Hello Friendship Circle
Members, and Friends!

We are reaching the end of the fiscal year of 2021-2022 and I wanted to share some of the highlights of the year for JCC’s Friendship Circle.

Over the past year, the JCCSoCo Friendship Circle has been coming out of pandemic restrictions and has been able to provide in person programming: Mah Jongg, luncheons, excursions, theater productions, “Out to Eat” events, Lunch and the Israeli Film Festival Festival, a virtual Hannukah Party, and Holiday Outreach programs in Senior Living Communities. Having seen the tremendous value of virtual programming for seniors, we have continued to provide weekly, and sometimes bi-weekly Zoom presentations which have included Docents from The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, performances by local musicians, presentations by local artists, along with virtual tours of Jerusalem, The Jewish-Italian Quarter (former ghetto) of Rome, and the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg. All told, the JCC’s Friendship Circle held 62 programs with an attendance of 1298 Seniors and Friends of the JCC. Pretty Spectacular!

In the coming year we are looking forward to more in person events: La Traviata and Lunch at Cucina Paradiso, visiting the Contemporary Jewish Museum, 5 day trip to the Ashland Oregon Shakespeare Festival, a luncheon in July, and much more, along with exciting and fun Zoom presentations. Thank you for all your love and care and attendance at the events of the Friendship Circle. It’s been a real gift to get to reconnect with so many of you. You are Mishpucha!

Love,
Sandy Andresen
Friendship Circle Program Coordinator

Tribute Luncheon for our own Jalena Mays, April 4, 2022.
100th Birthday of our beloved Evelyn Gurevitch
Evelyn Gurevitch at the Friedman Center for her 100th Birthday, May 15, 2022.
VIRTUAL ONLINE PROGRAMMING VIA ZOOM

ZOOM  Once you have made a payment (payment serves as your reservation) we will send you the link to join two days prior to the program. If you are not familiar with Zoom and would like support, please contact Friendship Circle Advisory Committee Member Randi Hulce (206) 499-5422, randihulce@comcast.net

COST  Zoom Programs are $5.00. Please click here to reserve and pay.

MONDAY, JUNE 6
10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Paint, Painters, and Poison!

Please join Friendship Circle and Elisabeth Van Nuys for a fresh, new look at these artists, their era, their rebellion, and the poisons in their paint!

The 1800s was a period of rapid change, technological advance and amazing creativity in the fields of literature, music and art. The late 1800s, in particular, were at the fulcrum of this change, as a rigid Parisian art world reluctantly moved into modernity. This change did not come from within the Academy and its accepted artists. Instead, a rebellious and independent group of painters and friends created an exciting and controversial new movement – one that was in opposition to the strict rules and codes imposed by the past.

Now known as the French Impressionists, Pissarro, Monet, Morisot, Renoir, Degas, Sisley, Manet and others shocked the Parisian art world and left a lasting influence on the artists to come.

RSVP by Sunday, June 5 (click here to reserve and pay)

“I paint what I see and not what others would like to see.”
Claude Monet

MONDAY, JUNE 20
10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Jewish Genealogy with Denise Beeson

Are you interested in learning how to do family research, solve “brick walls or roadblocks,” trace your family through history, learn about DNA or share your story with future generations? You may also have an ethnic interest and are wondering how best to search for my Jewish heritage? This brief overview will encourage you to explore how best your ancestors lived and consider tackling the areas of your ancestors’ lives?”

RSVP by Sunday, June 19 (click here to reserve and pay)

MONDAY, JUNE 27
10:30 AM-12:00 PM
FAMSF Docent Karen Libby presents:
Stepping Out in High Fashion — How a Chinese and an African American Designer would dress you.

The Fashion design differences of Guo Pei and Patrick Kelley

We will explore two very different designers, their cultural backgrounds and the world views that inspired them, by viewing the creations that put them on the runway of high fashion.

RSVP by Sunday, June 26 (click here to reserve and pay)
“Out to Eat” With the Friendship Circle!

COME JOIN US AND MEET UP WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS!

