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Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle™, Inc

Newsletter

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BACK IN MELBOURNE

After an extended stay overseas I am now back in Melbourne and eager to get into the swing of things with regards to the RCWC. Thank you for your kind thoughts, inquiries and prayers for our son who is moving in a positive direction towards a Refuah Sheleima, a complete recovery with the continued help of Hashem. Please continue to have Menachem Mendel Hakohen ben Sara Ita in your thoughts and in your prayers.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS DIFFERENT

The main purpose of this Newsletter is to request news rather than to provide news. I had scheduled meetings with some of you and urgent meetings and phone calls with others just before leaving on my unexpected trip. I also sent you emails about how we would proceed while I was away as well as assuring you of my availability by email. I now look forward to catching up.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REPORT BACK

Whether you are a Committee Member, a Board Member, a volunteer or a would-be volunteer, a new Affiliate or a long time one, or you are simply interested in what we do, please contact me. I'd like to hear from you or meet with you this week as we network, regroup and reassess. Our aim is ultimately for the RCWC to be a smoothly run organisation with the assistance of the Protocols, Handbooks, Programs, Schedules and all materials provided.

POSITION AVAILABLE

RCWC is looking for an efficient, personable and responsible secretary/administrator who appreciates the RCWC and its vision and would show dedication, initiative and creativity in assisting the running of our organisation. Computer skills are a must. Applications are welcome from within or outside of the RCWC organisation. Salary and hours will be negotiated with the suitable applicant. For more information please contact Rebbetzin Gutnick.

ADAR AND NISSAN

Thank you to Mrs. Michelle Feiglin for writing the Dvar Torah for Adar and to Mrs. Mina Gordon for writing the Dvar Torah for Nissan.

FROM OUR HANDBOOK *New Column*

Here we share with you some of our goals and guidelines taken from our Handbook:

WELCOME TO THE ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S CIRCLE.

"WOMEN HAVE THE WHOLE WORLD IN THEIR HANDS".

Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle™ (RCWC) is a program that encourages each woman to explore the individual mission of her life.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to recognise and empower all Jewish women so they can inspire, educate and support each other in building connections and creating a harmonious and meaningful society with lasting legacies.

OUR VALUES

Our values are Nurturing, Connection and Empowerment.

➤ **Nurturing**

As she lives, nurtures her family and others around her, each woman contributes to building and shaping the future for her family, community and future generations. This is the time to let women, who nurture others, allow themselves be nurtured so they may reflect on themselves and with each other!

➤ **Connection**

Each Jewish woman has her unique tale. Through sharing and connecting through stories, the unique story of each woman is woven into the fabric of the continuous spiral of Jewish history.

➤ **Empowerment**

At each RCWC event, as women share with each other their family story, they begin to understand themselves better, and the other women, too, gain insight and wisdom from others' stories leading to empowerment, leadership and meaningful contribution to society.

SHARING A THOUGHT

We end each Newsletter with a thought on Rosh Chodesh- its beauty, its power and its special meaning for women. Feel free to share these thoughts with your group.



Each month begins with the minor holiday of Rosh Chodesh, which literally means 'head of the month' but is often translated as the New Moon. Although it is of lesser status than other holidays, Rosh Chodesh is given considerable honour.

The day is considered appropriate for Bar Mitzvahs, house warmings, dedications, the wearing of new garments and for the special 'shehechyanu' blessing over new fruits. Nice meals and food treats as well as festive clothing are part of the tradition. Conversely, excessive mourning, eulogizing and fasting are prohibited on Rosh Chodesh.

The special quality of Rosh Chodesh is suggested by comparison with the holidays in the verse in Bamidbar 10:10: "And on your joyous occasions – your fixed holidays and New Moon days – you shall sound trumpets."

Although work is permitted, many women follow the tradition of refraining from certain activities on this day – sewing and laundry in particular - as this holiday was given to them as a reward for their refusal to participate in the sin of the golden calf.

The RCWC is a trademarked organisation empowering and nurturing women and creating lasting legacies and has been established in loving memory of Mr. Max Blaser. It has been incorporated into the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). This newsletter is for anyone associated with the RCWC in any capacity - whether you are a member of the Board, an Affiliate, a volunteer, a service provider OR you would like to join in any capacity. If you prefer not to be on our mailing list please let us know by replying to this email.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us!