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Which FC Gala Co-Chair are you?

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WHICH CO-CHAIR ARE YOU?

Take our quiz, get to know our FC Gala Co-Chairs and find out which one you are most like!

1. What did you wear to the Gala?

- A. A pencil skirt
- B. A cocktail dress (from my bat mitzvah)
- C. A suit (double-breasted, pink tie)
- D. A casual dress, stockings, and boots
- E. A vest and bow tie (khaki pants and a button up)



2. How would you describe Freda Friendly?

- A. Peppy
- B. Bubbly
- C. Electric
- D. Energetic
- E. Funny

Jaime's speech was a favorite among all of the co-chairs!

3. What part of the program did you like the best?

- A. Jaime Gordon's speech
- B. The Introduction Video
- C. Roll Call
- D. Everyone standing together at the end of roll call
- E. My speech

4. What was your favorite food station?

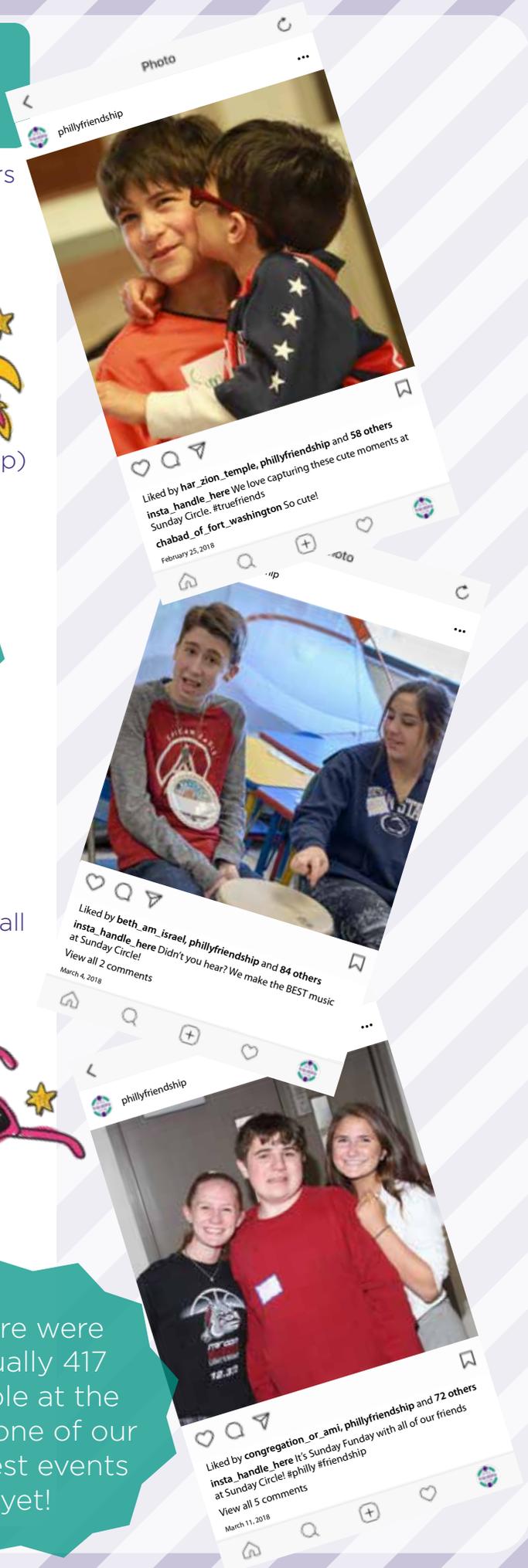
- A. Hummus
- B. Chicken
- C. None (I'm trying to watch my figure)
- D. Pasta
- E. Dessert



5. How many people were at the Gala?

- A. 200
- B. 300
- C. 400
- D. 350
- E. 250

There were actually 417 people at the Gala, one of our biggest events yet!



A Once in a Lifetime Experience

Josh Ross, 2017 alum, shares his highlights in a recent interview

FC: What advice do you have for someone going on the Birthright trip this year?

JR: Stay hydrated! The mornings are kind of cool but the weather gets really hot and if you don't stay hydrated you can get sick when visiting sites.

FC: Was there any part of the trip that was especially meaningful to you?

JR: Going to the Holocaust Museum was an extremely meaningful experience for me. I lost many of my extended family on my father's side in the Holocaust. It was very difficult for me to go to the Holocaust Museum but it was a transformative experience and a part of the trip that really stood out to me.

FC: You guys probably got pretty close experiencing something like that together.

JR: It really brought us together. But it wasn't all serious.

FC: What was the craziest thing that happened on the trip?



"It was a transformative experience"

JR: Well... I'm embarrassed to admit this but I danced to "I'm a Barbie Girl" during the talent show. It was worth it though, to make everyone laugh!

FC: Any last tips or advice for the group going on the trip this year?

JR: If you can, sit at the front of the bus. The first three rows have the best views and you get to talk to the tour guide! In my opinion he was one of the most knowledgeable and memorable people on the trip.

This will be our 10th Birthright Trip!

Birthright

Sara's Wild Year on Our Board

Hear what she has gained and given through this cutting-edge program

Leadership



My experience as a teen leader has far surpassed my expectations. I have gained knowledge that I now believe it is my duty to share with the greater community around us and the world as a whole. As a

"Greatest decision I have ever made"

member of the teen board, I have had many opportunities that I am so thankful for, starting with the responsibility of improving and aiding the incredible programs of a life-changing organization. As a teen leader on the programming committee I participated in meetings with the staff where we were given the chance to share our voices and give an insider's perspective on programs such as Sunday Circle. The

FC Staff understand that, as the ones who are most engaged at the programs, it is important that we teens have this chance. We take the job seriously because

we want everyone to have a great time and make long-lasting friendships at all Friendship Circle events. As a whole, the teen board has made many really special connections this year with members of the disability community, their families, and of course each other. These connections changed my perspective on multiple aspects of society and made me so incredibly proud to be a part of the Philly Friendship Circle teen board. I have never once regretted submitting my application and think of it as one of the greatest decisions I have ever made.

-- Sara Bergmann

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October 14, 2018

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