

MILA YOMIT 13: PNAI

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Meaning - The Face Of...

OTIOT-Letters

פ PEH (P) -This is the first appearance of a PEH in the Torah. It is the 17th letter of the Alef Bet; it became Pi in Greek, then P in English.

Sefer Yetzira teaches that it is the 4th of seven double letters, pronounced fey (soft) or pey (hard). Its foundation is Memshala-dominance or government and its transposition is subjugation

It corresponds to Mercury in the universe realm; Thursday in the time realm and the 'left ear in the Soul, male or female' in the being realm.

It means, mouth and here (present, pronounced 'po')

Its form is like a mouth with a tooth in it.

The white space within the PEH forms a hidden BEIT.

The larger image will illustrate this:

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Its numeric value is 80, the age of Moses when he began to communicate with YHVH, culminating in the Aseret HaDibrot: The Ten Speakings at Mt. Sinai.

Other significances of 80 include: 80 Le Gevurah -for strength (Pirkei Avot 5:25)

In Rabbinic literature, the teachings of the Torah given through Moses are referred to as Mee PEH HaGvurah: From the Mouth of Strength.

" פֶּה אֶל-פֶּה - PEH EL PEH" Mouth to mouth I shall speak in him." (Numbers 12:8)

The above can also be read "mouth hp -PEH, God la EL, mouth hp-PEH".

So much power in the mouth and through the mouth, we place ourselves in reality through our speech. Kabbala calls humans 'HaMedabrim'-the ones who speak."

נ(N) -NUN: This is its first appearance in Torah. It is the fourteenth letter in the Aleph Bet, Nu in Greek and became N in English. Sefer Yetzira teaches that it is the 8th letter of the Elementals/Simple letters.

It is sovereign over 'Reyach-smell'.
Its universe correspondence is the constellation of Akrav:scorpion (Scorpio). Its time correspondence is the month of Chesvan.
It is the intestine in the Soul, male and female

In form it is likened to a נאמן 'NeamaN': a faithful servant
It means 'kingdom' as a noun, 'to shine, to flourish, to rule' as verb and 'fish' in Aramaic

Moses' disciple and successor is Joshua ben (the son of) NUN
Its numeric value is 50. Ethics of Our Fathers says that the age of 50 is Le Eitza-to counsel .
Other 50's include the 50 days from Leaving Egypt to Hearing the Divine at Mt. Sinai, 50 years leading to Jubilee Year and the 50 gates of Bina: Understanding

י YUD (I) - the Divine Hand (Yad is hand)
- here placed at the end of a word to mean 'of'
- for example ילד-Yeled is child, ילדי-Yaldai which is

Yeled with a YUD at the end means 'children 'of' or 'my child'.

MEANING and RELATED WORDS:

פָּנִים-PANIM is a M. and F. plural noun meaning 'face, countenance' 'surface'.

פָּן-PAN is a Modern Hebrew M. noun meaning 'form,kind'. It's a 'back formation' from PANIM.

פְּנֵי-thus means the 'Face Of'

Speculations on these words:

PaN, which means 'face' or 'surface'.

Is our face the 'shine' that emanates from our 'mouth'(PEH)?

Interestingly and significantly the word most commonly used for face '**פָּנִים** PaNIM ' **פָּן**PaN -**פָּנִים** (pluralized)'.

Also it is important to know is that the word for 'inside' or 'interior' is the same word **פָּנִים** pronounced 'PeNiM"

That which is inside is directly connected to that which is outside and vice versa.

פָּנִיםPaNIM is pluralized as an affirmation that we have multiple faces. Our work includes being honest and transparent enough so that our inside and outside are one.

Moses because of his great humility was able to connect with the Creator- (Exodus 33:11)

פָּנֵי אֵל-פָּנִים, **פָּנִים אֵל-פָּנִים**-PANIM EL PANIM'- Face To Face, Interior to Interior'. In his eightieth year, he began to open to the deeper reality and re-started a conversation with the Divine. Our ancestors were blessed to see through the face of existence to the

Inner Face of God .

CONCEPTUAL MEANING:

PNAI: Darkness on the face, on the surface...
From there will emerge the face of existence.
What do we see when we see the face of existence?
PNAI HaShem: The Divine Face or something else?

Kabbala comes to elucidate Torah HaPeNiMI: The Inner Torah. Its core teaching is that all that we see, all that is, is actually the Face Of God.

May we return through our deep inner and outer work to that place (which is Po-here) known as PaNiM El PaNiM: Face to Face with The One.

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