

MILA YOMIT 1-BREISHIT

בְּרֵאשִׁית

BREISHIT- In the beginning

The OTIOT -letters of BREISHIT are:



Bet-(B) -House, a vessel defined by a floor, a roof and a wall with an open side. This is similar to our universe which provides us with a floor, a roof, and a wall allowing for verticality and an open future. That which is next in time is open; is ours to fill.

Bet is the first of the seven double letters, those letters that can be pronounced both hard and soft.

As seven they each represent a day of the week and reflect the duality of our daily experience.

Bet corresponds with the first day, Sunday.

The quality of chachma-wisdom or its transposition 'avlat-folly'.
Its numerical value 2- representing the first emergence of two, the Creator and the Created.

Its Sefira Correspondence is Chesed-Love.

The creation is an act of love.



The Resh-(R) is 'head', beginning', representing the process of emerging understanding.

Also one of the seven double letters, it is related to the sixth day, Friday.

Its quality is shalom:peace or its transposition, milchama:war.
Its numeric value is 200.

Its sefira correspondence is Yesod-foundation.

The experience of passionate-creativity.



Aleph means 'master, teaching, thousand, oxen'.

It is the first of the Three Mother Letters.

It is the element of light, of air.

Its form represents the light that shines in all directions, teaching us that as above, so below.

It is a silent letter whose numerical equivalence is One.

Teaching us of The Silent Infinite One out of which the other emerges while always remaining connected.

Its sefira correspondence is Keter-Crown, the seat of unity, vision and will.



Shin-(S)-meaning change, a tooth, representing the symmetrical eternal flame rising to the heights, the third of the mother letters-fire element -correspondence-bina- numeric-300



Yod-(I)-meaning hand, or to thrust, formed by the smallest point and representing the first particle of creation out of which all else emerged, (the point out of which the big bang banged) Numeric-10. Dominant over action, one of the 12 'pshutot-simple letters- corresponding to Virgo.



Tav-(T)-meaning seal, impression, the last letter representing the seal of creation.

The Seventh of the double letters, related to Shabbat.

Numeric-400.

Six letters-six days of creation

The Midrash (collection of oral teachings) notes that BREISHIT begins with the letter BET ב.

“Why was the world created with a ב?

-Just as the BET is closed on all sides and only open in front (at which point the Torah begins), so too you are not permitted to speculate on what is above and what is below, what is before and what is behind, but only on the day of creation and onwards.

-To teach you that there are two worlds - this world and the world to come (the world that is coming).

-Just as the BET has two projecting points, one on its top pointing upwards and the other, at its bottom, pointing backward, so when it is asked, ‘Who created you?’ it intimates with its upward point, ‘He who is above created me.’ And if it is further asked ‘What is His name?’ it intimates to us with its back point ‘YHVH is His name.’”

(Midrash Rabba)

WORDS CONTAINED WITHIN:

בָּרָא Bara - Created

בְּרֵאשִׁי Berosh - in the head, in the beginning

יְבָרָא Next letter Yod - (perhaps in the Head was the Yod - the principle of tiny point expanding through the power of the ten)

בַּר אֵשׁ Bar Esh - a pure fire

אֵשׁ בְּרִית First two letter and last two letters make up the word BRIT:covenant and the middle two letters is AISH:fire.

BREISHIT - Our created home, a covenant of fire that emerged from the Divine Mind.

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