

מִצְוֹת
עֲשֵׂה
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We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Bo: (שמות יב:ב)

הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לָכֶם רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשִׁים

Today in *Sefer Hamitzvos*, we learn the same *mitzvah* again: How the *Beis Din* needs to make a calendar and calculate the months and the years. This is the *mitzvah* of *Kiddush Hachodesh*.



The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Sanhedrin perek Alef, Mesechta Rosh Hashana and Brachos

Rambam: Hilchos Kiddush Hachodesh

PERAKIM YUD-BEIS, YUD-GIMMEL AND YUD-DALED

In today's Rambam, we are learning more about how the *Beis Din* knows where the moon will be on *Rosh Chodesh*.

To understand these *halachos*, you need to know about how the sun and stars and moon move around (orbit).

These calculations help the *Beis Din* figure out where the moon should be, so they can make sure that what the witnesses are saying makes sense, and that they really DID see the new moon!