

EXPANDING IN THE NEW YEAR 5776

Welcome to a new year of Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle events. May it be a year of Mazal and growth, a year of peace and harmony and unity especially in our Holy Land. As the RCWC advances and expands with the help of Hashem, we continue to look for committed and responsible volunteers, members and new Affiliates. As always we thank those who have helped us reach the stage we are at now. Special thanks go to Shainy Lieder for designing the new flyer for the year 5776.

We encourage you to read the Newsletter thoroughly as not to miss any important points or specials. Please note **Meetings....** in the following section.

KISLEV - SHVAT

Kislev: Bentleigh Chabad and Merkos Women are in full swing preparation for Kislev. The theme and décor are bright and light, there are a variety of activities to choose from and the menu is scrumptious. The Message for the Month was written by Miriam Abenaim and Shoshana Henenberg assisted with the Program development.

Meetings: For Affiliates: As this is your first event for the year 5776, the handover of the Program and Resources will take place at a meeting with your Program Leader, RCWC rep and any others of your team you may wish to invite together with Rebbetzin Sara Gutnick at her home in the week of Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan. See email and phone contacts below to arrange meeting. For Members and Volunteers: With the new light that is created every New Year comes a new sense of purpose and opportunity. This week too is the best week to meet and regroup, redefine and reinvigorate so please use the contact numbers below to arrange a meeting this week individually or with your subcommittee.

Tevet: No program.

RCWC prepares programs for 10 months of the year, although we do suggest our Affiliates hold between 4 and 7 events per year. Tishrei, as an exception, was offered as a bonus this year, and Rosh Chodesh Tevet takes place during Chanukah a time of much joy and celebration.

Shvat: Registration for Shvat closes this week so please hurry if you're thinking of doing a fruity delicious Event celebrating the uniqueness and diversity of the individual in a harmonious beautiful garden of unity. 'We may be different fruits, but come from the same roots' – could sum up the theme. The Message of the Month for Shvat was written by Aliza Brown.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR ADAR

Whether you choose to do Adar 1 or 2, your Event can be totally sponsored by the RCWC to honour the memory of Mr. Max Blaser whose Yartzeit is on the 14th day of Adar. To qualify for this amazing offer the Affiliate must be registered for the year 5776 and have done at least one RCWC event prior to Adar. This will require any new Affiliate to register for Shvat in the next week.

NEW COLUMN FOR THE RCWC NEWSLETTER

In this column we share with you a thought on Rosh Chodesh- its beauty, its power and its special meaning for women. Feel free to share these thoughts with your group.



Rosh Chodesh is a day of opportunity and brings blessing to the individual as well as our people Israel.

In Shemot 12:2 it says:

Hachodesh hazeh <u>lachem</u> Rosh Chodoshim – this month is <u>for</u> <u>you</u> the beginning of the months.

The term 'for you' suggests that it is within our power to transform any negative influences that may be present within a particular month.

By serving Hashem in a manner that is most suitable in that specific month we can effect positive change in the world – which is very much our purpose on this earth.

Welcoming the new month meaningfully and joyfully by celebrating Rosh Chodesh must certainly accelerate this process.

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