## LESSON 2

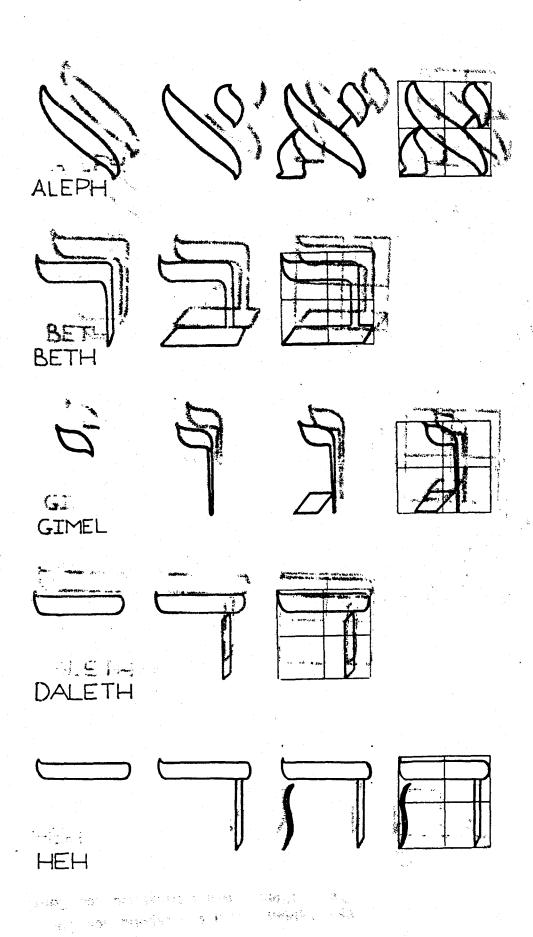
## Hebrew Calligraphy

Israel Regardie was very adamant that all students who study the Golden Dawn System should also study Hebrew Calligraphy. Therefore, to comply with his wishes it has been included as this Lesson. The importance of the Hebrew letters was discussed in Lesson 1, and this point cannot be over emphasized enough before continuing. Re-read Lesson 1, and hold in mind the comments on how the Hebrew letters can be used when you begin to practice them.

One of the most important aspects of understanding the Hebrew alphabet is to know how to draw the letters. Each letter, if drawn correctly, becomes a meditative exercise in itself, and also promotes a better understanding of its nature. The letters should first be drawn in the approximate size given in the step-by-step format with either a felt pen, fountain pen, or a brush. Once the shape of each letter has been practiced enough so that you can do each letter with ease, progress to the next step: drawing each letter between lines in a more suitable size to writing. (Practice sheets are provided at the end of this Lesson for this.) This exercise is important because it gives us the positioning of each letter on a line in relation to its neighbor. Pertinent points to look for are the letters whose top or bottom go beyond the boundary of the lines.

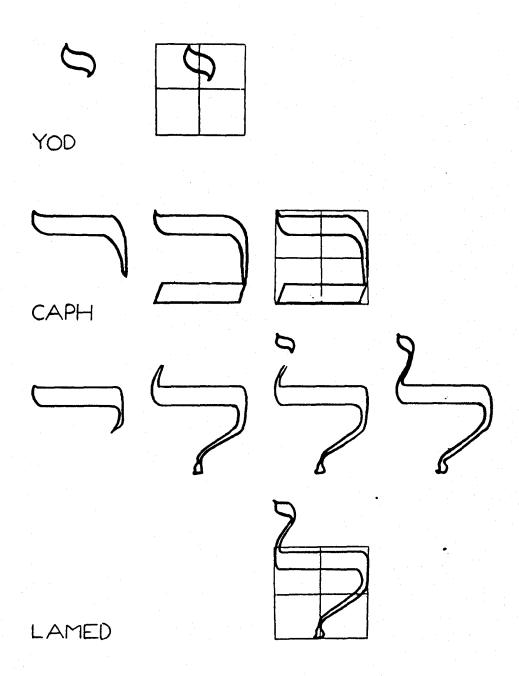
Vowel points have not been included in this Lesson since they were introduced into the Hebrew alphabet at a late stage of its development, but for those interested in taking up the study of Hebrew grammar (which is not essential for this course, but is definitely recommended), there are a number of fine books available on the subject. One of the most inexpensive and most fundamental is Teach Yourself Biblical Hebrew, by R.K. Harrison.

