

TAXI POST LABELS OF ISRAEL



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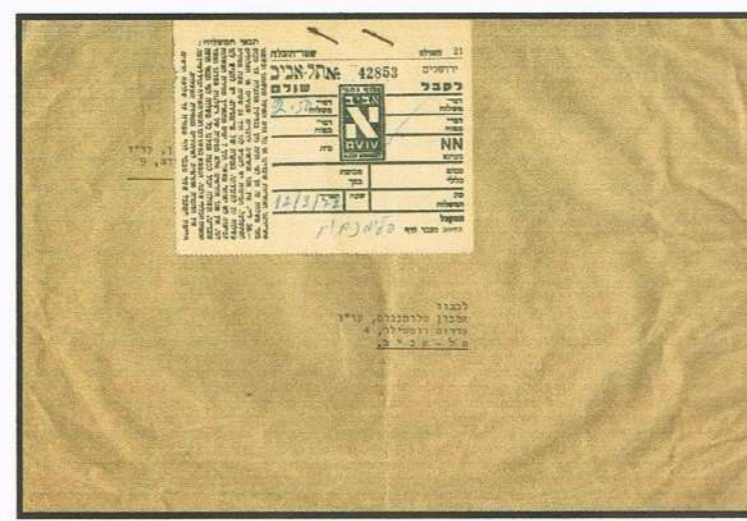
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III B	GREEN	17 x 13 THICK LETTERS	ROUNDED LONG "Y"	123456	11	57 TO 55 X
III C	GREEN	17 x 13 WITH THIN LETTERS	ROUNDED LONG "Y"	123456	ROULETTED	59 MM
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TAXI-IV GREEN	GREEN	9x7 MM	ROUNDED	123456	11	44x 23 MM

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TYPE-IA



FRONT SIDE



BIG SIZE ENVELOPE SENT FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV BY "AVIV" TAXI COMPANY ON 12.3.72. FEES OF 2.5 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE IA TAXI POST LABEL.



