

בְּרַכַּת הַחֹדֶשׁ

Birkat Hahodesh

יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ, הִי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ וְאֱ-לֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ,
שֶׁתְּחַדֵּשׁ עֲלֵינוּ אֶת הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה
לְטוֹבָה וְלְבְרָכָה,
וְתִתֵּן לָנוּ חַיִּים אָרוּכִים,
חַיִּים שֶׁל שְׁלוֹם,
חַיִּים שֶׁל טוֹבָה,
חַיִּים שֶׁל בְּרָכָה,
חַיִּים שֶׁל פְּרֻקָּה,
חַיִּים שֶׁל חֲלוּץ עֲצָמוֹת,
חַיִּים שֶׁיֵּשׁ בָּהֶם יִרְאַת שָׁמַיִם וְיִרְאַת חֹטֵא,
חַיִּים שֶׁאֵין בָּהֶם בּוֹשָׁה וְכִלְמָה,
חַיִּים שֶׁל עֶשֶׂר וְכָבוֹד,
חַיִּים שֶׁתְּהֵא בָנוּ אֶהְבֵּת תּוֹרָה וְיִרְאַת שָׁמַיִם,
חַיִּים שֶׁיִּמְלֵא הִי מִשְׁאָלוֹת לְבָנוּ לְטוֹבָה,
אָמֵן סֵלָה.

May it be Your will, Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors, that You inaugurate this month upon us for goodness and for blessing.

May You give us long life:

a life of peace,

a life of goodness,

a life of blessing,

a life of sustenance,

a life of physical health,

a life in which there is fear of heaven and fear of sin,

a life in which there is no shame or humiliation,

a life of wealth and honor, a life in which we will have love of Torah and fear of heaven,

a life in which our heartfelt requests will be fulfilled for the good.

Amen. Selah.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Birkat Hahodesh

Directions:

Listen to the list of blessings that is included in the text of the Birkat Hahodesh. We recite the Birkat Hahodesh on each Shabbat Mevarkhim, as we call the Shabbat before each Rosh Hodesh. As you are listening, write down the blessings that are mentioned that YOU hope that God will give to us.

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Cut and paste section below into *berakhah* page-----

Think of other personal blessings or blessings in your life that you would like to include in your Rosh Hodesh prayer, and write yours below.

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Announcing the New Moon

_____ ראש חֹדֶשׁ

_____ יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם

הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

The new month of _____

Will begin on _____

May it hold blessings for us and for all the people Israel.

The Jewish Months

Month	Please Write the Name of the Jewish Month—IN HEBREW!!	Jewish Holidays
Tishrei		Rosh Hashanah, Yamim Noraim, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Sim _h at Torah
<u>H</u> eshvan		
Kislev		<u>H</u> anukah
Tevet		
Shvat		Tu B'Shvat
Adar		Purim
Nisan		Pesah Yom HaShoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day
Iyar		Yom Hazikaron—Remembrance Day for Fallen Soldiers in Israeli Wars Yom Haatzma'ut—Israeli Independence Day
Sivan		Shavuot
Tamuz		
Av		Tisha B'Av
Elul		Season of Return and Forgiveness Begins

Birkat Hahodesh Berakhah Page: Directions

Pages A and B:

- a) Cut out the Birkat Hahodesh blessing in English and in Hebrew from Berakhah JC 5.1a. Paste it onto a piece of colored paper with the Hebrew on top and the English below.
- b) Open your *birkon* to the next pair of empty pages, and paste the blessing onto the right side of your book.
- c) Select one of the wishes that you wrote on the bottom of Berakhah JC 5.1b. Draw an illustration of the wish on a piece of colored paper, and glue the illustration onto the left side of your *birkon*.
- d) On another piece of colored paper, write a description of what you drew. The description should explain why you hope that God gives you this wish. Glue this description into your *birkon*, under your illustration.

Pages C and D:

- a) Turn the page of your *birkon*. Warning: Check to make sure that the glue has dried on your first two pages. If it hasn't, put a piece of wax paper between the pages before turning the page, so that the papers do not stick together.
- b) Cut out the Rosh Hodesh announcement from Berakhah JC 5.1c in Hebrew and in English. Paste it on a piece of colored paper with the Hebrew on top and the English below.
- c) Glue the piece of colored paper onto the right side of your *birkon*.
- d) Cut out the Jewish months chart from Berakhah JC 5.1d, and paste it onto a piece of colored paper. Glue the chart onto the left side of your *birkon*.
- e) Optional: Illustrate your chart with symbols of the holidays that are listed on it.