

Rosh Chodesh Blessings

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G-d first commanded us to observe the new moon just as we were ready to flee from the enslavement of Egypt. Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, the 19-century German scholar, noted that since we would soon be liberated from slavery, we could appreciate the moon's emergence from darkness to light. Through the moon's renewal, G-d is telling the people of Israel: "This is to be the model for your own conduct! Even as the moon renews itself by the law of nature, so you, too should renew yourselves, but of your own free will." G-d also commanded us to count the months, so that we could always calculate the amount of time that our people have been free.

Blessed are You who gives us the New Moon --

This is a sign of beginning anew.

Blessed are You, as we start all over again.

New Moon, ancient light – May my spirit rise to you

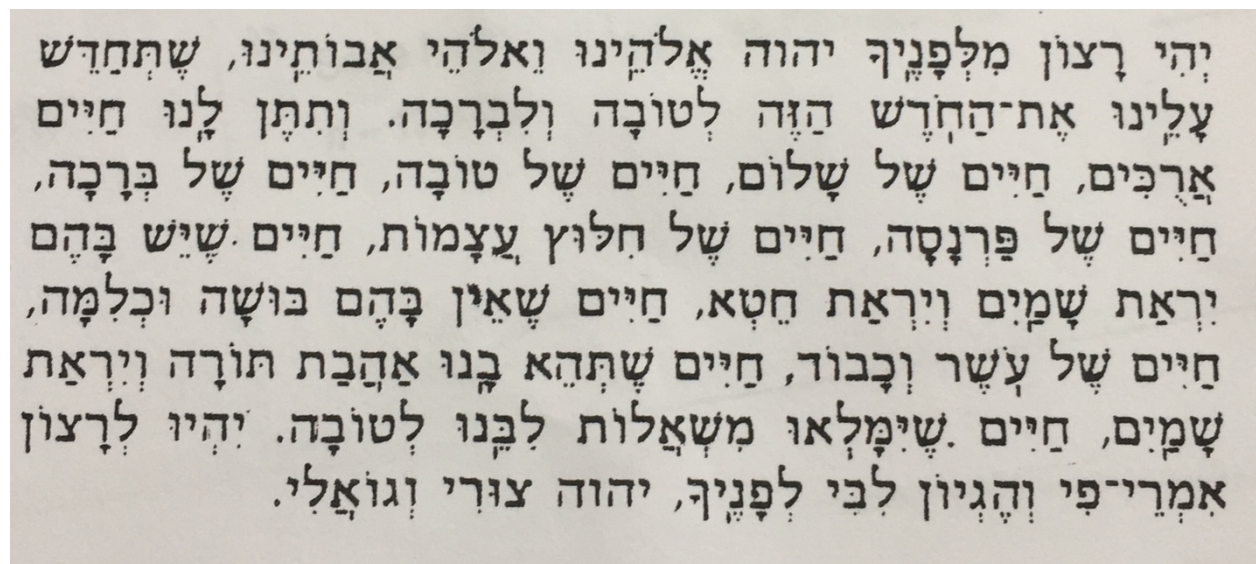
In _____'s sky.

Or Chadash, Or kadmah

Tinasei nafshi elecha

Bishmay Chodesh _____ (Hebrew month).

May it be Your will, Lord our G-d and G-d of our ancestors, to renew our lives in this new month. Grant us long life, a peaceful life with goodness and blessing, sustenance and physical vitality, a life informed by purity and piety, a life free from shame and reproach, a life of abundance and honor, a life embracing piety and love of Torah, a life in which our heart's desire for goodness will be fulfilled. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You, O G-d, my Rock and my Redeemer.



יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, שְׁתַּחַדֵּשׁ
עָלֵינוּ אֶת־הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לְטוֹבָה וְלִבְרָכָה. וְתִתֵּן לָנוּ חַיִּים
אֲרָכִים, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמוֹם, חַיִּים שֶׁל טוֹבָה, חַיִּים שֶׁל בְּרָכָה,
חַיִּים שֶׁל פְּרֻנְסָה, חַיִּים שֶׁל חֲלוּץ עֲצָמוֹת, חַיִּים שִׁישׁ בָּהֶם
יֵרָאֵת שָׁמַיִם וְיֵרָאֵת חֶטָּא, חַיִּים שְׂאִין בָּהֶם בּוֹשָׁה וְכִלְמָה,
חַיִּים שֶׁל עֶשֶׂר וְכַבּוֹד, חַיִּים שְׁתֵּהָא בָּנוּ אֶהְבֵּת תּוֹרָה וְיֵרָאֵת
שָׁמַיִם, חַיִּים שִׁימְלָאוּ מִשְׁאֲלוֹת לִבְנוֹ לְטוֹבָה. יְהִיוּ לְרָצוֹן
אִמְרֵי־פִי וְהִגְיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךָ, יְהוָה צוּרִי וְגוֹאֲלִי.

Yih'yu l'ratzon imrei fi, v'hegyon libi l'fanecha, Adoni, tzuri v'goali.