THICK LINES & FONT

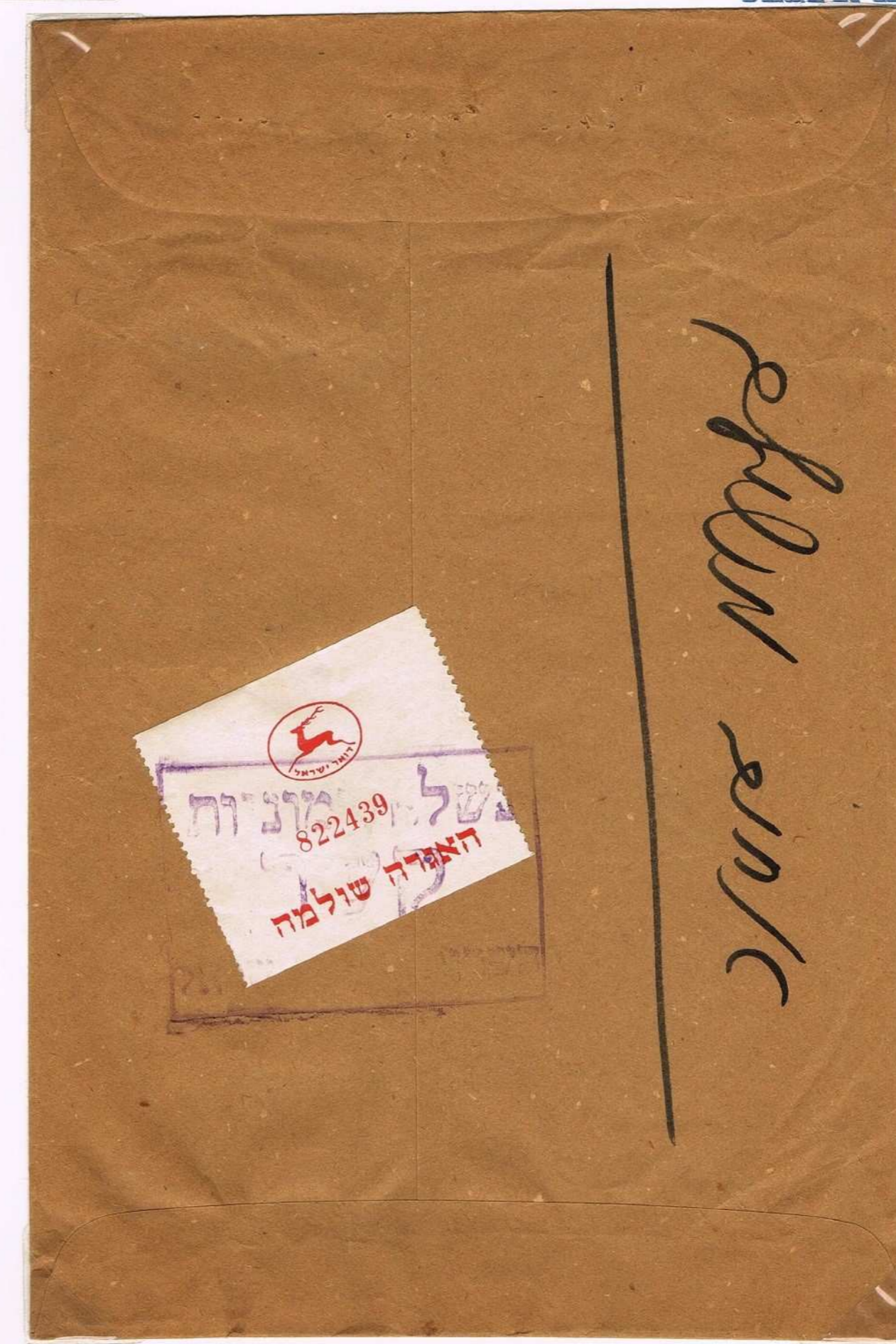


THIN LINES & FONT

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TYPE-IB



BIG SIZE ENVELOPE SENT INSIDE TEL AVIV BY "KESEH" TAXI COMPANY, FRANKED BY TYPE IB TAXI POST LABEL.

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TYPE-IC



SMALL LETTER SENT FROM BEER SHEVA TO TEL AVIV BY "Yael DAROMA" TAXI COMPANY. FEES OF 1 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE IC TAXI POST LABEL.



LONG "Y"

