



December 2021

Happy Hanukkah



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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 from 10:30 AM to Noon

ZOOM All programs are offered using [Zoom](#). (If you have made a reservation we will send you the link to join the weekend prior to the program.) If you are not familiar with Zoom and would like support, please contact our dedicated volunteer: Randi Hulce (206) 499-5422, randihulce@comcast.net

RSVP By NOON the Sunday prior to the program. Contact friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org or call (707) 528-1182

COST **Monday Morning Programs are FREE.** Please consider making a [donation](#) to help Friendship Circle programs remain accessible to all. We welcome donations made in any denomination.

Click here to
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IMPORTANT:
Designate your donation to "Friendship Circle 55+"

MONDAY DECEMBER 13

Pianist Ian Scarfe presents *Romantic Piano Masterpieces*

Join us on December 13, and *your* spirits will get a boost.

Pianist Ian Scarfe will present favorites of Chopin, including his nocturnes and preludes, as well as works by other Romantic composers such as Edvard Grieg and Franz Liszt. Scarfe describes the silver lining of his 2020 pandemic year as being "the music of Frederic Chopin. I had several great works by Chopin and others that were on my bucket list, and I used the pandemic months to start working away at them. Not only did they fill my time, those long weeks when I had no public concerts or performances, but Chopin's music gave my spirits a much-needed boost."

RSVP by NOON on December 12.



MONDAY DECEMBER 20

I Left my Art in San Francisco: Treasures from Bay Area Artists and Donors

What did San Francisco look like to artists in the 19th century? How did the Fine Arts Museums get started? Who were some of the principal contributors to the fine collection? Fine Arts Museum Docent **Jim Kohn** will answer these questions, and look at works of art in the museum's permanent collection which illustrate the history and culture of the Bay Area. From the Gold Rush to the present day, local artists show us the unique place we live in. We look at early prints, photographs and paintings, landscapes and portraits, people and places

that give San Francisco its special place in all our hearts. We also look at the lives and the contributions of major donors to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, which make it a cultural capital, one of the most-visited museums in the country. There'll be time for questions and comments, so come ready to enjoy! **RSVP by NOON on December 19.**

Sending Good Wishes to Our Members with December Birthdays



Galya Bayreuther
Eleanor Cohen
Gordon Freedman
Eleanor Goldman
Randi Hulce
Leslie Kline
Jill Morgenstein
Jackie Schultz Randall
Marilyn Sommer
Linnea Tennison

January Birthdays

Mary Barsony
Sheila Hirsch
Josephine Lee
Lisa Munoz-Flores
Jeri Phillips
Barbara Scharf



Thank you **Mary Valentine**
for volunteering to mail birthday cards.

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

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Welcome to our new Members

Jacqueline Bradley
Anne Kain
Joanne Witt



MAH JONGG



Leslie Kline and Deborah Greenfield will hold
Mah Jongg groups and lessons at the JCC offices
on the following days:

ONGOING 2ND & 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH

FROM 1-3 PM

December 8 & December 15
January 12 & January 19

LOCATION: Downstairs at the
Jewish Community Center, 1301 Farmers Lane,
Suite C103, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Masks and proof of vaccinations (copy of card is fine) will be required at the door.

RSVP AND WE'LL HOLD A SEAT FOR YOU!

We couldn't do it without you!
We appreciate your generosity!

Donations

Rosemary Chambers in addition to dues.

Bill and Kim Cordell in addition to dues.

Amy Hoover in addition to dues.

Ruth Levy & Liisa Karjalainen in addition to dues.

Carol Newman & Barry Sovel in addition to dues.

Edee Sternfield-Squires in memory of Pat Mandell.

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Thank You

Elisabeth Van Nuys for making our Hanukkah a special
remembrance and celebration.

Elly Cohen and Evelyn Gurevich for your delightfulness,
and for Hanukkah prayers and stories.

Liz Hagen for your talents as an interviewer and composer
of our Spotlight on Members.

