Begin by asking participant to describe their friendship.
Possible prompts:
Could you describe the first time you met? How did you meet?
   When did you meet? Where did you meet? What sparked the friendship?
Has your friendship changed over time? If so, could you give an example?
Could you describe what you did the last time you spent time together?

Ask about what they do together, what they talk about, how they support each other. (Some people might prefer to the most abstract questions listed below as a place to start.)
Possible prompts:
What sorts of activities do you do together? What is your favorite thing you do together?
What kind of things do you talk about? What topics do you avoid talking about?
   What do you joke about? What is difficult to talk about? Can you give an example?
How do you go about making decisions in the relationship?
How do you support each other during times of stress? How do you encourage each other? Help each other? Do you feel supported by this person? If so, in what ways?
Have there been key moments that increased your bond? Why?
What do you fight about? How do you resolve conflicts or problems?
Do you ever celebrate things together? If so, what do you do? What things do you celebrate together? What is the most important event that you shared?
How do you show your affection for one another? What are your rules about hugging?
Have you ever found that there are times when finances create difficulties in your relationship? Could you give an example?
What is challenging for you about this friendship?

Extend the conversation to the role of other people, friends and family:
Possible prompts:
To what extent is your friend involved with your family or your other friends?
   How does it affect your relationship with your family, friends?
Is there a cultural tradition in your friend’s life/family that you find intriguing?
   Could you give an example?
Was there ever a time when you inadvertently offended your friend or their family?
Have you ever encountered negative reactions to your friendship? From whom?
   How did it affect you? What did you do?
What do others think of your friendship? family, social group, other friends?

Explore the extent to which differences in culture, ethnicity or religion have been a part, or not been a part of the friendship. Perhaps beginning with a question about similarities and differences.
Possible prompts:
What is it like to be a (Jewish person) and have a friend who is (Christian)?
When did you become aware of your differences in religion/ethnicity/class?
Is it important?
Are there any areas where you feel excluded from the other person’s world?
How strongly do you identify with your ethnic, religious, cultural, class background?
Are you affected by differences you have? If so, how do you see these differences?
Do you feel any pressures from outside the relationship in regards to ethnicity, religion or class? If so, could you give an example? How did you feel? How did you react?
Do you ever argue over current events? and if so, how do your opinions differ?
Do you have other friends who have different ethnic, religious, class backgrounds? If so, how is this friendship the same or different?

**You also might want to explore general descriptions of the friend.**

**Possible prompts:**
What do you have in common?
What are some of your differences?
What have you learned from your friend?
What do you like most about your friend? What do you NOT like about your friend?
   What irks you?
Why do you consider this person a close friend?
What do you value about your friendship?
What characteristics of this friendship set it apart from others?
What phrase or word best describes your friend?
What values or qualities do you admire in your friend?
What kind of expectations do you bring to the friendship?

**Closing questions:**
Is there anything else you would like to share?

**For each friend, please record their gender, approximate age, ethnic, cultural or religious background, whether they are in a committed relationship, years of education. You might also record whether the friends have ever lived together or not.**