

## SONOMA COUNTY

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## Friendship Circle Membership for April 2008- April 2009

**Friendship Circle** has enjoyed another successful season of well-attended lunch programs and trips, thanks to all of you. It is now time for our Annual Membership Drive that ensures the future of Friendship Circle. We serve older adults (55+) in Sonoma County.

Our lunch and learn programs are both educational, such as Steve Rabinowitsh talking about Paris Architecture and Development in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, as well as entertaining, like Jewish Music performed by Music Historian Mark Levy.

This year a number of our excursions funded by the Jewish Community Federation, sold out quickly:

- The City of Ten Thousand Buddhas and Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House in Ukiah
- Israel In The Gardens at Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco
- San Francisco Symphony at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco
- The Color Purple, a Broadway Musical at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco
- Jersey Boys, a Broadway Musical at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco
- Mayn Yiddishe Velt Performance at the Berkeley JCC and Lunch at Saul's Deli

**Benefits of Membership:** Due to the growing popularity of our Senior Excursions, we have decided to give *first priority for trip reservations to our Friendship Circle Members*. We will continue to give Members *reduced fees* for all Friendship Circle activities. You will be our *special guest at the annual Membership Tea* later in the year, which has always been a lot of fun.

Thanks to several grants from the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties, Barbara Scharf, Program Director, and Fran Danoff, Outreach Coordinator, have been able to expand the Friendship Circle programming and reach out to an ever growing senior community in Sonoma County.

Please Join Friendship Circle as a "Member" from April 1, 2008 to April, 1 2009. Because we want to make membership available to as many of you as possible, the cost of membership will not increase this year. Our monthly luncheon meetings will continue to be \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Funding from the Jewish Community Federation's annual campaign along with your financial support supplements the cost of our luncheons and programs. We strive to keep all Friendship Circle events affordable for everyone. Of course, if you are unable to pay the full cost for any of our programs, we want you to join us anyway; we truly are a Friendship Circle.

As always we welcome your ideas for programming and we give thanks for the guidance and loyal support of the Friendship Circle Advisory Committee for all the many hours of volunteer work they donate to make our programs so successful. **Friendship Circle Advisory Members:** Harriet Baer, Sy and Sel Berkowitz, Florence Boxerman, Evelyn Breger, Diane Crandon, Hedy Durlester, Natalie Friedman, Carol Jarvis, Victoria Kalish, Ray Kaplan, Mark Milberg (JCC Board Member and Committee Chair), Rose Ann Premi, Myrna Rivkin, Gloria Solomon, Lee Strauss, Pat Thomas, Ruth Turner, Lois Wakser, and Irene Wilson.

Please fill out the enclosed 2008-2009 Membership form and send with your check, made payable to: Friendship Circle Membership, 3859 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. We look forward to your favorable reply. With warm regards, Barbara Scharf, Program Director Friendship Circle (707) 528-1182 Barbaras@jccsoco.org Fran Danoff, Outreach Coordinator Friendship Circle (707)528-1476 Frand@jccsoco.org ..... April 2008 - April 2009 Friendship Circle Membership Form Name: Zip\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone email **Birthday and Name** Month Day Month Day My payment for \$\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Individual or \$\_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Couple, is enclosed. **Additional Contribution** This is also an opportunity for you to make an additional annual gift to Friendship Circle. We depend on those who can, to give beyond the basic membership fee. Know that your support makes it possible for others to stay connected and participate. Thank You. \$180 \$360 \$600 \$1000 Other \$ The JCC is pleased to accept payment with Visa or MasterCard. A \$3 handling fee will be added to your total.

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