

MILA YOMIT 19: YEHEE

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CONTEXT-

We are at the beginning of Breisheet 1:3. To review:

וַיֹּמֶר אֱלֹהִים-VA'YOMER ELOHIM-And ELOHIM Said:

MILA CHADASHA-New Word:

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OTIOT: Letters

”YUD - Divine spark, numeric value of 10, first letter of Divine

Name- יהוה YHVH (YUD, HEH, VAV, HEH)

-Bahir: "YUD is the Ten Sayings with which the world was created."
(Paragraph 118)

ה HEH -Conceptually, the capacity for self-expression through
thought, speech and action.

-Meaning 'to take seed, behold'.

-Numeric value of 5.

”YUD - first palindrome in the Torah, word spelled the same way
backwards and forwards.

The Divine Spark expanding and contracting; the pulsation of
creation.

MEANING, WORDS CONTAINED WITHIN and RELATED WORDS:

This is a future form of the verb 'להיות LeeHYOT'-to be'.

(Related to Mila 8- -הַיְתָא- HAYTA)

יָהּ -pronounced YaH-

This is the first Divine Name mentioned in Sefer Yetzira. "With 32 mystical paths of Wisdom engraved יָהּ YaH YHVH (second name mentioned) ...and created the universe."

Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan explains that YOD designates Chachma-Wisdom (male principle) and HEH designates Bina-Understanding (female principle).

"YOD has the primary form of a simple point. This alludes to the fact that Wisdom is simple and undifferentiated. The numerical value of YOD is 10, indicating that all Ten Sefirot are included in the simple nature of Wisdom...

HEH has a numerical value of 5, alluding to the five fingers of the hand. As such it represents Understanding, the hand that holds Wisdom, distributing it and channelling it. HEH is one of the two letters in the Hebrew alphabet that is written as two disjunctive parts. This alludes to the fact that Understanding represents the beginning of separation." (Sefer Yetzira, p. 15-16)

" יָהּ is the essence of existence that God wishes to bestow (that contains) all the axioms of creation...these are undifferentiated and are all contained within the Yud...This is also the level of Atzilut: Emanation.

(That) which defines existence and makes it available is Binah (or HEH). It is through Bina:Understanding that the universe of Beriya:Creation (see Mila 2) is brought into existence. This is the concept of making the essence of existence available by 'lowering' it and by breaking it up into its constituent parts."
(Kaplan, Innerspaces, p. 59-60)

יָהּ (pronounced HeY):

Based on a verse in Daniel 8:27, "the root 'hei' means 'to be

broken'...The Kabbalah tells of the primordial catastrophe, 'the breaking of the vessels'...Divine Unity appears to 'shatter' itself into plurality in order to create our physical state of being and bestow us with freedom of choice between good (unity) and evil (apparent plurality)"
(Ginsburg, AlefBet, p. 86)

CONCEPTUAL MEANING:

Based on the above, this Zohar statement is perhaps understandable:

"The word YEHEE-Let There Be) indicates that the union of the Father and Mother symbolized by the letters YUD and HEH became now a starting point (symbolized by the second y Yud) for further extension." (Zohar, 16b)

This is the first 'word' that the Divine speaks.

The first expression of the Infinite into finite reality.

Again in the words of the Zohar: "the inner point extended becomes a 'palace' which acts as an enclosure for the center.... from then outward, there is extension upon extension".

YEHEE-Let There Be.

The first emanation -vibration to emerge from within the One.

The unfolding of being begins.

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