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JQ International to Launch Women’s Programming Initiative

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JQ International, Los Angeles—a new organization that serves individuals in their 20’s and 30’s in the Los Angeles gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) Jewish community with religious, cultural, educational and social action activities in a nondenominational atmosphere—is pleased to announce the initial planning meeting for *Women’s Programming* scheduled for February 25th.

This planning meeting will help JQ International provide exciting new opportunities for the Los Angeles GLBT Jewish community with significant planning, marketing and implementation funded through a generous Cutting Edge Grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles. The planning meeting for *Women’s Programming* will allow JQ to assess the needs of existing female membership and the needs of the women that fall into this target demographic but may not yet be involved with the organization. "Once we hear from the women in our community, the planning committee will create and market comprehensive programming specifically designed for them. JQ International is excited about engaging and expanding our membership and creating new opportunities to further develop identity and leadership through programming tailored specifically for women," said K. Chansky, JQ’s Vice President of Women’s Programming.

"Our community needs organizations that have the power to build community, to deepen relationships and to engage our diverse needs. That is why JQ International is such an important organization for our Jewish community here in Los Angeles. JQ’s women’s programming initiative is an exciting way in which to widen and deepen our work throughout the Jewish community, specifically meeting the needs of women in their 20’s and 30’s. I am proud to be a part of such a worthwhile endeavor," said Rabbi Elianna Yolkut, Rabbi and Religious School Director of Adat Ari El Congregation.

"The Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles is delighted to support JQ International as they build on their current successes", said Amelia Xann, Director of Grant Programs for The Foundation. "Through our Cutting Edge Grants, The Foundation supports creative, high impact programs that improve Jewish life. JQ International has displayed groundbreaking initiative in providing opportunities for membership for those who, until now, have not had a recognized place in the organized Jewish community. As they expand their outreach and launch exciting, new programming for women, JQ International is meeting this need. The Jewish Community Foundation is pleased to partner with JQ International in this effort and we look forward to their continued success."

JQ is a membership-based organization dedicated to the advancement of Jewish equality of sexual orientation and gender identity via social and educational programming, community service and activism. Committed to providing quality programs and services catered to membership needs and inspired by Jewish values and the concept of uniting all Jews, JQ creates an atmosphere that fosters understanding, tolerance and the realization that all Jews are a dynamic force in American society and a valued asset in the Jewish communal and spiritual worlds.

About JQ International

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