

Increasing Your Jewish IQ - Class #1 - Creation:

- All of existence has 3 dimensions: 1) Olam, 2) Shana, and 3) Nefesh - 1) Space, 2) Time, and 3) Soul

Days of Creation - Round One:

1. Light
2. Separation of Upper and Lower waters via the "Rakia" - firmament
3. Water and land were separated and the vegetable kingdom was created.
4. Sun, moon, and stars were created
5. Birds and sea creatures were created.
6. Animal kingdom was created, including the first man Adam & Chava, created in the Divine image.
7. Shabbos - cessation of work.

Elements of Creation:

1. Fire
2. Water
3. Earth
4. Air

Days of Creation - Round Two:

- Midrash - Each day of creation had a partner except for the seventh day, which was partnered with the Jewish people.
 - The Prophets instituted the Torah readings on Monday, Thursday, and Shabbos; so that we do not go three days without Torah
 - Torah is compared to the positive life giving source of water
1. Fire
 2. Water
 3. Earth
 4. Fire
 5. Water
 6. Earth
 7. Air

5 Faces:

1. Keser - crown - the will
2. Chochma - wisdom - information
3. Bina - understanding - the plan
4. 6 edges of Tiferes - action
5. Malchus - The goal

- **Pirkei Avos:** The world was created with 10 utterances:

10 Sefiros:

Higher Sefiros:

1. Keser - Crown
2. Chochma - Wisdom
3. Bina Understanding (Da'as - from man's perspective)

Lower Sefiros - Midos:

4. Chesed - Kindness
5. Gevura - Restrictive Power
6. Tiferes - Beauty - Mercy - Harmonious blend of Chesed & Gevura
7. Netzach - Victory - Consistency
8. Hod - Splendor - Humility -
9. Yesod - Foundation - Bonding - The actual distribution point. The connection between all the sefiros that precede it, and the recipient of Malchus. Binding of the giver to the receiver.
10. Malchus - Kingship

Days of Creation - Round Three:

1. **Chesed** - Infinite Light (of Chesed) shined from one end of the creation to the other
2. **Gevura** - Water (Kindness) - the infinite kindness of Hashem "higher waters" is separated from the "lower waters" - finite kindness.

3. **Tiferes** - a balance between water and land, so that the vegetable kingdom (and thus the animal and human kingdoms also) can be sustained by both of them, each plant according to its needs
4. **Netzach** - Light was too infinite and sublime to be of use to the finite worlds; thus, on the Fourth day, a finite, usable form of light was apportioned. This form of light was considered to be eternal and unchanging.
5. **Hod** -the first recipients of G-d's benevolence and the first created beings able to fulfill the commandment *pru u'rvu*, "be fruitful and multiply". The first creations that are able to move freely. This is the beginning of free choice.
6. **Yesod** - Both animals and man are told "be fruitful and multiply", which also means to use G-d's benevolent kindness to grow and expand in G-d-consciousness. But an additional duty is given to man. Be fruitful and multiply *and* rule over the animals and the birds and the fish. In other words, be over and above them — and not among them. Transcend your limited nature, transcend that part of yourself which is simply natural, like the animal world, and **become the Divine Image in which you were created**. The drive to do this is initiated by the power of *yesod*, the *tzadik*. Man prayed for rain, which merged the heavenly blessing down to earth.
7. **Malchus** - the Shabbat day, is therefore a cessation of work, revealing G-d's dominion over the entirety of creation.

