

מִצְוַת
עֲשֵׂה

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

הַחֲדָשׁ הַזֶּה לָכֶם
רֵאשׁ חֲדָשִׁים

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 TES-VOV, TES-ZAYIN, AND YUD-ZAYIN

In today's Rambam, we learn how the *Beis Din* knows if it makes sense that someone would be able see the new moon, to know if the witnesses are telling the truth. (We aren't talking about people seeing the moon ANYWHERE — only in Eretz Yisroel!)

It might be hard to remember all of the

numbers the Rambam gives us, or to understand the Rambam's explanation of why we use those numbers, but it's not too hard to actually make the calculations. Just follow the Rambam's clear instructions step by step, and you can also figure out if a person could see the moon on any night in Yerushalayim!