

# What is Rosh Chodesh?



Rosh Chodesh marks the beginning of the new Jewish month, and begins with the new moon.

Sometimes, Rosh Chodesh is seen as a little Yom Kippur, giving time each month to renewal and rededication, or a little Rosh Hashanah, with lots of celebrating and feasting each month.

Rosh Chodesh was given to women as our holiday in reward for not donating jewelry for building the Golden Calf, an idol created after G-d had told the Jewish people, through Moses, to worship only G-d.

## **What do women do on Rosh Chodesh?**

Gather to celebrate the cycles of the moon and the rhythm of our lives!

Rosh Chodesh celebration has round elements such as round candles and round moons.

There are Rosh Chodesh prayers—some women create Rosh Chodesh services and

discuss topics related to women and  
Judaism.

To find out about opportunities to celebrate Rosh Chodesh at the U of I,  
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