



### B'reishit / Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

Core meanings of the word *noach* - נח - are rest, comfort, stillness. Noah is a popular boy's name to this day. The girl's Hebrew name *nechama* - נחמה - is also popular in Israel. The most well-known verse in the Bible with a form of the word is Psalm 23:2, "He leads me beside still waters." Still waters are *mei menucha*. *Mei* is a form of the word *mayim* - water - and *menucha* a form of *noach*.

### Grammar - *Dikduk* - דיקדוק

...Noach - has two letters - נח

#### Nun - נ

**Numerical value = 50** Hebrew: *chamishim* חמישים

50 is the number associated with Jubilee and Messiah!

Each Hebrew letter has a numerical value.

*Aleph* = 1 ; *Bet* = 2; *Gimmel* = 3 .... *Yod* = 10 etc.

The Hebrew names of the days of the week are connected with the numbers:

Sunday - day 1	<b><i>Yom Rishon</i></b> ( or first day)
Monday - day 2	<b><i>Yom Sheni</i></b> (second day - from number 2 - <i>shnaiim</i> )
Tuesday - day 3	<b><i>Yom Shlishi</i></b> ( third day - from number 3 - <i>shalosh</i> ; )
Wednesday - day 4	<b><i>Yom Revii</i></b> (from number 4 - <i>arbah</i> )
Thursday - day 5	<b><i>Yom Chamishi</i></b> (from number 5 - <i>chamesh</i> )
Friday - day 6	<b><i>Yom Shishi</i></b> (from number 6 - <i>shesh</i> )

...and finally the day set apart from all the rest:

**Shabbat** (from the number 7 - *sheva*). Another name for Shabbat is *Shabbat Menucha* the day of rest, comfort and stillness.

## Nun - נן

The name of the letter *nun* is comprised of a *nun* and a *nun sofit* - with the vowel sound *kubbutz*. As with the four other *sofit* letters, the *nun* changes its shape when it concludes a word.

## 5 SOFIT LETTERS - צ, פ, נ, מ, כ - See Sofit Letter Chart

The second and concluding letter of the word נח is:

## Chet - ח

The numerical value of *chet* is **8 - *shmoneh***. Biblically, the number 8 signals a new beginning. There were 8 people in the Ark. A baby boy is circumcised, has his *Brit Milah*, on the 8th day. The seventh day ends the week, so it continues with the eighth day, which becomes the first day of the next week!

When the *chet* is joined with a *yod* it has a value of 18 and forms the word *chai* - חי - meaning 'alive.' It is the root of the well-known salutation לחיים - **L'chaiim!** To Life!

## VOCABULARY - MILIM - מילים

Transliteration	Words	Hebrew
menucha	stillness	מנוחה
maiim	water	מים
chaiim	life	חיים
yom	day	יום
rishon	first	ראשון

## Masculine and Feminine Cardinal Numbers

Yes, there are masculine and feminine numbers to accompany masculine and feminine nouns! E.g., *yom* / day is masculine, whereas night / *laila* is feminine. So, as the noun precedes the adjective in Hebrew, 'one day' is *yom ecahd* and 'one night' is *lailah achat*.

The **feminine** form is used more regularly, e.g., when counting, for telephone number, busses or telling the time.

Masculine	Hebrew	English	Feminine	Hebrew
echad	אחד	one	achat	אחת
*shnai'yim	שניים	two	*shtai'yim	שתיים
shloshah	שלושה	three	shalosh	שלוש
arba'ah	ארבה	four	arba	ארבע
chamishah	חמישה	five	chamesh	חמש
shishah	שישה	six	shesh	שש
shiv'ah	שבעה	seven	shevah	שבע
shmonah	שמונה	eight	shmoneh	שמונה
tish'ah	תשע	nine	teisha	תשע
asarah	עשר	ten	esser	עשר

\* When used as adjectives *shnai'yim* becomes **shney** e.g., *shney yamim*

\* and *shtai'yim* becomes **shtey** e.g., *shtey leilot*