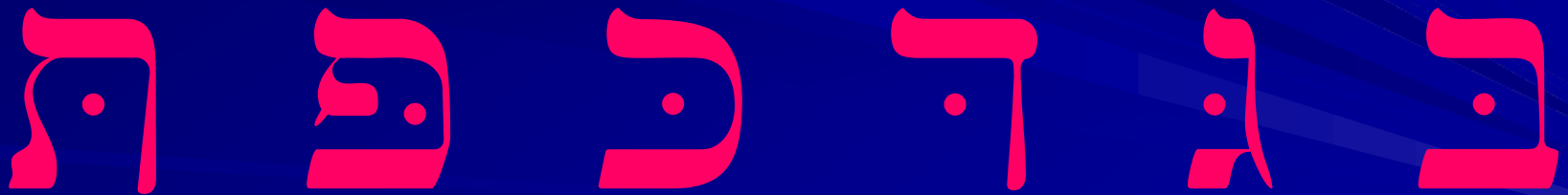


BeGeD KeFeT

Letters

ת פ כ ד ג ב

Six Hebrew letters
may have a dot in the middle
called a *dagesh lene*
(weak *dagesh*).



Reading from right to left,
these letters are:

ת פ כ ד ג ב

Bet, Gimmel, Dalet, Khaf, Fey, Tav

To aid memory, they are called
BeGeD KeFeT letters

ת פ כ ד ג ב

Bet, **G**immel, **D**alet, **K**haf, **F**ey, **T**av

- A *dagesh lene* always occurs in these letters when they are at the beginning of a word.

- A *dagesh lene* occurs in the middle of a word only when no vowel precedes it (at the beginning of a syllable).

- Most letters may take a dot called a *dagesh forte* (strong *dagesh*).

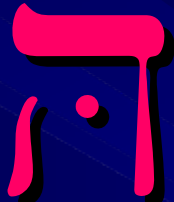
- The *dagesh forte* indicates the doubling of a letter
- If a vowel immediately precedes the *dagesh*, it is a *dagesh forte*

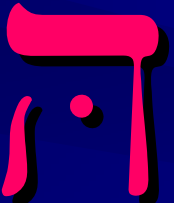
■ There are five letters which will **not** accept a *dagesh forte*

These are called the **guttural letters**:

The image displays five Hebrew letters in a stylized, calligraphic font. From left to right, they are: Alpeh (א), Hey (ה), Khat (ח), Ayin (ע), and Resh (ר). Each letter is rendered in a dark red color with a slight shadow effect, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The letters are arranged horizontally and are the central focus of the lower half of the slide.

Alpeh Hey Khat Ayin Resh

■ The letter  is the only guttural letter that will occur with a dot in it.

■ A  at the end of a word is called a *mappiq*.

■ A **mappiq** indicates that the



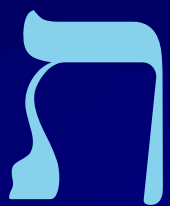
should be pronounced

■ A **mappiq** also indicates the

possessive

Review:

The BeGeD KeFeT Letters

The Hebrew letter Tav is shown in a light blue color. It consists of a vertical stem on the right, a horizontal top bar, and a curved tail on the left that loops back towards the stem.

Tav

The Hebrew letter Fey is shown in a bright green color. It features a vertical stem on the right, a horizontal top bar, and a curved tail on the left that loops back towards the stem.

Fey

The Hebrew letter Khaf is shown in a bright red color. It has a vertical stem on the right, a horizontal top bar, and a curved tail on the left that loops back towards the stem.

Khaf

The Hebrew letter Dalet is shown in a light blue color. It consists of a vertical stem on the right, a horizontal top bar, and a small vertical tick on the left side.

Dalet

The Hebrew letter Gimmel is shown in a bright green color. It has a vertical stem on the right, a horizontal top bar, and a curved tail on the left that loops back towards the stem.

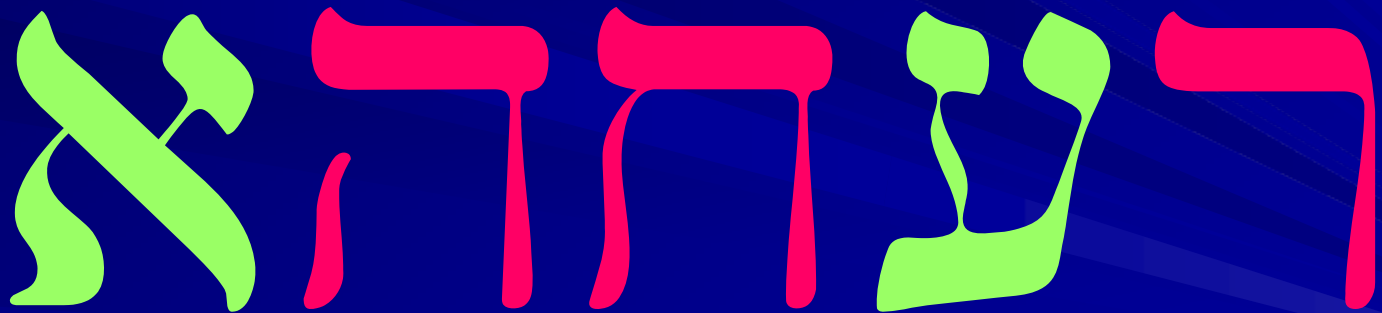
Gimmel

The Hebrew letter Bet is shown in a bright red color. It consists of a vertical stem on the right, a horizontal top bar, and a horizontal base at the bottom.

Bet

Review

The five guttural letters will **not** accept
a *dagesh forte*. They are:



Aleph

Hey

Khet

Ayin

Resh