

of Cleveland





April-June 2022

Every child deserves a friend.

# WELCOME TO FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

# **OUR MISSION**

To spark friendship, connection, and support for children of all abilities, their families, and Jewish teens.

#### REGISTER

To register for programs, please use our online registration form: www.FriendsCleveland.com/Register

Payment does not need to be made at the time of registration.

#### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

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#### **CHILDREN**

# **NEW** KIDDIE CIRCLE

This new program welcomes our youngest friends and their parent/guardian to join us at FC for music, art, movement, and friendship.

**Age:** 0-5 Fee: No fee **Dates:** Wednesdays

Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 **Feb.** 2, 9, 16, 23 Mar. 2, 9, 23, 20 Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Location: Friendship Circle

#### **SUNDAY CIRCLE**

A unique opportunity for children to participate and gain positive experiences in group activities while receiving oneon-one attention from a teen friend-maker. In small groups, there are structured activities including music, movement, arts and crafts, sensory, and exciting entertainment.

**Age:** 5-14

Fee: \$205/3-month session or \$35/Sunday

**Dates:** Sundays

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 **Feb.** 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 Time: 12:30-2:30 p.m. Location: Friendship Circle

# NEW FRIENDS @ FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

This is an after-school drop-off program. Children receive one-on-on attention from teen friendmakers while participating in fun activities and building meaningful friendships. Spots are limited for this program. To register, please contact Jenna Couchman at Jenna@FriendsCleveland.com or (216) 377-3000 ext. 1010.

Age: All ages are welcome

Fee: No fee

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m. Location: Friendship Circle

#### **CHILDREN**

# **NEW** EXCEPTIONAL JEWISH SPIRIT

Explore Jewish Spirit by enjoying delicious foods, singing Jewish songs, fun social kindness experiences, and creative Jewish prayer.

Age: All ages welcome

Fee: No fee **Dates:** Sundays

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 Time: 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Location: Friendship Circle



#### **TEENS**

#### **TEEN SCENE BOYS/GIRLS**

An opportunity for boys and girls to socialize with their peers, while enhancing their life skills during structured programming. The groups will plan fun activities for each week during the first session. These sessions will be facilitated by FC staff.

#### **TEEN SCENE BOYS**

Age: 14–18 (or up to completion of high school) Fee: \$155/3-month session or \$30/Sunday

**Dates:** Sundays

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m. Location: Friendship Circle

# **TEEN SCENE GIRLS**

Age: 14–18 (or up to completion of high school) Fee: \$165/3-month session or \$30/Tuesday

**Dates:** Tuesdays

**Jan.** 4, 11, 18, 25 **Feb.** 1, 8, 15, 22 Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Time: 5:15-6:45 p.m. Location: Friendship Circle

# **NEW FRIENDSHIP SOCIAL**

Social games and social-skills activities will help form friendships and build self-confidence.

Age - In Person: 13 and over

Age - Virtual: All ages welcome

Fee - In Person: \$100/3-month session or

\$15/Wednesday Fee - Virtual: No fee

**Dates:** Wednesdays Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 **Feb.** 2, 9, 16, 23 Mar. 2, 9, 23, 30

**Time - In Person:** 5:00–6:00 p.m. Time - Virtual: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Location: Friendship Circle and Virtual

#### YOUNG ADULTS MEN/WOMEN

Young adults meet for friendship and connection. The two groups will socialize while participating in fun activities, meeting both virtually and at FC on alternating weeks. This program is planned and led by participants with guidance from FC staff.

#### YAD MEN

Age: Post high school

Fee - In Person: \$60/3-month session or

\$20/Thursday Fee - Virtual: No fee

Dates - In Person: Every other Thursday

Jan. 13, 27 Feb. 10, 24 Mar. 10, 24

Time - In Person: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Dates - Virtual: Every other Thursday

Jan. 6, 20 Feb. 3, 17 Mar. 3, 31

Time - Virtual: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Friendship Circle and Virtual

#### YAD WOMEN

Age: Post high school

Fee - In Person: \$60/3-month session or

\$20/Thursday Fee - Virtual: No fee

Dates - In Person: Every other Thursday

**Jan.** 13, 27 Feb. 10, 24 Mar. 10, 24

Time - In Person: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Dates - Virtual: Every other Thursday

Jan. 6, 20 Feb. 3, 17 Mar. 3, 31

Time - Virtual: 7:30-8:30 pm.

Location: Friendship Circle and Virtual

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#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### **WINTER CAMP**

A unique opportunity for children to gain positive experiences by receiving one-on-one attention from a teen friend-maker while engaging in fun group activities. Activities include sports, arts and crafts, sensory, music, entertainment, field trips

Age: 5-18 (or completion of high school)

Fee: \$65/day

Dates:

Week 1: Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23 Week 2: Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30

Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



#### **BETTER TOGETHER**

Bring joy to senior adults through fun interactions. Build new friendships with people in our community with this new intergenerational program. Better Together allows Friendship Circle children and teen friend-makers to give back to the elderly in our community. Please note: we will be visiting the senior center on some Sundays, and the time may vary slightly. Masks will be required for this program for the safety of the seniors we will be visiting.

Age: 5-18 (or completion of high school)

Fee: No fee **Dates:** Sundays

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Location: Friendship Circle and R.H. Meyers Apartments

# FRIENDSHIP FUN DAYS

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Age: 5-18 (or completion of high school)

**Fee:** \$65

**Date:** January 17, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Location: Friendship Circle

#### PRESIDENTS' DAY

Age: 5-18 (or completion of high school)

**Fee:** \$65

Date: February 21, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Location: Friendship Circle

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Holiday and Shabbat programs at Friendship Circle provide an inclusive environment for children of all abilities and their families to connect with their Jewish heritage and feel connected to a warm and welcoming community.

#### **SHABBAT DINNER**

**Date:** January 14, 2022

Time: Candle Lighting at 5:00 p.m. and

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Location: Friendship Circle

#### **B'NEI MITZVAH PROJECT**

# Want to do a meaningful Mitzvah Project?

Rabbi Yosef Peysin can help tailor a perfect fit for a meaningful and rewarding experience. Email: Yosef@FriendsCleveland.com



# FriendshipCircle

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#### **COVID-19 POLICY**

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated is required to wear a mask at all times. For those who are fully vaccinated and in contact with high-risk individuals (immunocompromised or with complex medical problems), masking is recommended. Children with disabilities are not required to wear a mask if they are not able to wear one. Rooms and supplies will be sanitized before and after each program.