



## SAMPLE ADVERTISEMENTS FROM OTHER SYNAGOGUES

- I. This women's Rosh Chodesh group will gather **to learn from each other, to learn more about each other, and to better understand the women within our tradition.** For the women of the synagogue and our friends, mothers, aunts, grandmothers, cousins and nieces--a chance to learn and **celebrate the women on whose shoulders we stand.**
- II. In recent decades, Rosh Chodesh has become a monthly occasion for **Jewish women to gather for learning, ritual and spiritual exploration, and to mark life passages.** Our Rosh Chodesh group, founded by XX, has been meeting in members' homes for more than 18 years. We **open with introductions, candle-lighting and wine blessings. The heart of the meeting is a lively and provocative discussion of a short story, essay, memoir or midrash (creative interpretation of a Biblical or Talmudic story) written by a Jewish woman, occasionally including a Skype call with the author. We close with a song and refreshments.** From a member when asked about her reflections on Rosh Chodesh, "I walked into my first Rosh Chodesh group with the idea that I would try it once...Now, I've attended almost every one since that first night and even facilitated a couple of discussions."
- III. The Women's Rosh Chodesh Group is for women of all religious communities, backgrounds, and ages to get together to celebrate the new month. We **welcome the new month by singing, sharing, and eating. It is a time for women to experience spiritual moments together.** There is also women's-only Hallel davening on Rosh Chodesh where we welcome in the new month in prayer.
- IV. We meet once a month, either at the synagogue or at some other location. We **explore topics of particular interest to us as women and/or Jews. Engaging in social activities such as going to a museum, attending a concert, learning a new skill, etc. Joining together to work on projects and learn from each other. Getting together for goodies, coffee, and hanging out.**
- V. The first of each Jewish month—the celebration of the new moon, its slender crescent barely visible in the night sky—is a day historically associated with women's renewal and celebration. **Talking about the joys and challenges of relationships with significant others, family and friends; the need for a spiritual dimension in our day-to-day lives; experiences with death and mourning; our Jewish upbringing, choice to be Jewish or grappling with the questions of those who are experiencing an inter-religious relationship—all are potential themes to explore.** Sharing our unique stories allows each of us to broaden our own knowledge while creating a bond between group members. We hope to have women of all ages. We believe that our diversity will be our greatest strength and allow us to learn and grow from one another.