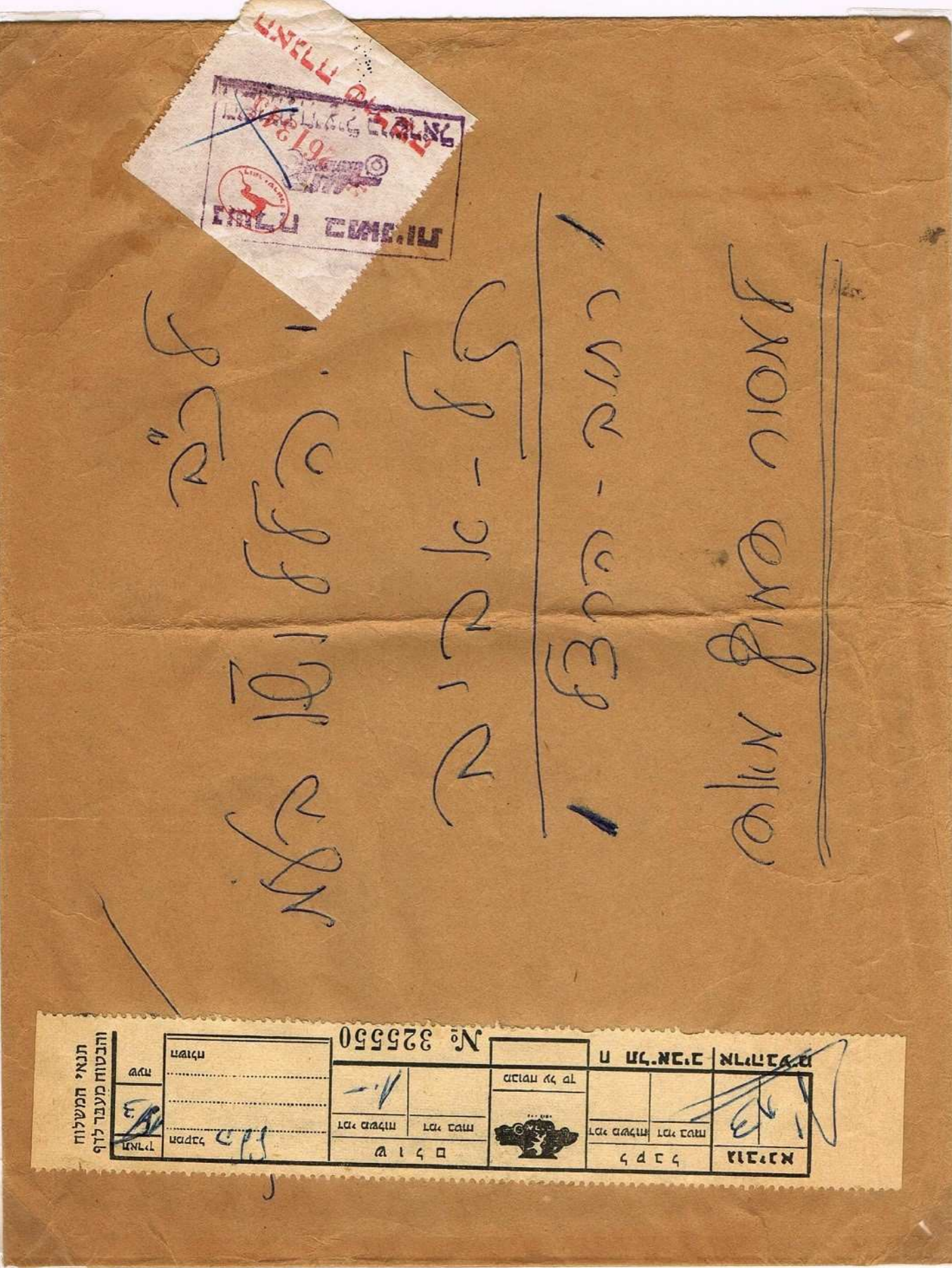


SHORT "Y"