Millennial Calendar:

- Talmud Sanhedrin 97a: The world is to exist 6,000 years. 2,000 years of desolation; 2,000 years of Torah; and the last 2,000 years are called 'The Messianic Era'.
- Ramban - every day of creation represents 1,000 years of world history:

Days of Creation - Historical Round Four:

1. 0 - 1,000 (3760-2760 B.C.E.): the millennium of Adam (1-930), the light of the world, when the world was still saturated with knowledge of its Creator and was sustained by the indiscriminate benevolence of G-d, as people lived long healthy lives, in spite of their idolatrous ways.
2. 1,001 - 2,000 (2760- 1760 B.C.E.): a second millennium of judgment and discrimination—as reflected in 1) the flood (1656) which wiped out a corrupt humanity and spared only the righteous Noah and his family; and 2) the episode of the tower of Babel (1996).
3. 2,001 - 3,000 (1760 -760 B.C.E.): the third millennium, the purpose of creation began to take shape by means in which 1) Abraham (1948) began teaching the truth of the One G-d, 2) the exodus from Egypt (2448), 3)and the Torah was given on Mount Sinai (2448).
4. 3,001 - 4,000 (760 B.C.E. - 240 C.E.) : the fourth millennium, during which the First Temple (2918 - 3338) and the Second Temple (3408 - 3828) in Jerusalem served as the divine abode from which light emanated to the entire world.
5. 4,001 - 5,000: (240 -1240 C.E.) represents the lawless and predatory Dark Ages of the fifth millennium. An era when humanity multiplied quickly but did not know God. An era that would humiliate and humble the Jewish people. Yet an era of a tremendous explosion of the Oral Law in the form of the Mishne & Talmud.
6. 5,001 - 6,000: (1240 -2240 C.E.) It is an era which begins in beastliness and terrible persecution but which will end in the redeemer, the ultimate human being who is truly in the image and likeness of God. The burning of the Talmud in 1244 C.E. and the flourishing of the inquisition. A millennium marked by strong, forceful empires, whose beastly rule will be followed by the emergence of Moshiach, the perfect man who brings to realization the divine purpose in creation and ushers in
7. World to Come: a time of perfect peace and tranquility.

- **Zohar:** in the century from 5500-5600 (1740-1840 C.E.), the gates of wisdom on high and the fountains of wisdom below will be opened and the world will be brought to *tikkun*, a state of restoration to be ushered in to the seventh millennium, that is, the coming of Moshiach and a world of good.
- "wisdom on high" refers to Torah, especially seminal Chassidic texts which were published around 1840 C.E., and that "wisdom below" refers to Science.
- Scientific discoveries from the years around 1840 C.E. include, but are not limited to: The Wave Theory of Light, Thermodynamics, the Absolute Temperature Scale, Electromagnetic Induction, the Conservation of Energy, Maxwell's Electromagnetic Equations, Organic Chemistry, the Theory of Valency, and Molecular Structure.
- **Talmud:** At noon of Erev Shabbos, we blow the shofar to inform people to come in from the fields for Erev Shabbos. (5750 paralleling 1990)

THE TEN SEFIROS OR MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD

Hebrew	<i>Shepard</i>	Quality	Question on the Final Exam	Body part
KESER כתר		Crown – Overall Desire, Will	Was fear of G-d your storehouse?	Crown
CHOCHMA חכמה		Wisdom	Did you delve into wisdom?	Right 1/2 of Brian
BINA בינה		Understanding	When you learned Torah, did you learn it deeply?	Left 1/2 of Brain
CHESED חסד	אברהם Avraham	Loving Kindness	Did you do acts of loving kindness?	Right Hand
GEVURAH גבורה	יצחק Yitzchak	Strength Of Character, Fortitude	Did you conduct your business transactions faithfully?	Left Hand
TIFERES תפארת	יעקב Yaakov	Beauty, Glory, Compassion	Did you wait in hope for the Messianic salvation?	Torso
NETZACH נצח	משה Moshe	Eternity, Victory, Consistency	Did you set aside fixed times for Torah?	Right Leg
HOD הוד	אהרן Aharon	Splendour, Majesty, Modesty, Humility	Did you treat your fellow Jew royally?	Left Leg
YESOD יסוד	יוסף Yosef	Foundation, Bonding, Connection	Did you engage in procreation?	Reproductive Organ
MALCHUS מלכות	דוד Dovid	Kingdom, Sovereignty, Enabling	Did you coronate your Maker in the morning and evening?	Mouth