

Alef
אָלֶף

SOUND

Glottal stop — a catch in the throat. A consonantal sound like a cough; it can relax and go silent.

VALUE

1

Pictured as an ox head: strength, a leader.



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Vet
בֵּית

SOUND

v as in very

Bet without the dagesh — the same letter, softened.



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Dalet
דָּלֶת

SOUND

d as in door

VALUE

4

Pictured as a door.



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Vav
וָו

SOUND

v as in vine

VALUE

6

Pictured as a peg or nail. Also carries the vowels וֹ (o) and וּ (u).



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Het
חֵית

SOUND

kh — a deep breathy throat ‘h’

VALUE

8

Pictured as a fence or wall. Also spelled Chet.



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Bet
בֵּית

SOUND

b as in boy

VALUE

2

The dot (dagesh) makes it Bet; without it the letter is Vet. Pictured as a house or tent.



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Gimel
גִּימֶל

SOUND

g as in go

VALUE

3

Pictured as a camel, or a foot in motion.



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Hey
הֵא

SOUND

h as in hello

VALUE

5

Pictured as a window, or a man with raised arms: behold!



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Zayin
זַיִן

SOUND

z as in zoo

VALUE

7

Pictured as a weapon.



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Tet
טֵית

SOUND

t as in tall

VALUE

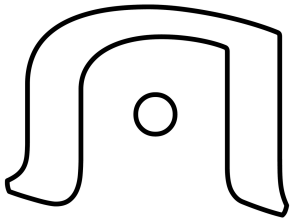
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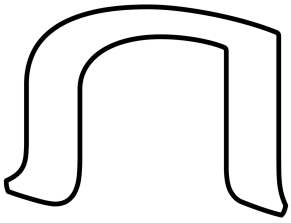
Pictured as a basket, or a coiled snake.

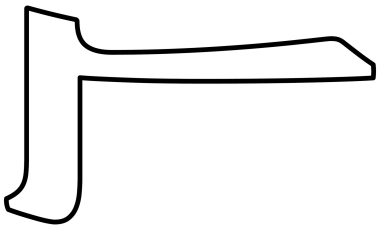


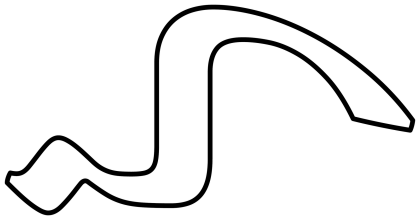
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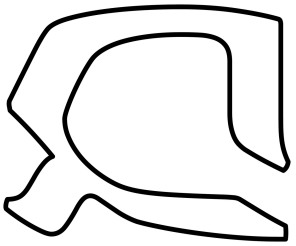


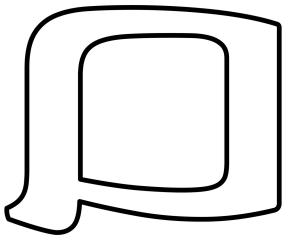


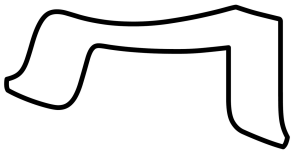




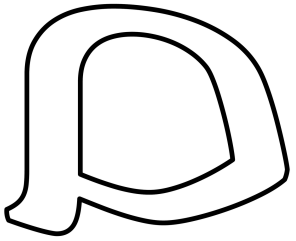












Yod
יוֹד

SOUND
y as in yes
VALUE
10

The smallest letter; pictured as a hand or arm.



Khaf
כַּף

SOUND
kh as in Bach

Kaf without the dagesh.



Lamed
לָמֶד

SOUND
l as in light
VALUE
30

The tallest letter; pictured as a shepherd's staff.



Mem Sofit
מֵם סוֹפִית

SOUND
m as in moon

The final form of Mem, closed on all four sides.



Nun Sofit
נוּן סוֹפִית

SOUND
n as in no

The final form of Nun, dropping below the line.



Kaf
כַּף

SOUND
k as in king
VALUE
20

Pictured as an open palm. Without the dagesh it is Khaf.



Khaf Sofit
כַּף סוֹפִית

SOUND
kh as in Bach

The final form of Kaf and Khaf, used at the end of a word.



Mem
מֵם

SOUND
m as in moon
VALUE
40

Pictured as water.



Nun
נוּן

SOUND
n as in no
VALUE
50

Pictured as a fish, or a sprouting seed.

