

Patach — To Open

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Design and Sefirah

The *patach* is displayed as a straight line (similar to a horizontal *vav*). The *patach* represents the Sefirah of *Chochmah*¹—the flash of an idea or wisdom. It alludes to the horizontal line of thought, as explained in the letter *hei*.

Gematria

The numerical value of the *patach* is six, corresponding to the gematria of the letter vav.

Meaning

To open; to have a glimmer of what was previously closed and to acquire knowledge.



FOOTNOTES

1. Or *HaTefillah*, vol. 1, p. 11.

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