


Kiddush L'vana

1. First we make Havdalah
2. Then we take our mobile devices and go outdoors so we can see the moon
3. We recite and sing the Kiddush L'vana liturgy
4. If we have mourners with us, we recite Mourner's Kaddish. Two versions are attached.
5. We sing "moon" songs.

 BLESSING OF THE NEW MOON

The Jewish year and its Festivals are based upon the lunar calendar. The first of the month (Rosh Hodesh) is celebrated as a special day, with its own liturgy. Rosh Hodesh is announced in the synagogue on the Shabbat which precedes it, with a special prayer for life in the new month. The sight of the new moon which has reappeared is another occasion for celebrating this aspect of Creation, and our awareness of it, by expressing gratitude for the renewal of life, and hopefulness for the future.

2 Rabbi Yohanan: Whoever blesses the new moon at the proper time is considered as having welcomed the presence of the Shekhinah.

4 Halleluyah. Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him, angels on high. Praise Him, sun and moon and all shining stars. Praise Him, highest heavens. Let them praise the glory of the Lord at whose command they were created, at whose command they endure forever and by whose laws nature abides.

PSALM 148:1-6

6 Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe whose word created the heavens, whose breath created all that they contain. Statutes and seasons He set for them, that they should not deviate from their assigned task. Happily, gladly they do the will of their Creator, whose work is dependable. To the moon He spoke: renew yourself, crown of glory for those who were borne in the womb, who also are destined to be renewed and to extol their Creator for His glorious sovereignty. Praised are You, Lord who renews the months.

David, King of Israel, lives and endures.

Greetings are exchanged:

—Shalom aleikhem.

—Aleikhem Shalom.

May good fortune be ours, and blessing for the whole House of Israel.

Psalm 121, page 667, may be added, and
Mourner's Kaddish recited, page 699

 BLESSING OF THE NEW MOON

The blessing of the new moon takes place out of doors, in sight of the moon, preferably with a minyan, between the third day and the fifteenth day of the lunar month. In the month of Av it is recited after Tisha B'av. In the month of Tishrei it is recited after Yom Kippur.

1 אָמַר רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן: כָּל־הַמְבָרֵךְ אֶת־הַחֹדֶשׁ בְּזַמְנוֹ
בְּאֵלוֹ מְקַבֵּל פְּנֵי הַשְּׂכִינָה.

3 הַלְלוּהָ. הַלְלוּ אֶת־יְהוָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם, הַלְלוּהוּ בַמְרוֹמִים.
הַלְלוּהוּ כָל־מַלְאָכָיו, הַלְלוּהוּ כָל־צְבָאָיו. הַלְלוּהוּ שְׁמֵשׁ
וְיָרֵחַ, הַלְלוּהוּ כָל־כּוֹכְבֵי אֹר. הַלְלוּהוּ שְׁמֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְהַמַּיִם
אֲשֶׁר מַעַל הַשָּׁמַיִם. יְהַלְלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יְהוָה, כִּי הוּא צִוָּה
וַנְּבְרָאוּ. וַיַּעֲמִידֵם לְעַד לְעוֹלָם, חַק נָתַן וְלֹא יַעֲבוֹר.

5 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בְּמֵאֲמָרוֹ בְּרָא
שְׁחָקִים, וַיְבָרוּחַ פִּיו כָּל־צְבָאָם. חַק וּזְמַן נָתַן לָהֶם שְׁלֹא יִשְׁנוּ
אֶת־תַּפְקִידָם. שְׁשִׁים וּשְׁמֹנִים לַעֲשׂוֹת רְצוֹן קוֹנָם, פּוֹעֵל אֲמֵת
שֶׁפָּעֲלָתוֹ אֲמֵת. וְלִלְבָנָה אָמַר שְׁתַּחַדֵּשׁ עֲטֻרַת תַּפְאָרֶת
לְעַמּוּסֵי בָטָן, שֶׁהֵם עֲתִידִים לְהִתְחַדֵּשׁ כְּמוֹתָהּ, וּלְפָאֵר
לְיוֹצְרָם עַל שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה, מְחַדֵּשׁ
חֲדָשִׁים.

7 דָּוִד מֶלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל חַי וְקַיִם.

Greetings are exchanged:

8 שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם.

— עֲלֵיכֶם שְׁלוֹם.

9 סִמֵּן טוֹב וּמִזֵּל טוֹב יִהְיֶה לָנוּ וּלְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. אָמֵן.

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Mourners and those observing Yahrzeit:

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma di v'ra khir'utei, v'yamlikh malkhutei b'ḥayeikhon u-v'yomeikhon u-v'ḥayei d'khol beit yisrael, ba-agala u-vi-z'man kariv v'imru amen.

Congregation and mourner:

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'vorakh l'alam u-l'almei almaya.

Mourner:

Yitbarakh v'yshtabah v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yit-hadar v'yit'aleh v'yit-halal sh'mei d'kudsha, b'rikh hu l'ela (l'ela mi-kol) min kol birkhata v'shirata, tushb'ḥata v'neḥemata da-amiran b'alma, v'imru amen.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'ḥayim aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amen.

Oseh shalom bi-m'romav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amen.



Mourners and those observing Yahrzeit:

יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבא בעלמא די ברא ברעותה, וימליך מלכותה בחייכון וביומיכון ובחיי דכל-בית ישראל, בעגלא ובזמן קריב, ואמרו אמן.

Congregation and mourner:

יהא שמה רבא מברך לעלם ולעלמי עלמיא.

Mourner:

יתברך וישתבח ויתפאר ויתרומם ויתנשא, ויתהדר ויתעלה ויתהלל שמה דקדשא, בריך הוא לעלא (לעלא מכל-) מן כל-ברכתא ושירתא, תשבחתא ונחמתא דאמירן בעלמא, ואמרו אמן.

יהא שלמא רבא מן שמיא וחיים עלינו ועל כל-ישראל, ואמרו אמן.

עושה שלום במרומיו, הוא יעשה שלום עלינו ועל כל-ישראל, ואמרו אמן.

תְּפִילָּה בְּמִקוּם קִדְיִישׁ
*Prayer in Place of
Mourner's Kaddish
When a Minyan Is Not Present*

*Mourners and those observing
Yahrzeit recite aloud:*

רְבוּנוּ שֶׁל עוֹלָם,
אֱלֹהֵי הַרוּחֹת לְכֹל בָּשָׂר

Ribbono shel olam,
elohei ha-ruhot l'khol basar —

Master of the world, God
of the spirit of all flesh, it is
revealed and known before
You that it is my fervent desire
to praise Your name, and to
remember and honor my
beloved:

*father/mother/son/daughter/
husband/wife/partner/
brother/sister/_____*
*[the name and relation of the
person may be inserted]*

by reciting the Mourner's
Kaddish in the company of a
minyan. May my presence here
today with my community
find favor in Your eyes, and be
accepted and received before
You as if I had prayed the Kad-
dish. May Your name, Adonai,
be elevated and sanctified
everywhere on earth and may
peace reign everywhere.

All who are present respond:

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלַכְהוּתוֹ
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Barukh shem k'vod malkhuto
l'olam va-ed.

Praised be the name of the one
whose glorious sovereignty is
forever and ever.

Together:

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמָיו
הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל [וְעַל כָּל־
יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל], וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Oseh shalom bimromav
hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu
v'al kol yisrael [v'al kol
yosh'vei teiveil], v'imru amen.