



May 2021
Happy
Mother's Day



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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

- 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 our dedicated volunteer: Randi Hulce (206) 499-5422, randihulce@comcast.net.
- RSVP** By NOON the Sunday prior to the program. Contact friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org, (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+"



Monday, May 10: Mother's Day Celebration and Jalena Mays "Send-Off" with Ian Scarfe

FREE! Suggested Donation: \$18

Underwritten by the generous support of Friendship Circle member Lolaine Ravensunbird

Friendship Circle Program Director, **Jalena Mays**, will begin her four-month maternity leave on May 15. Join Friendship Circle the day after Mother's Day to celebrate motherhood and wish Jalena well! Pianist **Ian Scarfe** and special guest violinist **Philip Brezina** will present an entertaining concert featuring musical pieces from their recently recorded new album, "California Classical."

They will perform ten of their favorite Romantic and Classical violin works

including **Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius**, and others. Scarfe and Brezina have performed together regularly since they were graduate students at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and look forward to bringing their duo to Friendship Circle. **RSVP by 5/9 @ noon.**



Monday, May 24: Finding Your Roots with Genealogy Specialist Denise Beeson

FREE! Suggested Donation: \$18

Underwritten by the generous support of Friendship Circle member Jeffrey Sheff

Are you interested in researching your family's heritage, solving "brick walls or roadblocks," tracing your family through history, learning about DNA or sharing your story with future generations? You may also have an ethnic interest and are wondering how best to search for your Jewish heritage. This brief overview will encourage you to explore the lives of your ancestors and to discover where and how they lived. **RSVP by 5/23 @ noon.**



Save The Date

Mark Your CALENDAR	Monday, May 10	A Mother's Day Special with Ian Scarfe
	Monday, May 17	<i>Program Director Jalena Mays Begins Maternity Leave</i>
	Monday, May 24	Finding Your Roots with Genealogy Specialist Denise Beeson
	Monday, May 31	<i>JCC Closed for Memorial Day</i>
	Monday, June 14	Monday Morning Program with Caylia Chaiken
	Monday, June 21	Piano Concerto with Ian Scarfe
	Monday, June 28	Art of Jewish Interest in the Hermitage Museum with Evgenia Kempinski



Carol King,
Friendship Circle Program Assistant,
has announced her retirement.

We wish her well!

Thank you for your years of work
with the JCC.



We welcome **Sandy Andresen**
BACK to Friendship Circle!

Sandy will manage all reservations
and will fill in for Jalena Mays
during her maternity leave.

Welcome Sandy!



Mazel Tov Jalena & Cory Mays!

Program Director Jalena Mays is beginning maternity
leave May 15. For all Friendship Circle reservations and
inquiries, please contact **Sandy Andresen** (707) 528-1182;
friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org.

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

To donate an iPad, tablet, camera,
or microphone, please contact:
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Become a Sponsor

Friendship Circle is seeking underwriters for our
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Carol Smallen
Edith Newman
Evelyn Gurevitch
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Hedda Gold
Howard Balfour
Howard Sidorsky
Ilene Moran
Lilyan Frank

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

Edee Sternfield-Squires
Elisabeth Van Nuys
Jeffrey Sheff
Judy Miller
Mary Barsony
Renee Rappaport
Sandy Andresen
Sid Lipton
Susan Miller
Wally Krampf

Thank you

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

*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.*

welcome

NEW Friendship Circle Members

Mary Barsony
Rose Sussman

welcome

Join Friendship Circle Today!

Click to Become a [Friendship Circle Member](#) or [Renew Your Membership](#)

Membership is good for 365 days from the day of activation. By becoming a member you help Friendship Circle continue to serve adults in our community by providing enriching, educational and entertaining programming for all.

Three ways you can become a Friendship Circle Member:

- Go to our website to sign up online and [pay using a credit card](#)
- Call Friendship Circle Program Director Jalena Mays if you wish to **use a credit card over the phone:** (707) 528-1476
- [Print the Membership Form](#) if you wish to **pay by check.**



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Select "Pop-Ups" and then choose
"May 26 - JCC SONOMA COUNTY (SANTA ROSA)"

IMPORTANT:

During pick-up, please remain in your vehicle at all times for everyone's safety.

Questions? catering@wisesonsdeli.com

Meet Friendship Circle Member Janine Bamberger



You may recognize **Janine** as a Friendship Circle greeter and as the proud mother of our director, Jalena Mays. Janine and her older brother, Greg, were born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, by her stay-at-home mom and electrical engineer father.

She remembers a childhood full of fun, always singing, dancing and listening to music with her family. Both

of her parents were “Barbershop” style singers belonging to a large musical community. Weekends would often include get-togethers where men and women would sing while the bbq was sizzling, tempering the hot days with a cold beer. Spending a lot of time with extended family on their cattle ranch in the high desert, she learned to ride horses as well as many other ranching skills. She was a dedicated dancer; studying ballet, jazz and tap. This led her to pursue theatre arts at Arizona State University, ultimately transferring and obtaining a Theatre Arts degree with a minor in Dance from Sonoma State University.

While at SSU, Janine met her husband, Jules, who she has been married to for 42 years. In the early years, they led a nomadic life around California—living in Manhattan Beach, San Luis Obispo, Sebastopol, and Penngrove. Janine stayed connected to the performing arts community in many ways including acting with the Cinnabar Theater in Petaluma. They traveled to Israel, throughout Europe and Mexico before they finally settled down in 1978 on Taylor Mountain where they continue to live.

In 1978 Janine and Jules became caretakers of the historic White Sulphur Springs Resort on Taylor Mountain. This property was owned by the granddaughter of Levi Strauss and upon her death she was kind enough to grant Janine and Jules a “Life Estate”. Upon their death, the four-acre property will be turned over to the Sonoma County Open Space Land Trust.

Janine and Jules have two children. Their son, Jerzy, and daughter Jalena, are both married and live in Sonoma County. Before the two kids became B’nai Mitzvot, Janine converted to Judaism with Rabbi Michael Robinson.

Throughout the years, Janine and Jules have had a variety of businesses. They first started a landscaping business and later ran a commercial janitorial service. In 1982 they developed a business featuring entertainment robots that Jules built. The life-size, interactive robots were hired for special events around the world and created an entertaining experience at tech parties, fantasy balls, conventions, and trade shows. They found operating the robots to be magical, bringing fantasy and fun to people of all ages. After many years of ballet and horseback riding, Janine developed chronic back trouble. Yoga turned her worsening back problems around and she became passionate about helping others in the community heal themselves through yoga. In 2000, Janine opened “Hot Yoga,” a Bikram yoga studio in Wikiup.

Janine enjoys Friendship Circle excursions, events and socializing with all the people. She loves music, dance, gardening and swimming. Her daughter, Jalena, and husband, Cory, will welcome their first baby in June. Janine is eagerly looking forward to grandmotherhood.

Each chapter of Janine’s life has added enriching and magical qualities. She embraces the mantra: “Life’s changes are never ending and full of surprises”.

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