From Lesson 1, you have seen how each Hebrew letter has a numerical value, a name, a description, an English letter, and Astrological or Elemental association attributed to it. Clarification of these attributes are covered within the Lessons of this course. For example, the numerical value is covered in depth in the Lessons dealing with Gematria, Notariqon, and Temura which follow. The student must realize that each Lesson is a small piece of a vast jigsaw puzzle, and going through the Lessons enables you to put the puzzle together in your understanding.

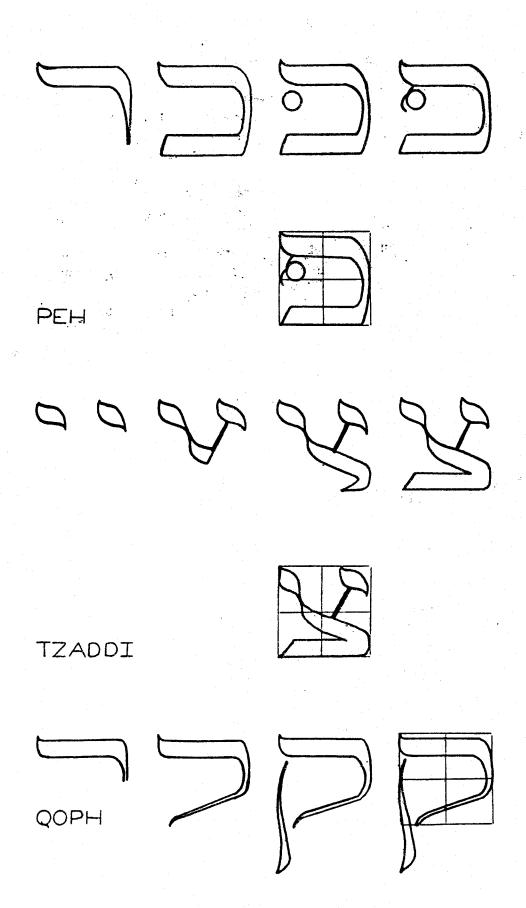


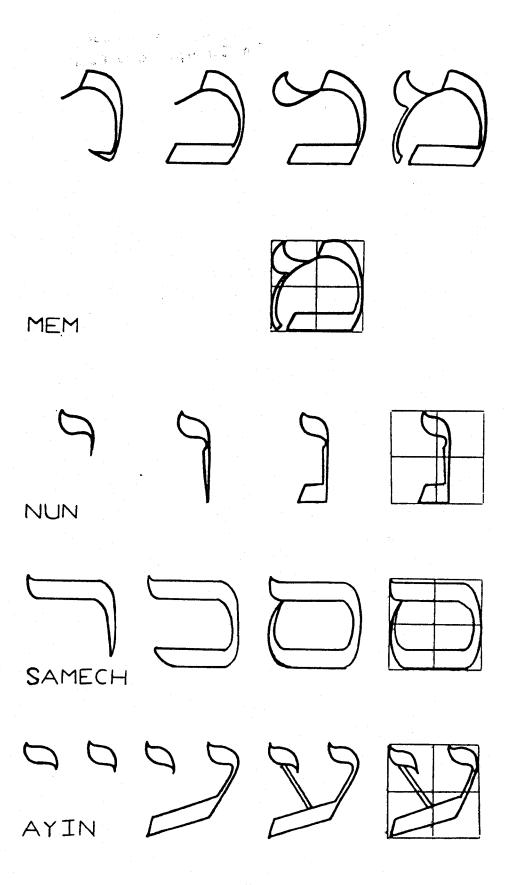
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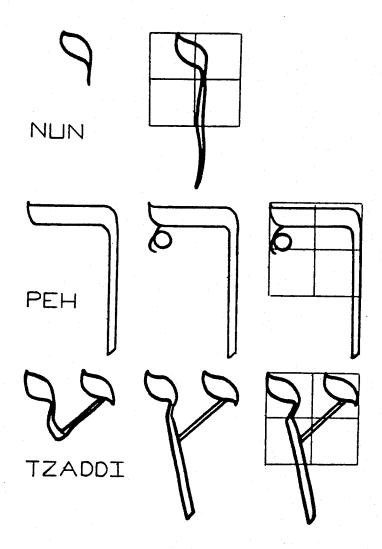


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