

Miketz - מִקֶּץ - At the End**B'reishit / Genesis 41:1- 44:17**

Notice the *tzaddi sofit* at the end of the name of the *parasha* - *Miketz*. Let us revise the 5 **sofit letters**...

Caf - chaf - caf sofit; **Mem** - mem sofit; **Nun** - nun sofit; **Peh** - feh - peh sofit;
Tzaddi - tzaddi sofit.

Joseph continues as the central character in the biblical narrative. In Jewish literature he is called Joseph the Righteous - *Yosef haTzaddik* - יוסף הצדיק. Joseph has been unjustly imprisoned but has remained righteous and, in God's timing, the end of his imprisonment comes and he is raised up as second only to Pharaoh in the land of Egypt. He suddenly moves from prison - בית כלה - *beit keleh* to a palace - ארמון - *armon*.

He has two sons, to whom he gives Hebrew names: Manasseh - *Menashei* - מנשה (God has made me forget all my hardship) and Ephraim - *Efrayim* - אפרים (God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering). In spite of his prominence and productivity he never forgets that he still is in exile and not in the Land that God had promised to his fathers.

Exile - *Galut* - גלות to Redemption - *Ge'ulah* - גאולה

**REVISE NUMERALS 1 -10**

1 -2 - 3 ! Achat - Shtaiim - Shalosh ! אחת - שתיים - שלוש

**Feminine (the usual rule in counting: one banana - *banana achat* - בננה אחת
and to match feminine nouns)**

two bananas - *shtei bananot* - שתי בננות

three bananas - *shalosh bananot* - שלוש בננות

Masculine: (used in relation to masc. nouns) one son - *ben echad* - בן אחד

two sons - *shnei banim* - שני בנים

three sons - *shlosa banim* - שלושה בנים

How many days? *Kama yamim?* כמה ימים?

one day - *yom echad* -

two days - *yomaiim*

three days - *shlosa yamim*

seven days - *shivah yamim* = one week - *shavua echad*

two weeks - *shvu'aiim*

three weeks - *shlosa shavuot*

Back to the parasha:

In Genesis / *B'reishit* / בראשית Joseph is summoned by Pharaoh - *Pa'roh* - פרעה - to interpret his dreams - *chalumot* - חלומות. He saw seven healthy and beautiful cows - *shevah parot bri'ot ve'yafot* - שבע פרות בריאות ויפות.

Aval - אבל - But! In the second dream he sees seven weak and unhealthy cows. *Sheva parot dalot ve loh yafot*. שבע פרות דלות ולא יפות.

VOCABULARY - MILIM

English	Transliteration	Hebrew
Pharaoh	Pa'roh	פרעה
cow / cows	parah / par'ot	פרא / פרות
healthy	bari	בריא
to your health	la'briut	לבריות
but	aval	אבל
week / weeks	shavua / shavuot	שבוע / שבועות
banana / bananas	banana / bananot	בננה / בננות
palace	armon	ארמון
dream / dreams	chalom / chalumot	חלום / חלומות
How many?	Kamah?	כמה?