

Sivan

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Permutation	Letter	Name	Sense	Sign	Tribe	Body Part	Season
YVHH	Zayin † (7)	Sivan	Walking	Gemini/twins	Zevulun	Left leg	Spring

<p>Winter / Male / Body / Reflected Light Below / Tishrei Alone / Cheshvan Hidden / Kislev Intimacy / Teves Satisfaction / Shevat Uncertainty / Adar</p>	<p>Summer / Female / Soul / Direct Light Nisan / Above Iyyar / Other Sivan / Revealed Tamuz / Jealously Av / Insatiability Elul / Certainty</p>
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The letter Zayin

Seven, Completes the Week. Shavuos.

SHAPE: The “shape” of the letter *Zayin*, as a zigzag represents “movement” as the “Sense” of the month is movement.

SEFIRA: *Zayin - Tifferes*. (Zohar Parshas Emor. p. 102b)

Zayin is *Malchus*

MEANING: *Zayin* in Hebrew also means sword, referring to tools of battle, a ‘weapon’ sometimes we need in order to elevate, to persevere, and push forward, move on.

The numeric value of the word *Zayin* is 77, the word *Oz* (*ayin-zayin*) strength, and *Oz* is *Malchus* (Zohar 3. p. 262b)

The name Sivan

The letters that comprise the word *Sivan* is *Samach Yud Vav Nun*.

Yavan/Greek.

Yet, *Samach*- *Yavan* is the letter *Samach* –which is *Somech*/assisting.

Samach is the Circle, the letter which includes.

Samach and *Tzadik* are dental consonants and are therefor interchangeable; thus the word *Sivan* becomes *Tziyon*/Zion.

The tribe of Zevulun

Zevulun Smach Zevululun B’Tzeizecha/rejoice *Zevulan* on your travels. “ (Devarim 33)

He is the “twin” of the tribe *Yissachar*. (See Rashi *Vayechi* 49:14)

Zevul refers to the *Bies HaMikdash*/Holy Temple – the presence of *Hashem* here on earth, the *Beis HaMikdash* is called *Zevul Beis Tiffarteinu (tifferes)*

BODY PART:

Left leg. *Nisan* is the right leg and *Sivan* is the left leg.

Torah Portions of the Month

Bamidbar –*Nosa* –*Baalosecha* – *Shelach*

This speaks of the encampment, everyone has a position, a place in order. A placement when moving.

Each has their proper place.

It is a movement within a wilderness

The Torah portions also has the week of *Ba’aloscha* –which has the verses of *V’yehi Binsoa Aaron*, which creates “seven books of the Torah” (*Shabbas*).

This month is connected with the Letter *Zayin*-seven.

The actual “other” book of the Torah is the short section *V’yehi Binsoa Aron* which speaks about “movement”.

And a movement within an order, the encampment.

Also this “Seventh” book speaks of the scattering of the “enemies” the idea of *Zayin* – a tool of war.

TIME OF YEAR: *Shavuos* all opinions agree we also need *Lachem*/bread we must eat on *Shavuos*. (*Pesachim*)
The idea of inclusion, heaven/above/spiritual with the earth/below/physical

MEDITATE ON THIS MONTH:

On opening yourself to divine intelligence, movement, flexibility.

To bring down from the mind to actions, to move forward.