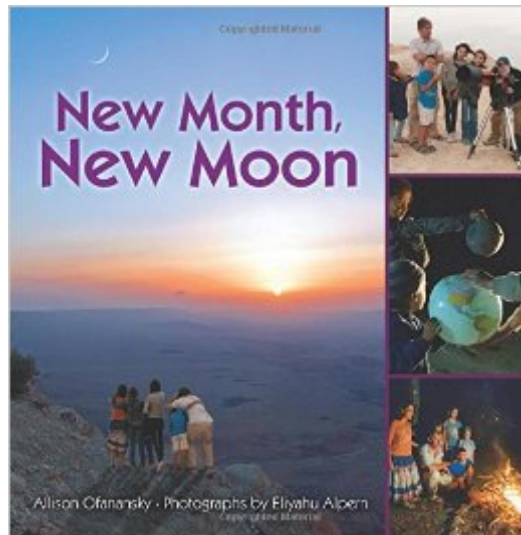


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# New Month, New Moon (Kar-Ben Favorites) (Nature In Israel)



## Synopsis

It's Rosh Chodesh, the beginning of a new month in the Jewish calendar! In celebration of this monthly event, a family goes out to the Negev Desert to camp out and observe the moon. A photo essay about the changing phases of the moon and their relationship to the Jewish calendar, this beautifully photographed book explains the basics of the Jewish calendar, which is based on the moon rather than the sun. Instructions for building a papier mache moon are included. This book is the fifth in Kar-Ben's "Nature in Israel" holiday series by this author/photographer team.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

The family is driving through the desert, a hilly background behind them, to join their guide Ira. It's going to be a very special camping trip where everyone will celebrate and learn about Rosh Chodesh, the beginning of a new month in the Jewish calendar. A young boy and his sister peer out over a deep canyon, but Ima cautions them, "Be careful and don't get too near the edge." In the afternoon the boy looks through binoculars, but at night there will be a telescope for him to peer into the night sky and see the new moon. As they hike through the desert they are able to see some creatures of the desert, some ibexes. His sisters, Tali and Aravah, admire the rocks on the desert floor. By mixing water with some of the powdery yellow dirt, Avarah is able to make

yellow paint. The sun will soon be setting and Ira sits in a folding chair and begins to set up his telescope. "The moon sets early on Rosh Chodesh," he explains to the boy, "if we want to get a good look, we need to hurry." The sun has begun to set and they can clearly see the moon and its craters that "pock-mark" the thin white crescent. The boy is surprised when he suddenly notices the rest of the moon. The moon is "always the same size, although sometimes it looks big and round." On Rosh Chodesh, there is only a sliver, but how and why can that be? This is a photographic depiction and explanation of Rosh Chodesh and the phases of the moon for young children. The young boy can easily see the new moon, but understanding the phases of it can be a bit daunting. Ira then plays a game so they can easily understand what happens during the phases. This game can easily be reenacted and played in a homeschool or classroom setting with a blowup globe, a model of the moon, and a lantern in a darkened room.

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