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Birkat HaChodesh (Sanctification of the Month)

Here is the additional blessing said during Shabbat M'varchym that asks YHWH for an excellent month. It is recited at the synagogue at the end of the Shabbat Torah reading service:



יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ,
שֶׁתְּחַדֵּשׁ עָלֵינוּ אֶת הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לְטוֹבָה וְלִבְרָכָה.
וְתֵתֵן לָנוּ חַיִּים אָרוּכִים, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְשָׁלוֹם,
חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְטוֹבָה, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְכָבוֹד, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְפִרְנֹסָה,
חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְחַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְעֵצְמוֹת, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְיִרְאַת שָׁמַיִם
וְיִרְאַת חַטָּא, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְשִׂיחָה בְּהֵם בּוֹשָׁה וְכִלְמוֹה,
חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְעֵשָׂה וְכָבוֹד, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְאֶהֱבָה תּוֹרָה
וְיִרְאַת שָׁמַיִם, חַיִּים שְׁלֵמִים וְיִרְאַת שָׁמַיִם לְבָנוּ לְטוֹבָה.
אָמֵן, סֵלָה.

May it be Thy will, YHWH, our Elohyim and Elohyim of our fathers, that You begin for us this month for excellence and for blessing. May You give to us long life, a life of peace, a life of excellence, a life of blessing, a life of sustenance, a life of physical health, a life in which there is fear of heaven and fear of sin, a life in which there is no shame or humiliation; a life of wealth and honor, a life in which we love Torah and fear Elohyim; a life in which YHWH fulfills the requests of our hearts for excellence. Amein. Selah.

The Molad

After the invocation for the month's blessing from YHWH, it is customary for the time at which the rosh chodesh will appear in Yerushalayim to be announced. First the congregation recites *mi she'asah nissim*, "the One who performed miracles":

מִי שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, וְגָאֵל אוֹתָם מֵעֲבָדוֹת
לְחֵרוֹת, הוּא יְגָאֵל אוֹתָנוּ בְּקִרְוֹב, וַיִּקְבֹּץ גְּדֻלֵינוּ
מֵאַרְבַּע כְּנָפוֹת הָאָרֶץ, חֲבֵרִים כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְנֹמֵר: אָמֵן.

The One who performed miracles for our forefathers and redeemed them from slavery to freedom, may He redeem us soon and gather in our exiles from the four corners of the earth; then all Yisrael shall be friends. Let us say: Amein.

The chazzan (cantor) then announces the precise time of Rosh Chodesh in Yerushalayim:

רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ (month) יְהִיָּה בְּיוֹם (day of the week)
הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

Rosh Chodesh (name the Hebrew month) will be on the day (Hebrew day of the week) that comes to us and to all Yisrael for excellence.