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TYPE-IC

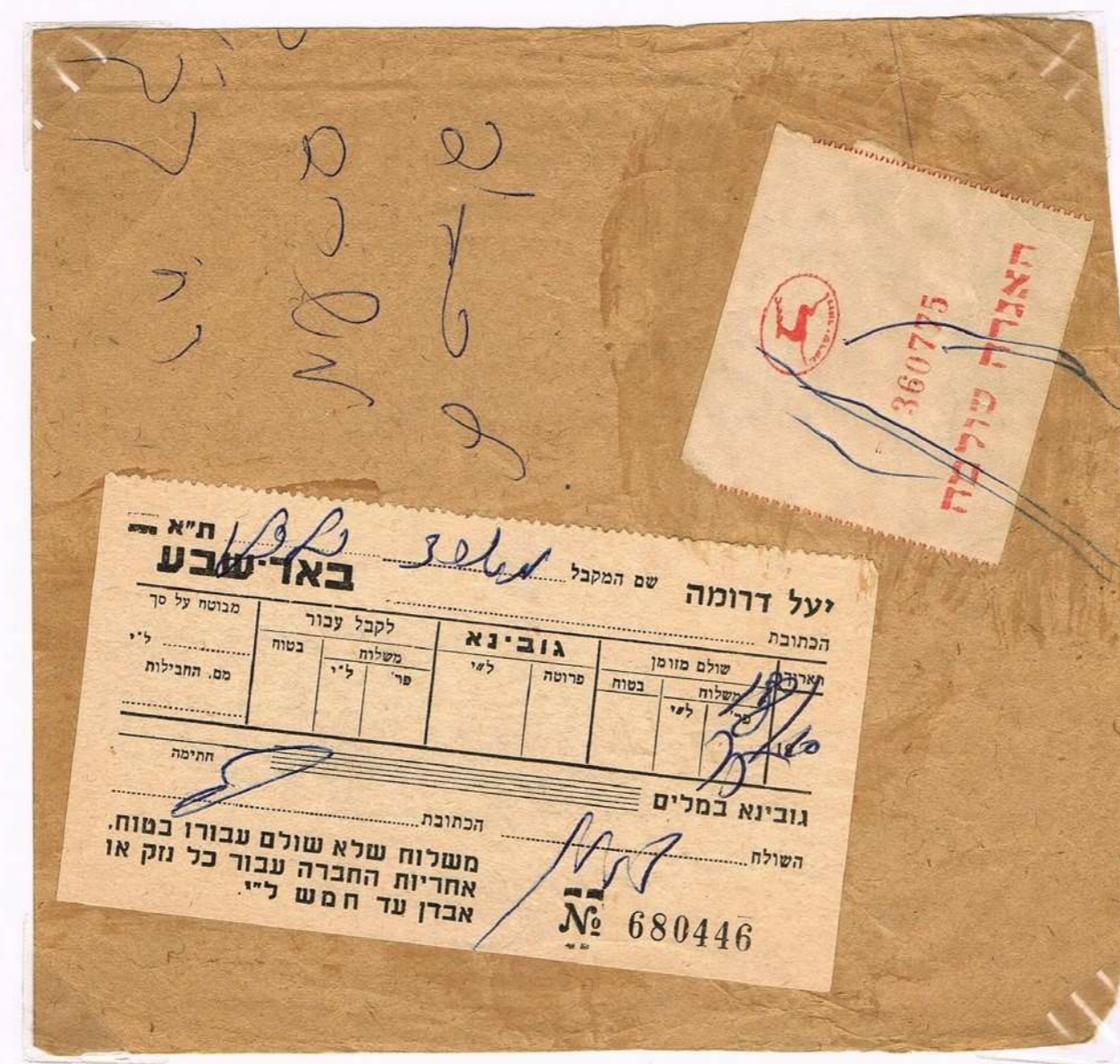


BIG SIZE ENVELOPE SENT FROM HAIFA TO TEL AVIV BY "ARIE" TAXI COMPANY. FEES OF 1 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE IC TAXI POST LABEL.

