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### Holy Number 6

In this week's Parsha the Torah tells us that man was created on the sixth day.

Why is that? If man is so important should he not have been created at the very beginning?

Chazal teach us that the world was created for humans. Humans are very holy. Therefore, man was created last so he can come to a world that is already completed for him.

But why specifically on the sixth day? What is so special about that day and the number six?

Rashi on the Parsha explains that it is written "יום השישי" (with a ה) and not "יום שישי". This is to teach us that the whole Creation stood in a state of suspense, until the sixth day — that is, the sixth day of Sivan which was destined to be the day when the Torah would be given to Israel.

The Maharal of Prague explains that the number six refers to שלמות (wholeness). Six represents the six ends of reality (4 sides, up and down). This is why am Yisroel was 600,000 when they left Egypt, a sign of wholeness. The same thing with the Torah

that according to the midrash must be 600,000 words, a sign of wholeness.

We see a connection between the Torah and humans and their connection to the number six, which represents שלמות. That's why we were created on the sixth day.

May we be zoche to bring the light of Torah and wholeness upon us this year, Shabbat Shalom. ■



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The month of Tishrei is always a very inspiring uplifting month. We lay out the groundwork for the whole year: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur give ourselves a clean slate by asking forgiveness for all our mistakes and Succot as well as gives us a chance to start the year with numerous mitzvot. Now what?

We are about to go into a month that is called bitter because of its lack of holidays. So how do we bring the light of Tishrei into these very dark winter months? I think the answer can be seen very clearly seen in the first passuk if this week's parasha:

"בראשית ברא אלוקים את השמים ואת הארץ"

This pasuk is interpreted many ways, but it can also be understood to be teaching

that Hashem first set up the foundations and potential contained in this world.

We spend the whole month of Tishrei growing in order to arm ourselves for the year that is about to come. Now we have to ask ourselves, "How do I use that foundation that I have now concretized throughout the year?"

Throughout the year we need to understand that we are always Tishrei Jews. The foundation was already built and exists inside of every one that can be lasting throughout the whole year.

When we fall we can get up. We should say to ourselves that this is not the person I wanted to be in Tishrei. Get up and reflect on what our goals were, and how you can strive to achieve them.

The Tishrei version of ourselves always exists. The more we keep this mind the better we will be and we will excel in all we set out to achieve!

(Ideas from the *מי השילוח* and my friend Ben Winter) ■

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