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Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle™, Inc

Newsletter

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Shana Tova Wishes from RCWC

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*All of us at the Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle  
wish each and every one of you a Shana Tova Umesuka,  
a Sweet and Happy New Year.*

*May you be inscribed for a good and happy year and may all your  
prayers be answered in a beautiful and positive manner.*



*As we approach 5777 with its new light, new energy and new  
opportunities, we acknowledge your input and assistance,  
whether as an affiliate or a volunteer in any way,  
and we say with all sincerity*

*Thank you - for being in our Circle*

*Yasher Koach - may we continue to be strengthened together  
and fulfil the dictum of*

*'ma'alim bekedesh' - 'elevating in holy matters'*

*striving for greater heights, with even more vigour and enthusiasm.*

### IS THERE ANY NEWS TO SHARE?

With thanks to Hashem, between travels and simchas we haven't been able to keep in contact as much as we would like, but we do have lots to share. Due to the pressures of time, being erev Shabbos and erev Rosh Hashana, let us quickly review the highlights of the last few months. When you have a few moments to relax, do enjoy catching up on some of the RCWC news.

### DEDICATION

We dedicate this newsletter to Chaya New for a Refuah Sheleima, with our thanks to you, Chaya, for all your input and involvement. May you continue on your road to recovery, making great strides in reaching the goal of 'Sheleima', fully recovered and back among family and friends in full strength and vitality.

### THE BIG NEWS – A NEW AFFILIATE

Our newest Affiliate, 'The Shiur Group' has already held two events and is planning their third. The Program Leader is Miriam Grossbaum and the RCWC representative is Naomi Rafael. We wish our new affiliate and our other two affiliates, Chabad Bentleigh and Merkos Women, Hatzlacha Rabba for the New Year. Now that we have three affiliates this brings us to the level of 'chazaka' – strength in the number 3, denoting an established custom.

### A TIMELY REMINDER

As we grow and wish to formalise our relationship with our Affiliates, we are currently offering a generous Affiliate Subscription Plan for the year 5777. We are extending our offer for a complete grant for your fourth event in 5777 for those signing up before the joyous festival of Sukkot. In any case, we will financially assist you for your video every month. In addition to the Monthly Programs and ongoing assistance, we at Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle are committed to doing whatever we can for you, as 'your success is our success'!

### PRE-WEDDING

In June we held a beautiful pre-wedding inter-affiliate event. Was it a huge success? On many levels it was, especially as it resulted in a new affiliate. A video of this outstanding event including the bride Abby's story was subsequently created and sent as a gift to Abby and memento of the occasion. We hoped the pre-wedding would also serve as a fund raiser but in that aspect we will rethink how to work it. However, we definitely want to continue with events open to all affiliates and friends of Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle which also serves as a sample event and opportunity to meet and mingle.

### THANK YOU

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.

At this point in time it is most appropriate personally thank our Board of Management – Karin Zafir, Naomi Rafael, Sharon Unger and Jocelyn Lowinger, together with Racheli Jacks our Program Director, for all your dedication and efforts on behalf of RCWC. You all lead busy lives (mazal Tov for your new baby, Racheli) and try to fit RCWC into your schedule.

Thank you to the recent inspiring Dvar Torah Writers: Sara Rosenfeld for Sivan and for Tammuz, Miriam Cowen. The Dvar Torah for Av together with the Program was prepared by Chaya Hoch and the Elul Dvar Torah was inspired by Talia Chaya Bloom. As we currently prepare for our AGM we invite interest from the community in joining our Board and/or volunteering in any capacity.

### FROM OUR HANDBOOK:

We have revamped our Handbook which is now divided into four sections:

1) Handbook Part 1a – Introduction

This part of the handbook is available for any potential affiliate.

2) Handbook Part 1b – Preparations

This part contains details and guidelines to get started.

3) Handouts – Checklists and instructions to be photocopied for the smooth running of events

4) Additional Guidance – Online support and tips for Affiliates and RCWC reps.

We also have a booklet for potential sponsors and donors.

*Part of Page 6 from Handbook Part 1a - Introduction*

## **The Program**

The RCWC team has created a well organised Rosh Chodesh program that is fun, nurturing, and informative - with a proven success record, which can be easily implemented by any Jewish community.

### **Our program would suit:**

- Groups of women
- Women's groups
- Shules and Schools
- Aged Care Facilities and Senior's groups
- Communal organisations
- Bat Mitzvah Groups
- Businesses and restaurants

Our team assigns you a representative (RCWC rep) and provides all the program content and support necessary to run your own successful Rosh Chodesh program.

### 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.



Chodesh, the Hebrew word for month, also means 'new' as the new moon appears and then grows - symbolising rebirth and renewal. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, so too do the Jewish people reflect the light of Hashem to the world around us.

As Rosh Chodesh is traditionally a time of reward and recognition for women, we are well suited indeed with our spiritual and nurturing natures to make the most of this renewal opportunity and bring renewed light unto ourselves, our families and indeed the world, utilising the spiritual force drawn down each Rosh Chodesh.

Shana in Hebrew means 'year' but it also means 'change' reflecting the even greater opportunities and powers available to us on Rosh Hashana for a wonderful meaningful good and sweet New Year.

### ADMIN WORK

RCWC seeks to outsource computer and other administrative duties to an efficient, personable and responsible secretary/administrator who appreciates RCWC and its vision and would show dedication, initiative and creativity in assisting the running of our organisation. For more information please contact Rebbetzin Gutnick.

*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.*

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