

[I] **What was its width** [of crescent]?

[J] Like a barley grain or more.

[K] And if he said, “in front of the sun,” he has not said anything.

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[A] **The head of the court says, “It is sanctified.”**

[B] **And the whole crowd answers him, “It is sanctified. It is sanctified.”**

[C] **Whether it appears in the expected time or does not appear in the expected time, they sanctify it.**

[D] **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.”**

[I:1 A] *It is taught:* R. Simon ben Yohai says, “‘And you shall sanctify the fiftieth year’ (Lev. 25:10) – one sanctifies years and not months.”

[B] *But are we not taught, The head of the Court says: “It is sanctified”?*

[C] What is the meaning of “it is sanctified?” Affirmed.

[I:2 A] *It is taught:* For the purpose of sanctifying the moon, they begin [to take votes] from the leader.

[B] *Said R. Hiyya bar Adda, “The Mishnah makes that point when it says, the head of the Court says ‘it is sanctified.’”*

[I:3 A] *It is taught:* For the purpose of intercalating the year, they begin [to take votes] from the side [bench].

[B] *Said R. Zebida, “But with respect to that house down there, they do not do it in that way.”*

[C] *But has he not heard what R. Hiyya bar Madya, R. Jonah, R. Abba, R. Hiyya bar Abba in the name of R. Yohanan, said, “For the purpose of sanctifying the moon, they begin to vote from the head; for the purpose of intercalating the year, they begin to vote from the side.”*

[D] *There was the case in which R. Yohanan came in, and he was the youngest among them, so they said to him, “Say the formula, ‘Behold the year is sanctified through its intercalation.’” He said, “Behold, the year is sanctified through intercalation.”*

[E] *Said R. Jonathan, “Note the formulation of matters that the son of the smith [Yohanan] has taught us: If he had said, ‘through its*