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Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle™, Inc

Newsletter

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PURIM/PESACH

Purim with all its fun and revelry is now behind us but we hope the happiness and lightness in our heart continues while we prepare for Pesach and beyond. Please note the opportunities for grants from the RCWC as mentioned below. For further details please contact RCWC.

OUR NEW BOARD

We are pleased to announce our new RCWC Management team for 2016. Thank you to our new team for accepting these roles and for your efforts on behalf of the RCWC. Your enthusiasm and positivity is valued and will go a long way in ensuring a successful year ahead.

Board of Management: President - Rebbetzin Sara Gutnick; Vice President - Karin Zafir; Treasurer - Sharon Unger; Member – Jocelyn Lowinger

Positions: Honorary Vice President – Elissa Blaser; Honorary Legal – Chana Warlow-Shill; Consultant - Chaya New

At this opportunity we thank the RCWC representatives, those involved in all areas of management and the many others who have assisted and guided us along the way. Individual appreciation was expressed in the end of year report, available by request.

OUR GOALS

Our main goal this year is to restructure our system to accommodate our growth. The good news for the Affiliates is that for the time being we are still offering our program FREE OF CHARGE. We offer a beautiful and nurturing program which empowers Jewish women of all ages, stages and backgrounds and creates lasting legacies for their families and communities. To maintain our elegant RCWC style as a popular and appreciated oasis for women and to create those lasting legacies on DVDs, we offer financial assistance on a regular basis.

FOR THE AFFILIATES - A SECOND CHANCE:

The Dvar Torah message for the month of Iyar, so beautifully written by Rachel Gutnick highlights the theme of second chances. The month of Iyar brings with it renewed opportunities for sponsorship for your events. We are eager to offer you generous financial incentives to create elegant and exceptional events for your guests. We have all the ingredients for you to create your very own beautiful Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle Events. One of the ways to receive sponsorship is to put in your

written request together with your registration according to the new registration criteria

REGISTRATION:

Registration must now take place with your completed flyer and book presentation label at least two months before the Rosh Chodesh of your choice. Let's say you are considering a RCWC event for Rosh Chodesh Sivan – June 6 or 7. An inspirational Dvar Torah message has been prepared for you by Sara Rosenfeld and the theme is Women's Relationship with Torah. Once you have decided on the date and have chosen your Story Presenter and venue you then prepare and complete the presentation label for the book and the flyer with the help of your RCWC representative, if necessary. You then email your flyer with a cover note to RCWC on or before April 6. At this time, Affiliates or potential Affiliates may put in their request for a grant from the RCWC. It is never too early to register.

VOLUNTEERS:

There are many areas within the RCWC that would benefit from voluntary assistance whether it is related to graphics, website, editing, creative or grant writing, messages for each month or administration or videos. There is something for everyone. We are currently setting up a system whereby the efforts of the volunteer and the Affiliate which she is a part of are both recognised by the RCWC. All the details of our grants and sponsorship are available by request by emailing RCWC. New Affiliates or potentially new Affiliates are welcome to benefit from our offers.

FROM OUR HANDBOOK:

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

OUR PURPOSE:

Our purpose is multi-faceted.

- To enable Jewish women to come together to **celebrate** the new month of the Hebrew calendar
- To provide a meaningful and relevant themed message for each month specifically to **empower** women and connect them to their Judaism.
- To encourage lasting and meaningful **friendships**, both new and old, amongst the women in your very own community.
- To give women from diverse backgrounds **a voice** and to create lasting legacies for future generations.
- To empower women to develop a unique sense of self by recording and **appreciating** their experiences.
- To provide meaningful and **interactive** events based on the Jewish tradition and heritage.

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.



SOME ROSH CHODESH CUSTOMS (FROM CHABAD.ORG)

- Some have the custom to eat a festive meal with delicacies on Rosh Chodesh.
- Rosh Chodesh is especially dear to women, and many women observe it by taking the day off from household tasks such as laundry and sewing.
- Recently there has been an explosion of beautiful Rosh Chodesh gatherings, where women come together to study Torah, recite Psalms and share inspiration.
- On the Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh, known as Shabbat Mevorchim, special prayers are recited in the synagogue asking that the new month bring us only happiness, goodness, health and all good things.
- On Rosh Chodesh, it is customary to wish people *chodesh tov*, which means “a good month.” May it indeed be so. Amen.

The Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle, a trademarked organisation empowering and nurturing women and creating lasting legacies, has been established in loving memory of Mr. Max Blaser by his family. 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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