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## New-Moon Observation

### Directions:

Rosh Hodesh was declared when two witnesses testified at the Sanhedrin—the Jewish court—that they had seen the new moon at the correct time and place.

Your job is to look for the next new moon so that our class Sanhedrin can declare the next Rosh Hodesh at the proper time.

1. Begin looking for the new moon on \_\_\_\_\_ and continue looking for five nights (or until you have found it!).
2. When you see the new moon, take a picture of it. Remember that it is important to declare Rosh Hodesh on time, so PLEASE finish this assignment as soon after seeing the new moon as you possibly can!
3. Download the picture or video to your computer.
4. Open your VoiceThread account at [etgar.ed.voicethread.com](http://etgar.ed.voicethread.com). Under the "My Voice" tab of your account, open the VoiceThread called "Rosh Hodesh VoiceThread."
5. Use the directions on the VoiceThread to upload your picture to it. Leave a comment telling us exactly when you saw the new moon, so that you can be a witness at our Sanhedrin.
6. Answer the following questions in preparation for your testimony, and bring the answers to school:

1. In what phase did you see the moon?

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2. Was the moon in front of the sun or behind the sun? Was the moon to the north or to the south of the sun?

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3. How high in the sky was the moon?

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4. In what direction was the moon leaning?

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5. How wide was the moon? Was it a full moon, a half moon, or a crescent? \_\_\_\_\_