small group check-ins, presentation by **Deborah** including memorable and historical clips and images, Q&A, and free time at the end to chat and catch up with friends.

[Click here for more information on Deborah Rosengaus.](#)

Monday Morning Coffee Klatches

August 17: Member Prize Giveaway*

August 31: Art & Culture with Ray Kaplan

Suggested Donation: \$9

Make yourself a cup-a-joe or your favorite morning beverage, and come say hello to your friends!

Share, learn, and make new friends. We hope you join us!

***NEW: Friendship Circle Members who attend the Monday Morning Coffee Klatch on August 17** will be entered to win a **"zoom-door" prize**. If you are not currently a member and would like to join, please contact Carol King: carolk@jccsoco.org, (707) 528-1182, or [fill out the Membership Form on our website.](#)



Save The Date



- Monday, August 10 "Riccardi Cabaret"
- Monday, August 17 "Coffee Klatch" (plus prize give-away)
- Thursday, August 20 "Levi Strauss Virtual Tour"
- Monday, August 24 "Jewish Music & Broadway" with Deborah Rosengaus
- Monday, August 31 "Coffee Klatch" featuring "Art and Culture with Ray Kaplan"
- Monday, September 7 *JCC Closed for Labor Day*
- Monday, September 14 "Festive Music for the Holy Days" with Gale Kissin
- Monday, September 28 "Yom Kippur with Rick Concoff"



Thursday Afternoon Monthly Special Event Levi Strauss: A History of American Style

Thursday, August 20

2-3:30 PM

Members: FREE, Guests: \$18

RSVP by 8/19 @ noon

Join us for a virtual tour of
Levi Strauss: A History of American Style
presented by an educator of the
San Francisco Contemporary Jewish Museum.

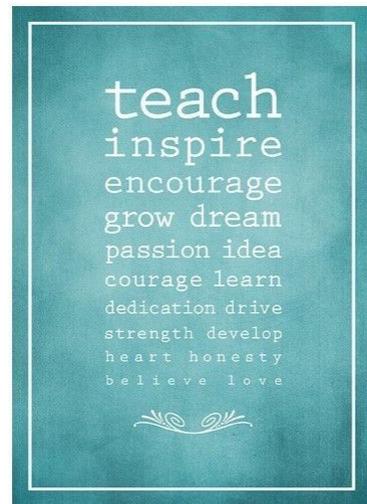
This original exhibition celebrates: the life of Levi Strauss, a Jewish immigrant, businessman, and philanthropist;
the birth of the blue jean;
and San Francisco,
the city where it all began!

Teach, Learn and Inspire

Friendship Circle is introducing a **NEW PROGRAM: Madrekhim**, a self-motivated, one-on-one coaching and mentorship program matching *High School Seniors with Friendship Circle Seniors*. Let the teens help you learn and integrate modern concepts while you share your life experience, wisdom and advice.

If you are interested in being matched with a Sonoma County teen, please contact Jalena Mays, (707) 528-1476, jalenam@jccsoco.org and indicate your specialties or career history (psychologist, professional musician, accountant, teacher, lawyer, etc.)

Join us in an effort to strengthen our community by bridging the gap between generations.



Sending Good Wishes to our members with
August Birthdays

Birdie Lane
Carolyn Kaufman
Elinor King
Florence Boxerman
Irwin Lachman
James Snarski
Julian Blair
Kathryn Miller
L. Malcolm Rodman
Linda McKenzie
Liz Hagen
Mark Rosen
Mary Valentine
Olga Winkler
Pamela Jacobs Letourneau
Rozalia Dague
Stuart Schy

Thank you **Janine Bamberger** for volunteering to mail birthday cards and **Joy Lovinger** for calling our members on their birthday in celebration of their special day.

Please contact our office to let us know your birthday so we can celebrate YOU!
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Mazel Tov **Evelyn Gurevitch** on the birth of your second Great-Great-Grandchild, Olive DiLisio.
Welcome Baby!

Welcome to our new Member
Jean McVeigh



We couldn't do it without you! We appreciate your generous donations. Thank You

Howard Balfour, Terry Bloom, Judith Cain, Rosemary Chambers, Michael Egger, Naomi Easley, Gordon Freedman, Binese & Earl Goldberg, Deborah Greenfield, Evelyn Howard, Elinor King, Valeska Lattin, Sid & Jerry Lipton, Jean McVeigh, Isabel Meisler, Judy Miller, Patricia Mandel, Vreni Schnirman, and Sonia Tubridy,

Liz Hagen in memory of *Sophia Simkover*
Pamela Jacobs Letourneau
in honor of *Jalena Mays and Carol King*
Shelley Bauer in honor of *Jalena Mays and Carol King*



Thank you **Randi Hulce** for your countless hours of volunteer work in helping our seniors connect to Zoom!

Thank You **Lois Abramson** and **Eleanor Olson** for your years of service as an Advisory Committee Member.

We wish you well in your "retirement" from our Friendship Circle Advisory Committee.

Friendship Circle has been delivering iPads/tablets to seniors in need so they can connect with friends, family, and participate in our Zoom activities.

THANK YOU **Peter Krohn** for your contribution towards this project. To donate an iPad or tablet, please contact Carol





Meet Advisory Committee Member Karen Palmiotti

Karen, an only child, was born in the Bronx. Her mother died when she was very young so she was raised by a “village” of relatives—her father who was a fundraiser for the United Jewish Appeal, her stepmother, grandmother, and aunts.

Although she did not live in a religious household, she learned much of her yiddishkeit from summer camp in the Catskills.

Karen attended NYU and graduated with a BA in Home Economics and an MA in Guidance and Counseling. Karen taught home economics classes in New York City.

In 1967 she lived in Manhattan with her poodle, owned her own car, had bleached-blond hair, and enjoyed her independence. At the time, monthly rent for her apartment was \$120/month!

Karen met a sweet Italian boy, Mike, from Brooklyn who she was married to for 42 years. They moved to Staten Island where she worked as a guidance counselor. They had no children. Over the years, Karen visited an aunt who had moved to California, a place she thought she might one day want to live. They finally made the decision to move to Oakmont in 2001. Mike passed away seven years ago. Karen met Gordon Freedman on a blind date six years ago and

they have been together ever since. They share their home with a cockapoo named Marlee (the name is an anagram of letters that represent the loving people who were part of her life).

Karen was introduced to Friendship Circle by her friend and former Advisory Committee Member, Myrna Rifkin. She enjoyed the program so much that she decided to also join the Advisory Committee (a few years ago).

Karen and Gordon enjoy Oakmont and are actively involved. She was instrumental in starting the dog park, takes a water aerobics class, and gardens. In addition, she also volunteers for the Welfare League, a non-profit which runs a thrift store in Railroad Square. Proceeds from the sales help fund its outreach and community programs.

Both Karen and Gordon love to travel. Previous trips include London, Ireland, NYC, India, Australia, New Zealand, Dubai, and Singapore. They have had to cancel trips to Arizona, New Mexico and Japan, as well as Friendship Circle’s 10th Year Anniversary Trip to Ashland that was scheduled for this fall.

Karen continues to volunteer her time on the Friendship Circle Advisory Committee and is now enjoying the weekly zoom meetings.

25th Anniversary Season

Jewish Film Festival
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We thank you for your support.