# **Rosh Chodesh Guidelines: Boundary Stones**

Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) gatherings are a sacred opportunity to worship the King of the Universe at His appointed time alongside like-minded sisters. These gatherings not only honor God, but also strengthen the bonds of sisterhood as we share our trials, triumphs, and prayers.

In Scripture and Jewish tradition, women are entrusted with building the home—both physical and spiritual. The moon, with its cyclical rhythm, has long been linked to femininity. Women mirror this divine pattern in their design to carry, nurture, and bring forth life. In Joseph's dream, Rachel is symbolized by the moon—a poetic reminder of woman's role in reflecting divine light.

Our bodies are living parables of spiritual renewal. The Hebrew word for both womb and compassion is racham (פתות), reminding us that women are divinely crafted to surround, protect, and nurture life—both in the natural and spiritual realms. Filled with the Holy Spirit, women are called to reflect mercy, nurture, and comfort to the greater Body of Messiah.

As spiritual guardians and gatekeepers of our homes and fellowships, we gather not merely for tradition, but to form a sacred circle—a place of refuge, prayer, and connection. Here, we minister to one another, lift up our families in intercession, and strengthen bonds of sisterhood. Above all, we keep Adonai at the center, honoring His presence in all we do.

## **Boundary Stones**

"From new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to bow down before Me," says the LORD.

— Isaiah 66:23

#### N - New Life

The moon is reborn in the heavens each month, reminding us of the glorious Good News and the new life we have in Messiah. Rosh Chodesh is the "Born Again Feast"—a time of spiritual remembrance, renewal, and connection. At its heart, our primary desire is to honor the LORD.

#### E - Encounter

God is faithful to attend the divine appointments He has set with His people. At each new moon, we come with hearts ready to encounter His Presence in personal and powerful ways. As the first sliver of moonlight appears in the heavens, our anticipation grows—waxing like the light itself—as we prepare to receive from Him.

#### W - Women

We honor the women who host and gather with us. Out of love and consideration, we seek the hostess's blessing before inviting guests or initiating activities in her home. Likewise, each mother carries spiritual authority over her children. We honor her role by asking permission before offering prayer or engaging her children in any activity.

#### M - Ministers

We minister to one another with love, humility, and discernment. This is not the time for theological debates, political discussions, promoting personal products, or idle chatter. Instead, we create an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit can move freely, and each woman feels safe, seen, and supported.

#### O - Order

We minister with reverence, humility, and honesty. Though the Spirit moves freely, our gatherings remain rooted in divine order. Every woman contributes her God-given gifts to edify the whole.

## O - Open Door

We desire to create a space that is safe, peaceful, and spiritually nurturing for all who attend. In love and discernment, we guard the atmosphere so that every woman feels protected and honored. When needed, we gently redirect situations that disrupt the harmony or holiness of our gatherings, always with the hope of healing and restoration.

### N - Naked

Within this circle, we come as we are—honest, open, and vulnerable. It is a sacred space where trust is nurtured, and confidentiality is honored. What is shared here, stays here. Just as God compassionately covered Adam and Eve despite their sin, we cover one another's "nakedness" with dignity, grace, and love.