Thursday, June 9
4:00-6:00 PM

THE SPINSTER SISTERS

401 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
707 528-7100

Click here for menu
Food and beverages are purchased separately.
RSVP by June 7
Use the reservation form
or call (707) 528-1182

WHERE SHALL WE GO NEXT TIME?
Contact Sandy at the Friendship Circle with requests!
friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org; (707) 528-1182

SUNDAY, JUNE 12
11:30 AM
Lunch at Cucina Paradiso
2:00 PM La Traviata Opera

Meet Friendship Circle at Cucina Paradiso, 114 Petaluma Blvd North, Petaluma, and experience the warmth, service and outstanding Italian food that have consistently made Cucina Paradiso one of the top rated restaurants in Sonoma County, and the San Francisco North Bay.

Then join Friendship Circle at the Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd North, Petaluma for Verdi’s La Traviata. With profound, gorgeous and heartfelt music, Verdi’s beloved masterpiece tells the tale of the tragic love between a beautiful courtesan and her romantic suitor, set against the backdrop of the hypocrisy of upper-class, fashionable society.

Cost: $67.00 includes a fixed menu lunch and ticket for the show. Reserve your seats by calling (707) 528-1182, or click here to reserve and pay.
Donations

Shelley Bauer in honor of Evelyn Gurevitch’s 100th Birthday
Elinor King in honor of the Friendship Circle
Sandy and Eric Andresen Sponsorship of Tribute Luncheon
The Bamberger Family Sponsorship of Tribute Luncheon
Nina Bonos Sponsorship of Tribute Luncheon
Ray Kaplan Sponsorship of Tribute Luncheon
Jalena and Cory Mays Sponsorship of Tribute Luncheon
The Mays Family Sponsorship of Tribute Luncheon

IN HONOR OF JALENA MAYS
   Adele Pickar
   Adrea Moss
   Amy Hoover
   Barbara Tobin
   Birdie Lane
   Carol Jarvis
   Congregation Shomrei Torah
   Debbie Weiss
   Deborah Burg-Schnirman
   Deborah Greenfield
   Elisabeth Van Nuys
   Elly and Len Cohen
   Ethel and Stuart Schy
   Evelyn Gurevitch
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   Karen Palmiotti
   Lauren Gruer Ronn and Lilah
   Leslie Kline, Randi Hulce, Jeri Phillips
   Lillian Fireside
   Linda Parker
   Liz Hagen

Thank Yous

The Friendship Circle Advisory Committee for your dedication and commitment to the FC
Elly Cohen for your constant and unwavering support of the FC
Leslie Kline for bringing back and teaching Mah Jongg, and sending out membership renewal notices
Jeri Phillips for bringing back and teaching Mah Jongg
Deborah Greenfield for bringing back and teaching Mah Jongg
Elisabeth Van Nuys for providing programing and your continued support of the FC
Shelley Bauer for providing programing and support to the FC
Ray Kaplan for, well, being a champion of Schnoorer and Schmoozer!
Karen Gould for producing this beautiful newsletter
The Staff of the JCC for your love and support of the FC
Mary Valentine for sending out birthday cards to our members
Irène Hodes and Sonya Garzouzi for all of your hard work on the Tribute Luncheon for Jalena
Fran Piotrkowski for your support at the Tribute Luncheon and for being a wonderful person!

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.

We couldn't do it without you! We appreciate your generosity!
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 click here to join.
- Call if you wish to pay using a credit card over the phone: (707) 528-1182.
- Print the Membership Form if you wish to pay by check.

MAH JONGG

with Leslie Kline and Deborah Greenfield

Beginners and seasoned players are all welcomed

June 8
June 15
July 13
July 20
FROM 1-3 PM

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.

CONTACT LESLIE KLINE (559) 273-7826
(707) 528-1182 or friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org
ASHLAND OREGON
SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
Monday, September 12-
Friday, September 16, 2022
5 Days/4 Nights

PRICE
$1595 (Double Occupancy)
$450 Single Supplement

INCLUDES
• Round trip transportation from Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa
• Four Nights at The Plaza Inn & Suites at Ashland Creek, Breakfast Included
• Five Plays at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival
• Five Pre-Show Lectures, One Before Each Play
• Welcome To Ashland Group Dinner
• Ashland Transfers Before & After Each Play to/from the Hotel (the hotel is only 3 blocks from the theatre)
• Two “On the Road” Lunches & Light Snacks to/from Ashland
• Farewell Toast

CONTACT
For more information about this trip, please contact Sandy Andresen, (707) 528-1182 or friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org. Visit https://www.osfashland.org/ for complete play descriptions and events information.