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TYPE-ID

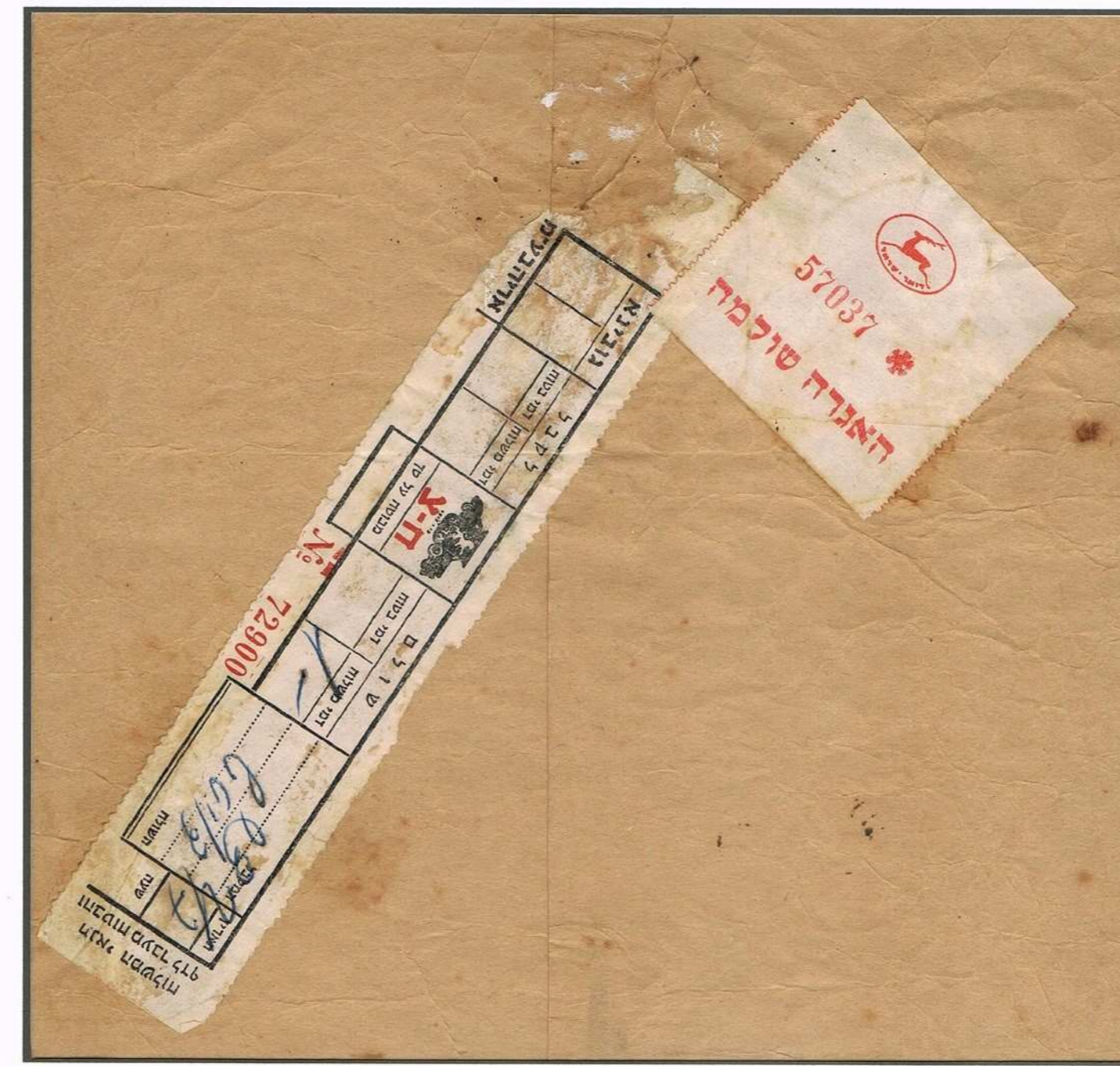


CUTOUT FROM A BIG ENVELOPE SENT FROM BEER SHEVA TO TEL AVIV BY "Yael DAROMA" TAXI COMPANY ON 18.10.78. FRANKED BY TYPE ID TAXI POST LABEL.

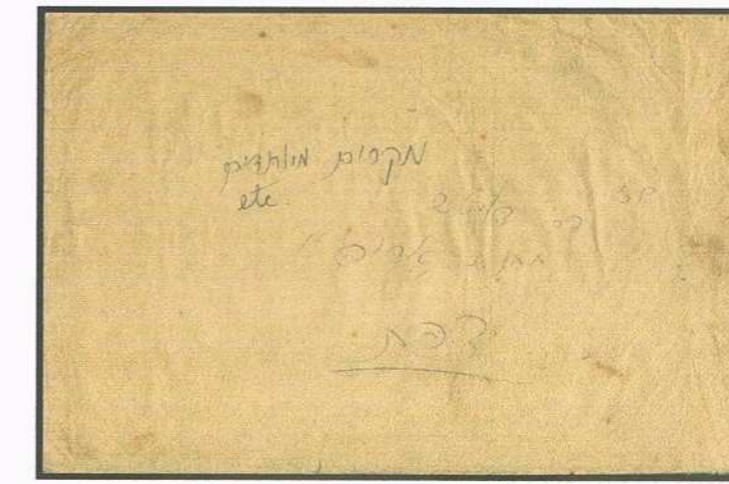
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TYPE-IE