The FC Advisory Committee for bringing back
Friendship Circle Luncheons

Leslie Kline for the return of Mah Jongg along with
Deborah Greenfield, and for your many generousities to
the Friendship Circle

Randi Hulce for your countless hours of volunteering to
help our seniors connect to Zoom!

Karen Gould for creating such a beautiful newsletter

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

HELP KEEP OUR PROGRAMMING ACCESSIBLE TO ALL!

Become a Sponsor

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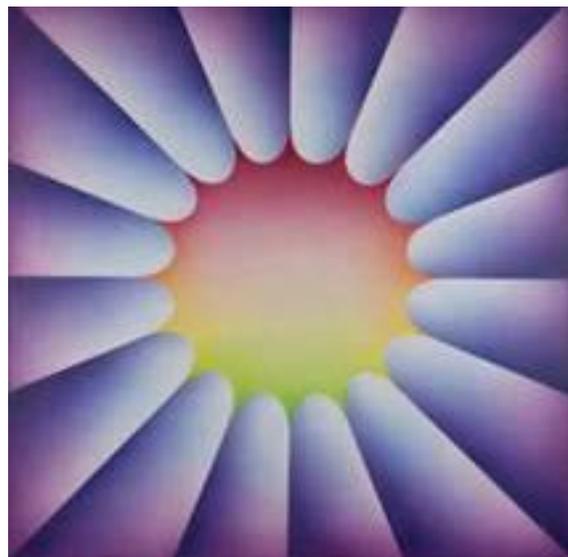
Day Excursions Have Returned!

Tuesday, December 14

Judy Chicago: A Retrospective

Appreciation to Ray Kaplan and Shelley Bauer for sponsoring the excursion to the de Young

The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco celebrate pioneering feminist artist **Judy Chicago** with a retrospective spanning from her early engagement with the Californian Light and Space Movement in the 1960s to her current body of work. The exhibition includes over 130 paintings, prints, drawings, and ceramic sculptures, in addition to ephemera, several films, and a documentary.



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 10:20 AM and LEAVES Petaluma at 10:30 AM** arriving at Golden Gate Park for lunch around 11:30 AM and then the de Young at 12:00 PM.
- The bus **LEAVES the de Young Museum at 3:00 PM** to return to Petaluma and then Santa Rosa by 4:00 PM and 4:30 PM respectively.

Please note that proof of vaccination and masks are required.

Bag lunches will be distributed on the bus. We will not eat on the bus for Covid safety but stop in Golden Gate Park to eat outside of the bus prior to arriving at the de Young. Remember your water bottle! Small bottles of water will also be available on the bus. **Please indicate your choice of the following options when making your reservation:**

Smoked Turkey Sandwich
Tuna Salad Sandwich
Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich
(includes a side salad and chocolate chip cookie)

Cost: \$35.00 for Friendship Circle Members; \$45.00 for guests. Includes: transportation, lunch, exhibit, parking and tolls, tax and gratuity.

Medical Emergency Contact Form: You must have an updated medical form on date of departure. If we do not have a current medical form for you on file, (you can) visit <https://www.jccsoco.org/forms/medical-form/> to complete and bring to the bus the day of the trip. We will also have blank forms on the bus. Please call Sandy at (707) 528-1182 if you have any questions.

Reservations: Limited to 40. **RSVP by December 6.** Friendship Circle Members will be given first priority. Please call the Friendship Circle at (707) 528-1182 to reserve. As soon as we have confirmed receipt of your reservation by phone, you may pay using a credit card over the phone or mail in a check made payable to the JCC, Friendship Circle, 1301 Farmers Lane, Suite C103, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. This will secure your reservation.

To reserve by mail: Please include the name and date of the event on your check (Judy Chicago 12/14/21). 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.



