

# **ROSH CHODESH SIDDUR**

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## THE NEW MOON

Rosh Chodesh is the second most celebrated feast of the Torah. It is celebrated every new moon with the blowing of silver trumpets, sacrifices, and feasting together according to the Scriptural command in Bamidbar (Numbers) 10:10. Refer also to Tehillim (Psalm) 81:3. Originally the New Moon was fixed by astronomical calculations, but later it became a custom for the Bet Din, the High Court of Yerushalem to fix its dates, and these dates are based on the predictions of Rabbi Hillel the 2nd of the 4<sup>th</sup> Century and have been proven to be out as much as two days. Many in Yisra'el do not use this calendar for that reason.

It is during the appearance of the first crescent (at the end) of the moon and not the full moon that marks the first day of the new month. Many sites on the internet provide free copies of the Hebrew Calendar with the new moon sightings and the start and end of each month with their associated feast. Also, you are able to get the timing of the appearance of the first crescent of the moon from your local weather station if you do not have access to the internet. As individuals or a family, we are commanded to sanctify the New Moon with a Kiddush and Praise YHWH for the month. Therefore you will need some grape juice for this purpose.

Some people fast as an act of self-examination and remorse the preceding day, as it is prohibited to fast on Rosh Chodesh. You will need the following things for this ceremony.

- A bottle of grape juice since grape juice is the biblical choice, and if not available, another fruit juice will suffice.
- A goblet or cup.
- A cup or glass for each participant.
- A shofar or horn.

Set these items out over the table on a white tablecloth or the best that you have. Pour the grape juice into the goblet and place it in front of the person performing the ceremony. Place a cup in front of each participant. You are now ready!

Note: A New Moon calendar for the year is available from [nomanszone.org](http://nomanszone.org).

# THE OPENING

**At sunset**

## **BIRKAT HA CHODESH**

**The blessing of the New Moon**

The feast starts on the night in which the first crescent of the new moon is observed.

## **HALLELUYAH**

**The exaltation**

**The Father or Leader reads:**

Tehillim (Psalm) 148:1-5.

*Hal'luyah,  
Hal'lu et הַשָּׁמַיִם min hashamayim,  
Hal'luhu bam'romeen,  
Hal'luhu khol-mal'akhav,  
Hal'luhu khol-tz'va'av,  
Hal'luhu shemesh v'yaray-ach,  
Hal'luhu kol-kokh vay or,  
Hal'luhu sh'may hashamayim,  
V'hamayim asher may'al hashamayim,  
Y'hal'lu et-shaym הַשָּׁמַיִם,  
Ki hu tzivah v'nivra'u,  
Vayameedaym la'ad l'olam,  
Chok-nathan v'lo ya'avov.*

Halleluyah,  
Hallel YHWH from the heavens,  
Hallel Him in the heights,  
Hallel Him, all His hosts,  
Hallel Him Sun and Moon,  
Hallel Him, all ye stars of light,  
Hallel Him, ye heavens of heavens, and waters that are around the heavens,  
Let them hallel the name of YHWH, for He commanded, and they were created.

It is a custom to look at the moon to remember YHWH's great creative ability then praise Him by saying:

**The Father or Leader continues:**

*Barukh Atah הַשָּׁמַיִם, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Asher b'ma'amaro bara sh'chakim uv'ruach peev kol Tz'va'am chok uz'man lahem shelo y'shanu et taf'kiram. Shashim us'maychim la'asot r'tzon konam, pol'ay emet shep'ulato emet, v'lal'vana amar shetit'chadash ateret tif'eret, al'amusay vaten shehaym atidim li'hit'chadaysh k'motah ul'fa'ayr l'yotz'ram al shaym k'vod mal'khuto.  
Barukh Atah הַשָּׁמַיִם, M'chadaysh chadashim.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe. By thy word thou didst create the heavens and by thy whisper their entire host. Thou hast subjected them to their periodic laws so that they should be constant in their functioning, rejoicing in gladness to fulfill the will of their Creator. As true as is their Maker, so faithful is His work. He ordained that the moon should each month be renewed, shining as a glorious diadem, to men bearing the burdens of life a symbol of hope that they also may be reborn to new life, to proclaim the esteem of their Creator's dominion.

We praise You YHWH Who renews the months.

