ANNOUNCING THE NEW MONTH

Recited on the Shabbat before Rosh Hodesh

May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors, to renew our lives in the coming month. Grant us a long life, a peaceful life with goodness and blessing, sustenance and physical vitality, a life informed by purity and piety, a life free from shame and reproach, a life of abundance and honor, a life embracing piety and love of Torah, a life in which our heart’s desires for goodness will be fulfilled. Amen.

The Reader holds the Sefer Torah while continuing:

May He who wrought miracles for our ancestors, redeeming them from slavery to freedom, redeem us soon and gather our dispersed from the four corners of the earth in the fellowship of the entire people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

The new month — will begin on — May it hold blessings for us and for all the people Israel.

The congregation repeats the above two lines and continues with the passage below, which is then repeated by the Reader:

May the Holy One bless the new month for us and for all His people, the House of Israel, with life and peace, joy and gladness, deliverance and consolation. And let us say: Amen.