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ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

Shavuot: a Time for Unity

With one body, one heart, the people of Israel camped before the mountain. It was Rosh Chodesh Sivan over 3300 years ago and our nation was standing before Mount Sinai. They were ready with bated breath to receive the revelation of the Torah. Sivan is described as meaning 'rays'.

You can imagine the excitement, the awe and joy of the moment as the Jewish people basked in the rays of the Torah.



Every year since then, we re-live this gift during the Festival of Shavuot where we receive the Torah anew. Shavuot means 'weeks' and it marks the completion of a seven-week count between Pesach and Shavuot. The counting of these days, each with their own

spiritual meaning, known as Sefirat Ha'Omer is an opportunity for refinement and growth as we ready ourselves to receive the gift of the Torah.

This preparation likens us to a bride, preparing for her wedding day. For, the giving of the Torah is described as the wedding between Hashem and the nation of Israel. We were unified then, 3300 years ago with a

common goal: To build a relationship with Hashem. In this time of diversity, perhaps this goal can unite us again. As the Jewish Nation stands before Hashem this Shavuot, may it be with one body and one heart, and thus merit the coming of Moshiach.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD by Karin Zafir, Vice President

What is it about the Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle that makes it so special? Is it the warm welcome into someone's home and the closeness and warmth the event engenders? Is it the inspiring Dvar Torah woven around the theme for the month, so familiar to some but new to others, making us feel like we are there when all of this is happening? Is it the wonderful themed supper that delights our senses each time? For me, it is each one of those things – but most of all it is hearing the story of the speaker! Imagine someone you have known only in passing for many years and to hear a most amazing story of their tenacity and survival. Or someone who has overcome a major adversity and challenge to start a new life in Australia. Someone who has started a business from scratch or had contributed significantly in community service. And to me they might just be someone I'd said hello to in Shule or met at someone's place over dinner. More often than not, we have not met before and I'm just overwhelmed by their achievements. That's why I love being part of the RCWC and try to attend each event. It is an honour to be involved.

LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF TRADITION

When Buba was a Little Girl

The Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle is looking for volunteers to get involved at the grass roots level of our aged-care facility project. Our aim is to provide a platform and relaxed program for the grandmothers and great-grandmothers of our community to share their story. Our community has much to learn from the experiences of these women and we want to capture these wonderful stories, so that the wisdom they have to share will stay with us forever. The video capture of these stories creates a lasting legacy for all. This is an opportunity for our community to extend their

outreach work to involve the elderly. As wonderful as the Rosh Chodesh events are for spiritual inspiration, the mingling and social aspects bring our community together in an entirely unique way. This is an opportunity to build relationships and connect at a cross generational level. We are looking for mothers and daughters, perhaps with a grandmother in an aged-care facility who wants to participate in this project. Imagine if you will, an elderly lady sharing her story, while her children, grandchildren, friends and peers surround her, rapt in every word she says. That,

together with light refreshments and an inspiring message for the Hebrew month in a warm and nurturing atmosphere, is a most wonderful way to spend an afternoon or mid-morning. Your involvement can range from organising a speaker, sourcing video cameras/recording the video, writing and adapting the program, writing a Dvar Torah, to facilitating the event as a program leader. Please contact Rebbetzin Sara Gutnick for more information about how to get involved with this exciting new project: info@rcwc.com.au or 0419 525 955

LATEST NEWS

Website

If you have not had a chance to see our brand-new website www.rcwc.com.au, now is the time. If you have already seen it, take another look as it is constantly being updated. You will see pages about our wonderful affiliates, each with their own subpages with pictures and links to past events. You will find all the latest information

for members and visitors. Keep up to date with events and all the latest goings at the Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle.

Cards for Sale

The lovely painting by Zahava Pinson has been beautifully crafted into gorgeous cards for the Rosh Chodesh Women's

Circle. These cards, which are perfectly suited for occasions such as engagements, birthdays, Bat Mitzvas etc. are available via the website or via your affiliate group or by contacting the RCWC.



Membership Drive

We are kickstarting our membership drive this month and welcome anyone interested to get in touch. The Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle is looking for volunteers to become members of the association. Unlike members of the board who are obligated to come to meetings, associates get

be involved in all the fun stuff in their own time and space. You are welcome to share ideas for programs, themes, activities, and writing messages and programs. Involvement with a group of fantastic and likeminded women as well as discounts for your group are just some of the perks.

Have an idea for your local stomping ground? We want to hear about it. No idea too outlandish. Involvement in the Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle is a fun way to meet lots of interesting people and do some outreach work. If you are already volunteering for the RCWC please think about becoming a member at this time.

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