

Children's Torah Portion



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YHWH told Moshe to go to Pharaoh and speak to him about letting the people go, but He also said that He would harden Pharaoh's heart so that he would not let them go. YHWH also told him to have Aharon throw down his staff, so that it would turn into a snake.

When they went to Pharaoh, Aharon threw down his staff, and it turned into a snake. Pharaoh called all of his wise men and sorcerers, who did the same, but Aharon's staff ate up their staffs. Pharaoh did not heed them, though, as YHWH had said.

YHWH told Moshe to go to the river in the morning (Pharaoh would be there) and turn the water into blood so that Pharaoh would know that YHWH is Elohim. Aharon stretched his staff over the water and it turned into blood, and the fish died and the river stank. Pharaoh's wise men turned the rest of the water into blood. The Mitzrites had to dig to get water, but Pharaoh hardened his heart and did not pay attention. That plague lasted seven days.

Moshe warned Pharaoh of the next plague, but he still would not let the people go. Aharon stretched his staff over the water again and many frogs came out and were infesting people's houses. They were in their beds and ovens, all over. The wise men did the same. Pharaoh called Moshe and Aharon and told them to ask YHWH to get rid of the frogs. He said that if the frogs went away he would let the people go. YHWH caused the frogs to die, but Pharaoh didn't let them go, so YHWH told Aharon to strike the dust of the land and it became lice. The wise men tried to do the same, but could not. The lice were really bad, so the sorcerers tried to talk Pharaoh into letting the people go, but he hardened his heart even more.

The fourth plague was of flies, which destroyed the land.

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Pharaoh asked Moshe to ask YHWH to get rid of them. YHWH got rid of them, but Pharaoh, again, hardened his heart. YHWH told Moshe to tell Pharaoh that if he did not let the people go, that all of the Mitzrite's cattle would die, but the cattle belonging to the Children of Yisrael would live. The next day, all of the Mitzrites cattle died, and Pharaoh sent someone to go see if the Hebrews' cattle had died. He was told that they were still alive, but he still hardened his heart. Next came boils .

The seventh plague was hail. Flaming hail came down over all of Mitzrayim except for Goshen, where YHWH's people were. Pharaoh asked Moshe to pray to YHWH, so Moshe prayed to Him and the thunder and hail ceased.

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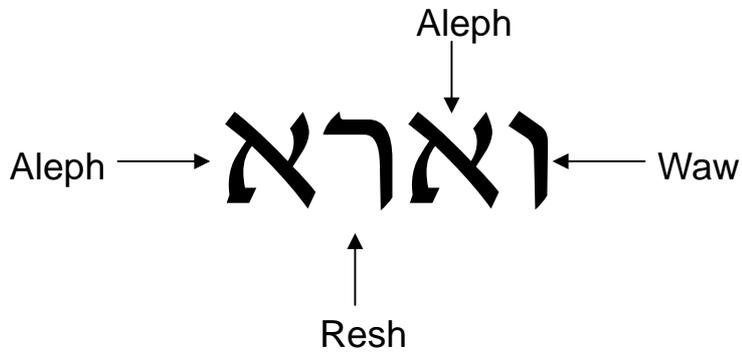
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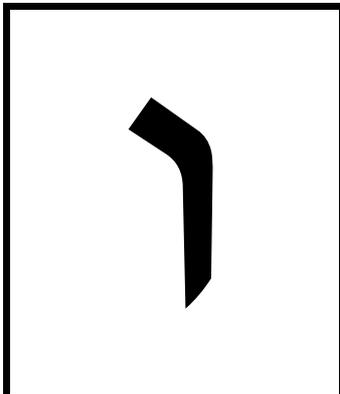
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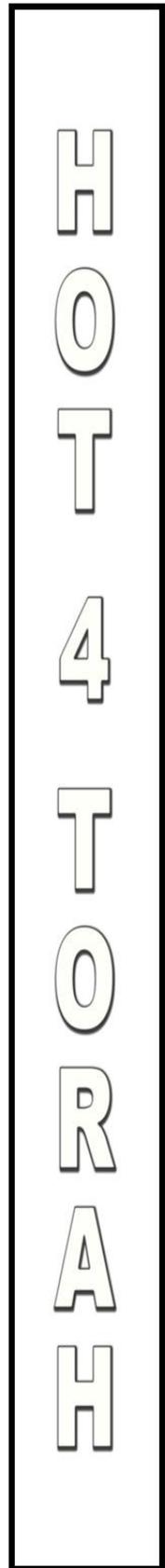
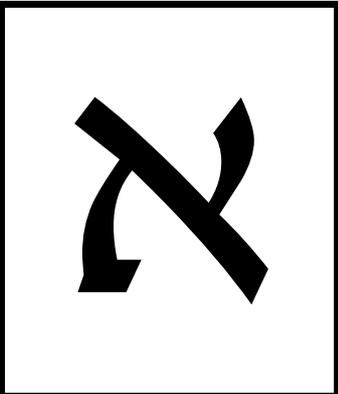
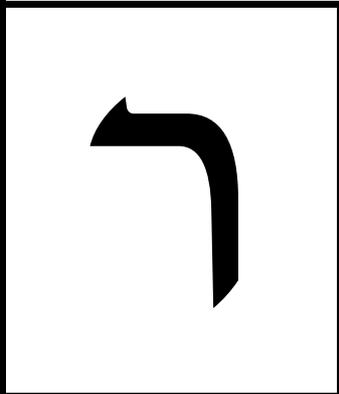
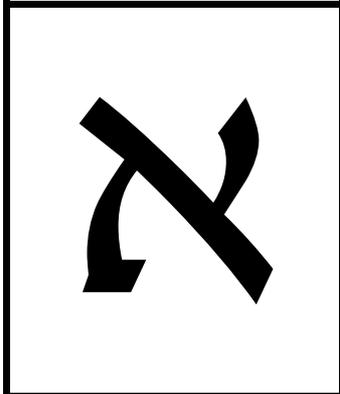
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You try writing it!



Cut out the cards, mix them up, then try to put them in the proper order without looking at these pages.



List the plagues that we have heard of so far in order.

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- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____

In the blank space draw pictures of some or all of the plagues listed above.

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Nile River turned to blood