



Origins of Rosh Chodesh

Exodus 12:2

החדש הזה לכם ראש חדשים ראשון הוא לכם לחדשי השנה:

This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you.

Pirkei d' R Eliezer; 45

When the Jews asked Aaron to make them a golden calf, Aaron said to them, "Remove the rings that are in the ears of your wives (Exodus 32:2)." The women, however, did not agree to give their jewelry to their husbands. Rather, they said to them: "Should we make a calf which is an abomination and has no power to save us? We will not listen to you!" Hashem rewarded them in this world that they keep Rosh Chodesh more than the men do. He also rewarded them in the world to come that they will be renewed like the Roshei Chodohsim.

Rosh Chodesh 101

- Happens at the first sliver of every New Moon
- Most "lawless" ritual - no instructions exist re: how to observe
- Jewish law commands everyone to mark this holiday, especially women
- The most forgotten Jewish holiday