**All present recite this three times:**

*Barukh Yotzraykh,  
Barukh Osaykh,  
Barukh Konaykh,  
Barukh Bor'aykh.*

Praised is our Moulder,  
Praised is our Maker,  
Praised is our Owner,  
Praised is our Creator.

**All present recite this three times:**

*Ben Dawid haMelech Yisra'el chai v'khai'am.*

The Son of Dawid, the King of Yisra'el, is alive and enduring.

## **KIDDUSH CHODESH**

**The sanctification prayer for the new month**

The Kiddush is recited while holding a full cup in one's right hand, and when the blessing is finished, everyone drinks from the goblet or their own individual glass or cup. It is customary to stand during Kiddush, although others decide to sit.

**The Father or Leader reads or sings:**

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Asher M'chadaysh lanu et-hachodash.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who sanctifies the new month for us.

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Asher natan cha'yim bachodesh hazeh veehee ayt shalom v'ayt sava l'am kah Yisra'el.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who given us life in this month, and may it be a time of peace and prosperity to your people Yisra'el.

**All present read or sing:**

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Boray pri hagafen. Amein.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Amein.

Everyone takes a sip of their glass and returns it to its place.

## SHAALU SHALOM YERUSHALEM

### Prayer for the peace of Yerushalem

This part is a fulfillment of our mitzvah (duty) to pray for the peace of Yerushalem and to praise YHWH with our might.

### The Father or Leader reads or sings:

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al Mitzvah t'fillot shaalu shalom Yerushalem.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with Mitzvot and has commanded us to pray for the peace of Yerushalem.

### All present read:

Tehillim (Psalm) 122:1-9.

*"I had great simcha (joy) when they said to me, Let us go into the Bayit (House) of יהוה. Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Yahrushalayim. Yahrushalayim is built as a city that is compact together: Where the tribes go up, the tribes of Yah, to the testimony of Yisra'el, to give hodu (thanks) to the Name of יהוה. For there are the set thrones of mishpat (Judgment), the thrones of Bayit Dawid (House of David). Shaalu shalom Yahrushalayim (Pray for the Peace of Yerushalem): they shall prosper that love You. Shalom, be within your walls, and prosperity within your citadels. For my brothers and companions sakes, I will now say, Shalom, be within you. Because of the Bayit (House) of יהוה our Elohim, I will seek your tov (good)."*

## HALLELUYAH

### The exaltation

### All present read:

Tehillim (Psalm) 150:1-6.

*Hal'luyah!  
Hal'luyah El b'kod'sho,  
Hal'luhu bir'kia uzo,  
Hal'luhu big'vurotav,  
Hal'luhu k'rov gud'lo,  
Hal'luhu b'teika shofar,  
Hal'luhu b'nayvel v'khinor,  
Hal'luhu b'tof umachol,  
Hal'luhu b'minim v'ugav,  
Hal'luhu b'tzil'tzlay shama,  
Hal'luhu, b'tzil'tzlay t'rua,  
Kol han'shama t'halzel Ya,  
Hal'luyah, hal'luyah!*

Halleluyah!

Hallel (Praise) El in His Kadosh-Place (Set-Apart),  
Hallel Him in the expanse of His power,  
Hallel Him for His mighty acts,

Hallel Him according to His excellent greatness,  
Hallel Him with the sound of the shofar,  
Hallel Him with the guitar and harp,  
Hallel Him with the tambourine and dance,  
Hallel Him with stringed instruments and flutes,  
Hallel Him with the loud cymbals,  
Hallel Him upon the high sounding cymbals,  
Let everything that has breath hallel-Yah,  
Halleluyah, halleluyah!

A Shofar or a trumpet should be blown here with short to medium bursts.

A Shofar is a hollowed-out ram's horn that was used as an ancient musical instrument for communications and celebrations. Its sound also serves as a reminder to obey the commandments. If you are unable to obtain a shofar, use any other blowing instrument that can produce a similar sound.

You may now finish the rest of your grape juice.

## **MIKRA**

### **The proclamation**

We finish Rosh Chodesh with this declaration:

**All present say:**

*Siman tov umazal tov y'hee lanu ul'khol. Amein.*

May there be a good sign and a good fortune for us and for all Yisra'el. Amein.

**Now all present greet one another with this:**

*Shalom Aleikem.*

Peace upon you.

