

This is the letter 'ALEPH: א

It is basically silent.

Officially it is a glottal stop. It is the first sound you make when you start to say "ouch" (before the "o").

Transliterations might show it as a left-opening apostrophe.

It is the first letter of the *aleph-bet* and stands for the number 1.

Notice that it is open or pointing to all directions.



This is the letter KHAF: כ

It sounds like someone clearing their throat.

It stands for the number 20.

Its name means the "palm of a hand" or a "spoon." Notice that it is shaped like them.

It has no dot (dagesh) in it.

Transliterations here will show it as a "KH." Sometimes transliterations will show it as "ch" (but it doesn't sound like "ch" as in choose).



This is the letter MEM: מ

It sounds like M.

It stands for the number 40.

It looks like a Mountain, or a Mound.

Some people see a Missile on the top.

The bottom has a missing piece.



This is the letter `AYIN: ע

It is basically silent.

Officially it is a voiced glottal stop. It is like an 'aleph, but with some sound.

It stands for the number 70.

Its name means "eye" and seems to look like an eye (sideways?).



WORDS:

שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם מִלְאָכֵי מִלְאָכֵי בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם

SONGS:

(1) שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם

(2) שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, מִלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁרֵת, מִלְאָכֵי עֲלִיוֹן,
מִמְלָךְ מִלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא:

בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם, מִלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם, מִלְאָכֵי עֲלִיוֹן,
מִמְלָךְ מִלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא:

בְּרִכּוֹנֵי לְשָׁלוֹם, מִלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם, מִלְאָכֵי עֲלִיוֹן,
מִמְלָךְ מִלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא:

צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם, מִלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם, מִלְאָכֵי עֲלִיוֹן,
מִמְלָךְ מִלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא:

Lesson Two

Lesson One

SOUNDS:

א ב כ ל מ ם ע ש ת
' B KH L M -M ` SH T

אָ אֵ אִ אַ אוּ אוֹ אִי אֵי אֶי אִי

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