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Jewish Women's Foundation of San Diego Sponsors Anita Diamant Lecture

On Tuesday November 11th at 12:00 Noon at the Lawrence Family JCC, the **Jewish Women's Foundation of San Diego** will be sponsoring a lunchtime lecture by best-selling author and journalist Anita Diamant at the San Diego Jewish Book Fair.

The Jewish Women's Foundation has been established with the Jewish Community Foundation to address the issues facing Jewish women and girls in San Diego and Israel through funding, education and social action. There are currently almost 30 founding members and the Foundation expects to double its membership this year.

"We are a group of caring and concerned women who want to make a tangible impact on the community. Already, we've uncovered issues and areas of need that are not currently being adequately addressed in the Jewish community. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of Jewish women and girls," said Jan Tuttleman, Founding Chair.

Anita Diamant is best known for *The Red Tent* (1997), a work of historical fiction based on the biblical story of Dinah (Genesis 34). Diamant will be speaking about her new book *Pitching My Tent: On Marriage, Motherhood, Friendship and Other Leaps of Faith*, an enriched compilation of columns written for magazines and newspapers that include the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Magazine*, *Self*, *Parenting*, *Parents*, *McCalls* and *Ms.* magazine. *Pitching My Tent* takes readers and audiences on a spiritual and sometimes humorous journey through autobiographical selections on love and marriage, motherhood, dogs, food, congregation life, friendship, loss and hope.

Cost for the lecture and box luncheon is \$14. Reservations can be made by calling the Lawrence Family JCC Box Office at 858-362-1348. For more information on the Jewish Women's Foundation of San Diego, call Charlene Seidle at 858-279-2740.

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Since 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation has partnered with donors and community organizations in achieving their philanthropic goals. In addition, the Foundation works to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world. During fiscal year 2002/2003, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$36 million in 3,000 separate grants to 700 different charitable organizations.