

1. **I:1:** R. Yohanan said, “Even the one who is mistaken the most of all does not err in this matter, ‘in front of the sun or behind the sun?’ It ought not to read otherwise than concavity [of the moon] in front of the sun, concavity [of the moon] behind the sun.” Bar Qappara taught both of them [in his Mishnah]: in front of the sun [or] behind the sun; concavity in front of the sun, concavity behind the sun.
2. **I:2:** It was taught: if the reflection of the moon was seen in a reflecting glass or in water, they may not testify concerning it. R. Hiyya bar Abba said, “If they saw it exit from one cloud and enter into another cloud, they may testify concerning it.”

[B] WAS IT TO THE NORTH OR TO THE SOUTH?

1. **II:1:** Some authorities teach: [if he says] to the north of it, his statement is confirmed. Other authorities teach: [if he says] to the south of it, his statement is confirmed.

[C] HOW HIGH WAS IT, AND IN WHICH DIRECTION WAS IT LEANING? AND HOW BROAD WAS IT?” IF HE SAID, “IT WAS FACING THE SUN,” HE HAS SAID NOTHING AT ALL. AFTERWARDS THEY WOULD BRING IN THE SECOND PARTY AND EXAMINE HIM. IF THEIR TESTIMONY COINCIDED, THEIR TESTIMONY WAS CONFIRMED. AND [IN THE CASE OF] ALL THE OTHER PAIRS OF WITNESSES, THEY ASK THE MAIN POINTS, NOT BECAUSE THEY NEEDED THEIR [EVIDENCE], BUT SO THAT THEY SHOULD NOT GO OUT DISAPPOINTED, SO THAT THEY WOULD MAKE IT A HABIT OF COMING IN THE FUTURE.

1. **III:1:** What was its height [above the horizon]? This one says, “A distance equal to one ox-prod.” And this one says, “A distance equal to two ox-prods.” Some authorities teach their statements are confirmed. And other authorities teach: their statements are not confirmed. With regard to the one who says “their statements are confirmed,” this is in the case of such witnesses as had been standing [at the time of observation] one above and one below. With regard to the one who says “their statements are not confirmed,” this is in the case of such witnesses as had been standing on the same level. What was its width [of crescent]? Like a barley grain or more. And if he said, “in front of the sun,” he has not said anything.

XIII. YERUSHALMI ROSH HASHANAH 2:5

[A] THE HEAD OF THE COURT SAYS, “IT IS SANCTIFIED.” AND THE WHOLE CROWD ANSWERS HIM, “IT IS SANCTIFIED. IT IS SANCTIFIED.” WHETHER IT APPEARS

IN THE EXPECTED TIME OR DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE EXPECTED TIME, THEY SANCTIFY IT.

1. **I:1:** It is taught: R. Simon ben Yohai says, “‘And you shall sanctify the fiftieth year’ (Lev. 25:10) – one sanctifies years and not months.” But are we not taught, The head of the Court says: “It is sanctified”? What is the meaning of “it is sanctified?” Affirmed.
2. **I:2:** It is taught: For the purpose of sanctifying the moon, they begin [to take votes] from the leader.
3. **I:3:** It is taught: For the purpose of intercalating the year, they begin [to take votes] from the side [bench].
4. **I:4:** R. Jacob Bar Aha in the name of R. Yosé in the name of R. Yohanan: “To proclaim an intercalation, we follow the order of the dates of ordination [of the members of the court], for the purposes of the study house we go by the ordinary order [the regularity of attendance], in the assumption that everyone speaks in his place.”

[B] **R. ELEAZAR B. R. SADOQ SAYS, “IF IT DID NOT APPEAR IN ITS EXPECTED TIME, THEY DO NOT SANCTIFY IT, FOR HEAVEN HAS ALREADY DECLARED IT SANCTIFIED.”**

1. **II:1:** R. Abba bar Zebida in the name of Rab, “The reasoning of R. Eleazar the son of R. Sadoq is that since the heavenly Court sees that the earthly Court is not sanctifying it. they sanctify it.”

XIV. YERUSHALMI ROSH HASHANAH 2:6

[A] **A PICTURE OF THE SHAPES OF THE MOON DID RABBAN GAMALIEL HAVE ON A TABLET AND ON THE WALL OF HIS UPPER ROOM, WHICH HE WOULD SHOW ORDINARY FOLK, SAYING, “DID YOU SEE IT LIKE THIS OR LIKE THAT?” M’SH S: TWO WITNESSES CAME AND SAID, “WE SAW IT AT DAWN [ON THE MORNING OF THE TWENTY-NINTH] IN THE EAST AND AT EVE IN THE WEST.” SAID R. YOHANAN B. NURI, “THEY ARE FALSE WITNESSES.” NOW WHEN THEY CAME TO YABNEH, RABBAN GAMALIEL ACCEPTED THEIR TESTIMONY [ASSUMING THEY ERRED AT DAWN]. AND FURTHERMORE TWO CAME ALONG AND SAID, “WE SAW IT AT ITS PROPER TIME, BUT ON THE NIGHT OF THE ADDED DAY IT DID NOT APPEAR [TO THE COURT].” THEN RABBAN GAMALIEL ACCEPTED THEIR TESTIMONY. SAID R. DOSA B. HARKINAS, “THEY ARE FALSE WITNESSES. “HOW CAN THEY TESTIFY THAT A WOMAN HAS GIVEN BIRTH, WHEN, ON THE VERY NEXT DAY, HER STOMACH IS STILL UP THERE BETWEEN**