The meal is served.

## **BAREICH**

### **The blessing after the meal**

**All present read:**

*Barukh Harachman Mazon ha'acilah Hazot.*

Praised be the Merciful One, Provider of this food.

*Harachaman, Hu yishlach b'rakha m'ruba babayit hazeh v'al shulkhan zeh she'achalnu alav. Amein.*

May the Merciful One send abundant blessing upon this dwelling and the table at which we have eaten. Amein.

# THE CLOSING

## At sunset

You will need the following things for this ceremony.

- A bottle of grape juice since grape juice is the biblical choice, and if not available, another fruit juice will suffice.
- A goblet or cup.
- A cup or glass for each participant.
- A specially braided candle or lamp called a *Havdalah* candle and if it is unavailable, then use a medium to a large single candle.

Set these items out over the table on a white tablecloth or the best that you have. Pour the grape juice into the goblet and place it in front of the person performing the ceremony. Place the Havdalah candle in the middle of the table. You are now ready!

## HAVDALAH

### The havdalah ceremony

The Father or Leader reads:

*Barukh hamavdil bayn kodesh l'chol.*

Praised is He Who separates between the set-apart and the ordinary.

## KIDDUSH

### The sanctification prayer for grape juice

The Kiddush is recited while holding a full cup in one's right hand, and when the blessing is finished, everyone drinks from the goblet or their own individual glass or cup. It is customary to stand during Kiddush, although others decide to sit.

Everyone raises their glasses. **Then all present sing or read:**

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Borei p'ri hagafen. Amein.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Amein.

Don't drink the grape juice as yet but return the cup to its place.

## BIRKAT HAVDALAH

### The sanctification prayer for the havdalah candle

Light the Havdalah candle. This can be done by the Father or Mother. Then look at the candle while reciting the following blessing.

The Father or Leader reads or sings:

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Boray Me'oray ha'aysh. Amein.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Creator of the fire's lights. Amein.

## **BIRKHOT HAVDALAH**

### **The sanctification prayer for time, the believer and Yisra'el**

The Father or Leader picks up the grape juice and recites the following blessings.

#### **The Father or Leader reads or sings:**

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Hamavdil,*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who separates,

*bayn kodesh lechol,*

between the set-apart and the ordinary,

*bayn or lechoshech,*

between the light and dark,

*bayn Yisra'el la'amim,*

between Yisra'el and the other nations,

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Hamavdil bayn kodesh lechol.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who separates between the set-apart (sacred) and the ordinary (profane).

*Hamavdil bayn kodesh lechol, chatoteinu hu yimchol, zareinu v'chaspeinu yarbeh kachol v'chakochavim balaila.*

You teach us to distinguish between the commonplace and the set apart: teach us also to transform our sins to merits. Let those who love You be numerous as the sands and the stars of heaven.

If Rosh Chodesh falls on a Shabbat day, then add the following:

The prophet Eliyahu (Elijah) return is a pinnacle belief in Hebrew tradition and is well supported by Scripture. The acknowledgment of Eliyahu's return during Havdalah is a reminder of the Messiah's return that all Yisra'el shares.

#### **Then all present read or sing:**

*Eliyahu haNavi, Eliyahu haTishbi, Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu haGiladi. Bim'hayra v'yamaynu, yavo Eilaynu, im Mashiach ben Dawid, im Mashiach ben Dawid.*

Eliyahu (Elijah) the prophet, Eliyahu the Tishbite. Eliyahu of Gilead. Soon in our days, Eliyahu will come with the Messiah, the son of Dawid.

Now drink the cup of grape juice, leaving enough to use to extinguish the flame.

The meal is served.

## **CHODESH TOV**

**The traditional well wishes for the month**

**All present say to one another:**

*Chodesh Tov!*

Have a good month, a month of peace and success.

## **BAREICH**

**The blessing after the meal**

**All present read:**

*Barukh Harachman Mazon ha'acilah Hazot.*

Praised be the Merciful One, Provider of this food.

*Harachaman, Hu yishlach b'rakha m'ruba babayit hazeh v'al shulkhan zeh she'achalnu alav. Amein.*

May the Merciful One send abundant blessing upon this dwelling and the table at which we have eaten.  
Amein.

All Scripture reference is from the RSTNE version



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