



Rosh Chodesh

In Hebrew, Rosh Chodesh means, literally, "head of the month" or "first of the month."
Rosh Chodesh is the first day of any new month.

Rosh Chodesh groups began in the early 1970's, as women gathered to explore the nature of women's spirituality and the role of Jewish women in ritual. The small group nature of Rosh Chodesh also served to provide a forum for women's studies and support. Through the years, ceremonies of various kinds have arisen out of these groups, involving a variety of themes (most prominently rebirth, renewal, fertility, nature, and the life cycle), ritual elements (including, but not limited to: tzedakah, candles, feasting, water imagery), foods (such as fruits containing seeds, round challot, crescent-shaped rolls, egg dishes, sprout salads), and liturgical elements (singing of Hallel psalms and Birkhat HaMazon). Each group has its own character, shaped by the participants and serving their unique needs.

The Sisterhood of Old York Road Temple - Beth Am Rosh Chodesh group celebrates the new moon four times a year, to provide creative opportunities for women to study, worship, and socialize together.

Rosh Chodesh program dates, 2007-2008 5767-5768

Cheshvan Monday, October 1 - 6 pm
(in the Beth Am Sukkah - Dinner included)

Tevet Dec 12, 2007 - 7:30 pm

Adar Feb 13, 2008 - 7:30 pm

Nissan Mar 10, 2008 - 7:30 pm

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