

# Yud

- The 10th Letter
- Part of Hashem's Name
- Hashem will give us a 'Yerusha' Inheritance



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## **Preface**

In the Mishna before Avos we say, “Your nation... will inherit forever.”

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We understand that the eight verses in Tehilim 119 teach us how to use the letter Yud to be worthy to deserve the best and greatest inheritance from Hashem →

**1-** “Your hands (Yodayim starts with a Yud) prepared me and gave me the ability to understand and learn Your Mitzvos.”

## **1. Yirah - Fear**

**2** - “Those who fear You will see me and rejoice because I hope for Your words to come true.”

**3** - “I know that Your laws are right...”

**4** - “May Your kindness comfort me as You have said...”

**5** - “Your mercy should come to me...”

**6** - “May the wicked be ashamed of their lies...”

**7** - “May the righteous support me.”

**8** - “May I be wholesome and engaged in Your laws.”

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## 2. With Trust in Hashem

A Jew's name - Yisroel  
- starts with a 'Yud,' like  
Hashem's name. In  
Tehilim 115:9 we learn →

“A Jew trusts in  
Hashem, He is your help  
and shield.”

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**“He will answer you on  
a day of trouble, He will  
protect you...”**

Tehilim 20:2

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### 3. Number 10

We learn in Avos chapter 5 that Hashem created this world with 10 statements. He gave us 10 Commandments to maintain and keep the world in existence. Avraham Avinu had 10 tests to pass to become chosen as the Pillar of the world.

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As we learn in Tehilim 104:5→  
“He founded the earth on its basis so that it should not fall forever.” The word ‘Yosad’ starts with ‘Yud’ and then ‘Sod,’ secret.

‘Yad’ is a hand which has five fingers, two hands together have 10 fingers. This illustrates a source for Hashem using 10 sayings to create the world as if they are the 10 fingers of creation.

#### 4. The World to Come

We learn in Menachos 29b that the World to Come was created by Hashem with the letter 'Yud.'

The foot of Yud is bent inward to show the humble posture of the righteous who merit eternal rewards.

The 'Yerusha'/inheritance is given to those who master Hashem's Torah in which Moshe instructed us, as we say in Dvarim 33:4 →

“Torah Tzivo Lonu Moshe, Morasha/an inheritance” to the Jewish nation.

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## 5. Yerusha & Yodayim

These two words that begin with 'Yud' are inheritance and hands. This leads us to the famous words of our Sages. "Fortunate is one who comes to the World to Come with his learning in his hands."

The first place we find this saying is in Pesochim 50a where the Rabeinu Chananel explains why the word 'hands' is used?

1- that he knows it by heart so that he has it with him wherever he goes, as we have our hands with us, and

2- that he fulfills with his hands all that he learns, so that it wasn't only theory. **It leads to action.**



## 6. Source of Wealth

We learn in Taanis 9a, “Give a tenth to charity so that you will become wealthy.” The words ‘Eser’/10 and ‘Osher’/wealth are the same Hebrew word spelled with Ayin, Shin/Sin and Reish.

By giving a tenth, we show that we realize that all of our wealth is from Hashem’s blessings. Ten is considered as a state of completion, as when we have a Minyan of 10 to gain a level of the Shechina’s Presence joining us for saying special prayers and reading the Torah.

Ten matches the level which we call ‘Yerusha’ →

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## 7. Who inherits?

Usually the term applies to a son who inherits his father's estate. But how does that fit here?

The answer is when someone lives with Torah and Mitzvos properly, when we fulfill the first 9 steps of the Aleph-Beis, Hashem considers that person as a son who inherits his father.

As we quoted in the beginning of this booklet,

**“Your nation, they are all righteous, they will inherit the land forever.”**

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In addition Hashem helps along when people give help to others, Hashem enables them to keep on giving even more.

## **8. Symbol of Humility**

The Yud is the smallest of all the letters. Thus it is a symbol of the great trait of humility.

We learn that those who practice their humility in this world will merit to inherit the World to Come which Hashem created with the letter Yud.

There is a question...

In Bamidbar 12:3 where we learn that, "Moshe was extremely humble, more than any other person," why is 'Anav' spelled missing a 'Yud?'

Moshe was too humble to write it fully, so he left out the Yud. As a reward, he merited that his face was illuminated as the sun, Ohr Hachaim Shmos 34:29.

## 9. Praising You

In Ashrei for the letter Yud we say →

“All Your works praise You Hashem.”

The Rambam, Yesodai HaTorah 2:2 explains, ‘that when we study Hashem’s great creations, we become inspired to love and fear Him...’ Everything shows us His Oneness, wisdom, kindness and power...

The Chovos Halvavos also teaches this subject at length in his ‘Shaar Habechina...’

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This includes the infinite wisdom of the profound study of Hashem’s Aleph-Beis, the foundational letters of Hashem’s Torah and His world!!

## 10. and Blessing You

The same verse continues→

“and Your devoted ones bless You...”

Y'varchucha starts with a 'Yud' because that is how we keep on coming closer to Hashem. We learn to develop more gratitude, humility, love and appreciation...

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