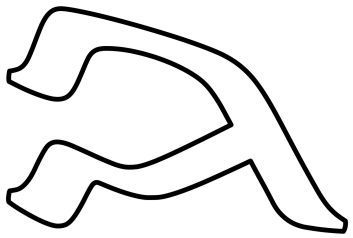


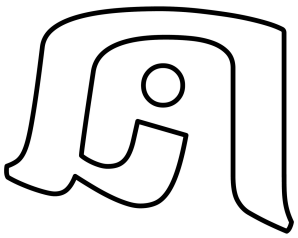
Samekh
סָמֶךְ

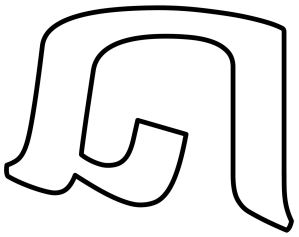
SOUND
s as in sun
VALUE
60

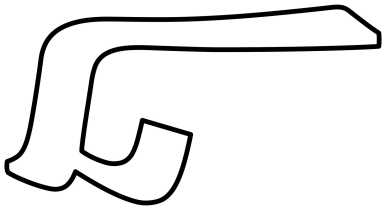
Pictured as a prop or support.

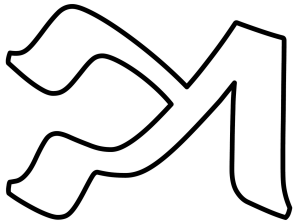


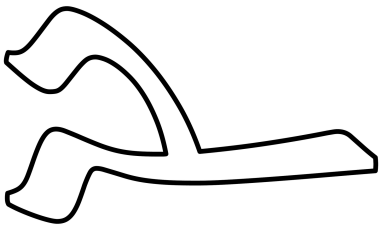


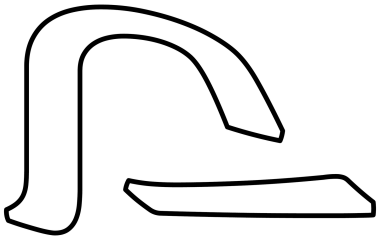


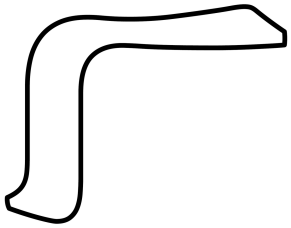


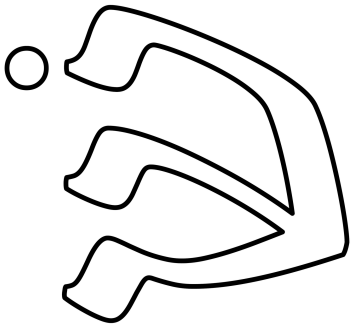


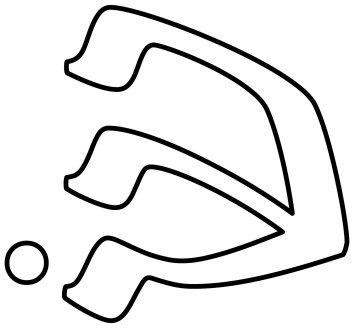












Ayin
עַיִן

SOUND

Deep throat constriction; carries its vowel's sound.

VALUE

70

Pictured as an eye.



Fe
פֵּא

SOUND

f as in food

Pe without the dagesh.



Tsadi
צָדִי

SOUND

ts as in cats

VALUE

90

Pictured as a fish hook. Also spelled Tsade.



Qof
קוֹף

SOUND

q/k — a deep 'k' from the back of the palate

VALUE

100

Pictured as the back of a head, or the eye of a needle.



Shin
שִׁין

SOUND

sh as in ship

VALUE

300

The dot on the right arm. Pictured as teeth.



Pe
פֵּא

SOUND

p as in pen

VALUE

80

Pictured as a mouth. Without the dagesh it is Fe.



Fe Sofit
פֵּא סוֹפִית

SOUND

f as in food

The final form of Pe and Fe.



Tsadi Sofit
צָדִי סוֹפִית

SOUND

ts as in cats

The final form of Tsadi.



Resh
רֵישׁ

SOUND

r — rolled

VALUE

200

Pictured as a head.



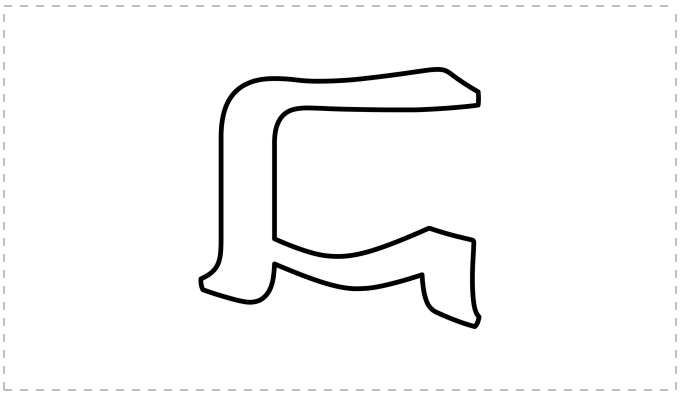
Sin
שִׁין

SOUND

s as in sun

The dot on the left arm — the same shape as Shin.





Tav

תָּו

SOUND

t as in time

VALUE

400

Pictured as a mark or sign.



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