Judy Chicago

Spotlight on Member Jim Snarski



Kid From Chicago

I grew up in the near North side of Chicago in a predominately Polish neighborhood. (Chicago at the time in the 1940s was comprised of distinct ethnic neighborhoods). My mother was widowed when I was nine and toiled at the Florsheim shoe factory to provide for my sister and me. After high school I tried college and didn't like it so I went to work. I did have an academic scholarship to the University of Chicago but it was only for half tuition and my mother couldn't afford the other half so my PhD is a public high school diploma. I found myself at the age of 19 employed by Trans World Airlines as a baggage handler, and soon promoted to ticket agent. Married at 20 to my wife of 61 years Ethel Mary. Produced two daughters which has blossomed over time into eight grandchildren.

Hanging around airplanes on a daily basis led to a desire to learn to fly. Flying lessons even in those days were an expensive proposition and with a family to provide for I soon ran out of money to pursue my dream. When I explained my situation to the owner of Sally's Flying School, she took pity on me and offered me a job as a line boy in exchange for flying lessons. For three years I worked as an agent for TWA and a line boy for Sally. I went to the TWA job on the midnight shift then out to Sally's at the airport until mid-afternoon. All this time my wife was tasked with raising our daughters which she did uncomplainingly. I climbed the ratings ladder all the way up to Flight Instructor. I owe my aviation career to the kindness of Sally Stremple, owner of Sally's Flying School, and an aviation legend in her own right.

The Jet Age dawned in the 60s with the introduction of the Boeing 707 and the airlines soon found themselves with a shortage of pilots. With less than 500 hours of flying time, no college, and no instrument rating, on a whim I applied for a job as a pilot with TWA. To my astonishment, I was accepted. I took our life savings of a thousand dollars to obtain an

instrument rating and found myself in Boeing 707 Flight Engineer school in the spring of 1966. Domiciled in Boston we bought a cute little Cape Cod-style house on 2.5 acres in New Hampshire. I loved New England and the city boy quickly went country. I was devastated when in 1971 my airline closed the domicile for economic reasons. This led to our move to Santa Rosa flying out of San Francisco. Then in 1982 the company closed the SFO domicile and I wound up commuting to St. Louis for 13 years. Deregulation, corporate raiders and commuting had taken all the fun out of being an airline pilot so I retired at age 55, five years before the compulsory 60-year-old mandate.

After retirement I bought an airplane and joined Angel Flight, an organization of pilots who donate all their time and expenses to provide non-emergency air travel to children and adults with serious medical conditions and other compelling needs. My wife Ethel Mary and I also have done a fair bit of traveling visiting Africa (Kenya), Alaska, Australia, Canada, China, England, Hawaii, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand and Portugal. With the onset of digital photography, I resumed my lifelong interest in taking pictures. I was the principal photographer for Ethel Mary's eBay business but my main joy is in nature photography. On a personal level I've become a Buddhist, I love poetry, classical music and movies with happy endings.

We came to Friendship Circle around eight years ago, by way of Ethel Mary being friends with Vicki Kalish and Edee Sternfeld-Squires. They told her we should try it out and we liked what we saw very much. We love the day trips to museums and the luncheons. I don't go on multi-day trips because my knee replacements cannot tolerate that much time sitting on a bus but my wife has, Ashland twice, Sacramento, Las Vegas, Gold Country.

I also consider myself blessed to be a new member of the Friendship Circle Advisory Committee, as fine a collection of loving, caring individuals as I have ever met.

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Save The Date

November 28-December 5..... Hanukkah
December 7 Fran Danoff's Book Group
December 8 **Mah Jongg**
December 14 **Excursion to de Young Museum, SF**
December 15 **Mah Jongg**
December 20..... Monday Morning Program: **I Left My Art In San Francisco**
January 10 Monday Morning Program: **The Photography of Jim Snarski**
January 12 **Mah Jongg**
January 19 **Mah Jongg**

I Worried

by Mary Oliver

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers
flow in the right direction, will the earth turn
as it was taught, and if not how shall
I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,
can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows
can do it and I am, well,
hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,
am I going to get rheumatism,
lockjaw, dementia?

Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing.
And gave it up. And took my old body
and went out into the morning,
and sang.

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