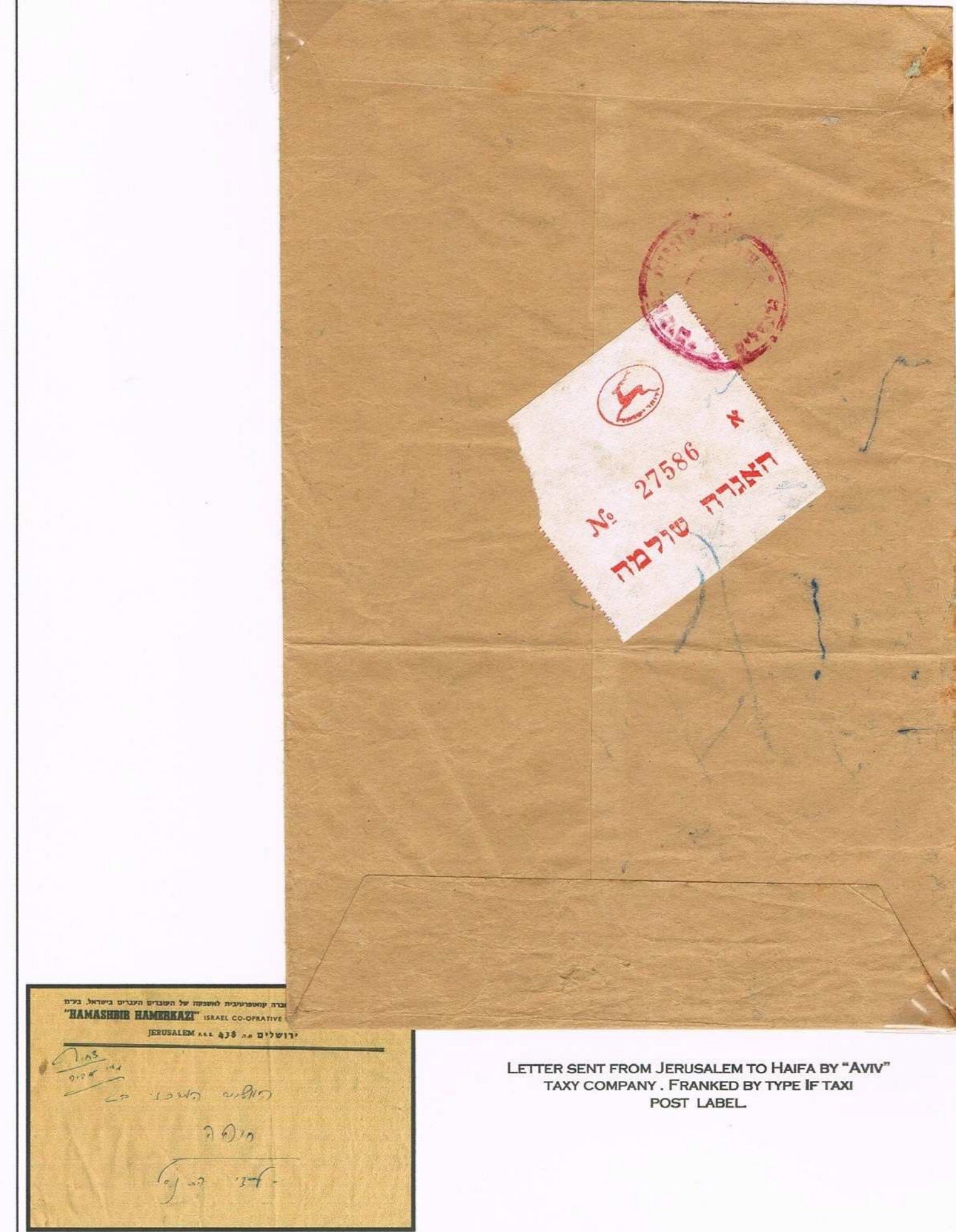
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TYPE-IF

