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Greetings from The Friendship Circle!

Dear Elazar,

Happy summer to you and your family! We hope you are enjoying the sunshine as much as we are.

The Friendship Circle is currently unwinding from a successful year, only to begin preparing for another upcoming school year.

We want to thank all of you who came to our Annual Dinner on June 4th. For those of you who weren't able to make it, be sure to read our Dinner Recap below and make sure to join us next year!

Within the next couple weeks, not only will volunteers be reconnected to families, but we've got two exciting events planned! Check out our upcoming events section of this email.

Thank you for being a part of The Friendship Circle! Have a great rest of the summer!

Dinner Recap

On June 4 2009, close to 300 people attended the Friendship Circle Dinner to honor our 70+ dedicated volunteers, with special tribute to Volunteer of the Year Sarah Varon, and her family. The guests enjoyed a special surprise debut of our new Friendship Circle song, titled My Friend ([Click here to listen](#)). There was schmoozing, a great atmosphere, and delicious food. The guests heard testimonies from parents, children, and volunteers. Special thank you to Maxwell Bernard for his inspirational speech. As always, we featured a new video presentation by Thumbprint Corporation, titled



Schmooze with the Rabbi

Question:

At times, I am painfully aware of my limited years on this planet, of the fact that I won't always be young, that the body and mind deteriorate with age, that beauty is short-lived, and that one day I will go to another world.

At moments like this, I just want to drop the mundane tasks, break free of day-to-day meaninglessness, and live as though it was my last day on Earth. But reason prevails, and here I am behind my desk doing my office job, then on the way home where children, dinner, laundry, vacuum, etc. are awaiting to be taken care of by me.

Isn't it a waste of life? There is so much to see in this world, so many dreams to be pursued! Am I right in thinking that most of

The Sound of Friendship. Thank you to all of our supporters and friends who helped make this event the success it was. Thank you again!

Special thank you to the following individuals for their generous donations of \$1000 and up:

Suzanne Burke - Eddy & Elaine Epstein - Steven & Valerie Epstein - Joel & Lori Gamel - Mark & Tsiviah Goldberg - Charles & Barbara Maduell - Puget Sound Energy - Debra & Peter Rettman - Stan & Michelle Rosen - Norman Share - Ania Stein - Garry Stein - Harvey & Irina Stein - Bernard Yudowitz...

... and several more donors who wanted to remain anonymous!

Special thanks to those who contributed to the success of this event:

Steven Ray Allen - Anita, Peter & Maxwell Bernard - David Bolnick - Aric Bomszyk - Randal Cohen - Beth Crane - Fibi & Steven Duke - Sara Eizen - Moshe Hecht - Chani Kavka - Glenn Krieger - Devorah Kornfeld - Moti Krautheimer - Brian Schmetzer - Laurie & Ariel Swissa - the Varon Family - Sari Weiss - Mark Joseph Weinstein

Photos from the event...



our lifespan is a waste of time?
And how do I make every day count?

Thanks for your insights! - Jessica M.

Answer:

Our Sages sum up the call of life as follows: "The day is short, the work is much, the ..."

[Click here for the Rabbi's Answer!](#)

Bridging the Community



Thank you Puget Sound Energy for joining the Friendship Circle's corporate sponsors community.

Highlighting a Volunteer



Thank you Sarah Varon and her family for their continuous support of the Friendship Circle. Your hard work and dedication are an inspiration to us all!

Sarah is a dedicated volunteer who has given the Friendship Circle countless hours



of her time in addition to motivating her family to get involved and learn more about the Friendship Circle. Sarah is an inspiration to her peers and the families she spends time with during the Friends at Home program and Sunday Circle.

Visit us at our website:



www.friendshipcirclewa.org

Something New...

Join our group on Facebook. Search 'Friendship Circle Seattle'

Follow us on Twitter. Text 'Follow @FCWA' to 40404.

Online Parent Network

Join Friendship Circle parents across the country for a new webinar series! [Click here.](#)

Make a difference...

Congratulations...

to the Mitchell Stein Fellowship Award recipients:

- Jacob Fein -
- Juliana Gamel -
- Jesse Gillman -
- Afek Kodesh -
- Chana Kornfeld -
- Natalie Krasnow -
- Sam Landsman -
- Josh Maduell -
- Perel Marasow -
- Adina Polack -
- Jamie Schwartz -
- Karen Touboul -
- Sarah Varon -

We're so proud of you! Thank you for your hard work!



Upcoming Events

We hope you can clear your calendar for these two exciting events!

- SUMMER BBQ -

Date: August 9, 2009
Time: 4:30pm - 7:30pm
Location: View Ridge Park in Seattle
Please bring your family!



- ZOO DAY WITH FRIENDS-

Date: August 23, 2009
Time: 10:30am - 2:30pm
Location: Woodland Park Zoo
Parents: Please drop your child off with a bagged lunch!



For more information regarding the events or to RSVP, please contact Esther at estherbogo@msn.com.

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