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Happy
New Year



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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

New Years Letter from the Friendship Circle Coordinator

Hello Friendship Circle!

Happy New Year! We are all hoping for vast improvements in our lives and life styles in the coming year. As many of you know, **Jalena Mays** will not be returning as Director of the Friendship Circle as she has decided to be a full time mom to the beautiful Simon Mays. The JCC will be celebrating Jalena for her 11 years as Director during a **luncheon in her honor on Monday, April 4** at Shomrei Torah to which you are all invited! Please let me know if you would like to participate in this event. We will have speakers, a slide show of Friendship Circle history, entertainment, and surprise guests! Details about the event will be in the February newsletter.

I am excited and proud to be taking over coordination of the Friendship Circle. We are expanding our programming to include in person luncheons and excursions once again and will continue our Monday Morning Zoom programming to make sure we are able to include everyone we can during ongoing social distancing. We would love feedback on how the Friendship Circle and the JCC can better serve our community. We want to bring vitality and social support to all seniors in our community.

Please contact Sandy Andresen, (707) 528-1182, friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org; or Sonya in the main office, (707) 528-4222 to share your thoughts and ideas for the Friendship Circle and the JCC. I'm a schmoozer from way back and would love to hear from you!

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Sandy Andresen
Friendship Circle Coordinator



MONDAY LUNCHEONS ARE BACK!

Monday, February 14
11:30 AM Schmoozing ~ Lunch at Noon
Hearts, Flowers, and Chocolate!



Friendship Circle luncheons return to Shomrei Torah on Valentines Day! **Catered lunch** and valentines along with entertainment from our very own **Gale Kissin of Mama Loshn!** Gale brings music in multiple languages, including the language of LOVE! We are excited to bring Gale's music back. It's eclectic! It's funny! It's poignant! It's soulful! And, yes, there will be a raffle!



LUNCHEON DETAILS

Reservations are essential by the Wednesday prior to the program so the caterer/restaurant can prepare adequately. Payments for luncheons are preferred in advance, but not required. *Cash, check, Visa® & MasterCard® are accepted in advance or at the door. You can request a reservation online by going [here](#). Masks and proof of vaccination are required to attend.*



RSVP By the Wednesday prior to the luncheon (707) 528-1182, friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org or request a reservation online by going [here](#).



TIME 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

PRICE \$20 Friendship Circle Members; \$22 Guests. Includes lunch, dessert and entertainment!

Rides to Friendship Circle events may be available in select areas upon request at least one week prior to date of the event.

Monday Morning Programs 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.

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

JANUARY 10: The Nature Photography (Birds of Sonoma County) of Jim Snarski



Since retiring **Jim** and his wife Ethel Mary have done quite a 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, he resumed his lifelong interest in taking pictures. He was the principal photographer for Ethel Mary's eBay business but his main joy is in nature photography. We will have the opportunity to view his vast portfolio of photographs of birds of Sonoma County.

RSVP by NOON 1/9.



JANUARY 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Discussion

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, **Sandy Andresen**, will lead a discussion about racism, disparaged communities, and how we can come together to whittle away at racism even in the smallest of ways, and from the inside out. How can we cultivate and foster inclusionary communities of diversity? We still have the dream! What does it look like now nearly 55 years after the death of Martin Luther King Jr.? Come with your coffee or tea and share your opinions and wisdom on this most crucial and long standing of human conditions.

Our moderator, **Sandy Andresen, MA, PhD abd.**, is a retired Health Educator, Psychotherapist, and Social Worker whose fields of study included Jewish Renewal, Social Justice, and Building Self Esteem.

RSVP by NOON 1/16.

JANUARY 24: FAMSF Docent Victoria Kirby *presents* "COLOR! Shades of Meaning in Art"



We respond emotionally to colors as individuals and society. Colors have embodied both the demonic and divine.

This lecture will explore the changing societal attitudes and beliefs about colors and how European and American artists use colors to relay messages about society itself and an individual's social standing and even character. **RSVP by NOON 1/23.**



Paint Cans, Wayne Thiebaud

Sending Good Wishes to Our Members with 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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with **Leslie Kline and Deborah Greenfield**

**ONGOING 2ND & 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH
FROM 1-3 PM**

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!
(707) 528-1182 or friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org

Thank you

**Bella Rosa Coffee &
Traditional Medicinals**

for donating the
COFFEE and TEA
we serve at our luncheons



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

Donations

Deborah Greenfield in addition to dues.
Elizabeth Hagen in addition to dues.
Carol Jarvis in memory of Stacey Kalish.
Carol King in memory of Pat Mandel.
Julie Klein in honor of Susan Miller.
Leslie Kline in addition to dues.
Pamela Letourneau in addition to dues.
Sid and Gerry Lipton to support Friendship Circle
programs in 2022.
Edee Sternfield-Squires in addition to dues.

Thank You

Ray Kaplan and Shelley Bauer for sponsoring the
excursion to the de Young Museum to see
The Judy Chicago Retrospective

Leslie Kline for generousities beyond measure and for
bringing back mah jongg to the JCC and Friendship Circle

Deborah Greenfield for helping to bring
back mah jongg to the JCC and Friendship Circle

Jeri Phillips for volunteering your help with
learning mah jongg

Elaine Elkin and Shirley Carlston for your tremendous
love and assistance on the bus!

Diana McNab for your caring and help with the excursion

Friendship Circle Advisory Committee for "schnorrng"
Hanukkah gift cards to raffle at the Friendship Circle Virtual
Hanukkah Party this year

The staff of the JCC for your love and care for the
Friendship Circle

*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

Friendship Circle is seeking sponsors for our luncheons
and excursions. Donate \$280 or more and become
a Luncheon or Excursion Sponsor!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.



Save The Date

Jan 1	New Years Day
Jan 10	<i>The Photography of Jim Snarski</i>
Jan 12	<i>Mah Jongg</i>
Jan 17	<i>MLK Day and the affecting Racism</i>
Jan 19	<i>Mah Jongg</i>
Jan 24	<i>Docent from the FAMSF</i>
Feb 14	<i>Friendship Circle Luncheon at CST</i>
April 4.....	<i>Luncheon and Celebration in Honor of Jalena Mays</i>

WISE SONS DELI POP-UP RETURNS IN FEBRUARY

Virtual Hanukkah Party of 2021!



We celebrated Hanukkah this year with old and new friends online. We listened to a concert from **Klezmer Creek**, blessings and candlelighting were lead by **Elly Cohen and Evelyn Gurevitch**, we sang Hanukkah songs, and heard an immigrant's tale of Hanukkah in the new world from **Elisabeth Van Nuys**. We gave away 25 Hanukkah gifts and gift cards from the **Friendship Circle Advisory Committee**. Thank you everyone who attended! Next year with a hope and a prayer...together again in



Friendship Circle Excursions Have Returned!

We did it! The Friendship Circle visited the de Young Museum on December 14th to see **The Art of Judy Chicago, A Retrospective**, and our experience was jubilant! Some also saw **Patrick Kelly: Runway of Love**. Others spent time relaxing in the wonderful café on site. We had a great time! **Stay tuned to this space for news about our next excursion.**