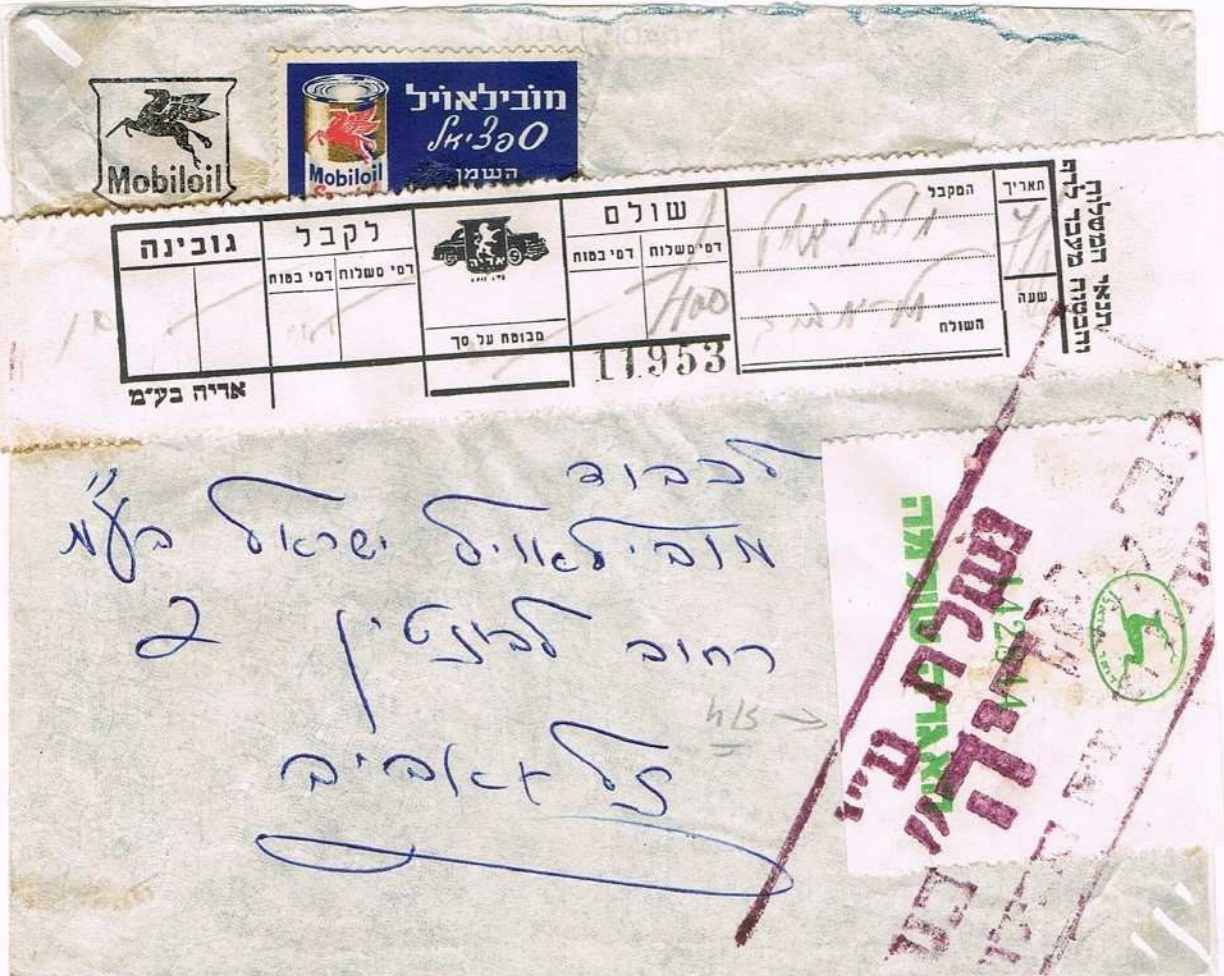


LETTER SENT FROM JERUSALEM TO HAIFA BY "AVIV" TAXI COMPANY. FRANKED BY TYPE IF TAXI POST LABEL.

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TYPE-II



LETTER SENT FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV BY "ARIE" TAXI COMPANY. FEES OF 0.4 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE II TAXI POST LABEL.

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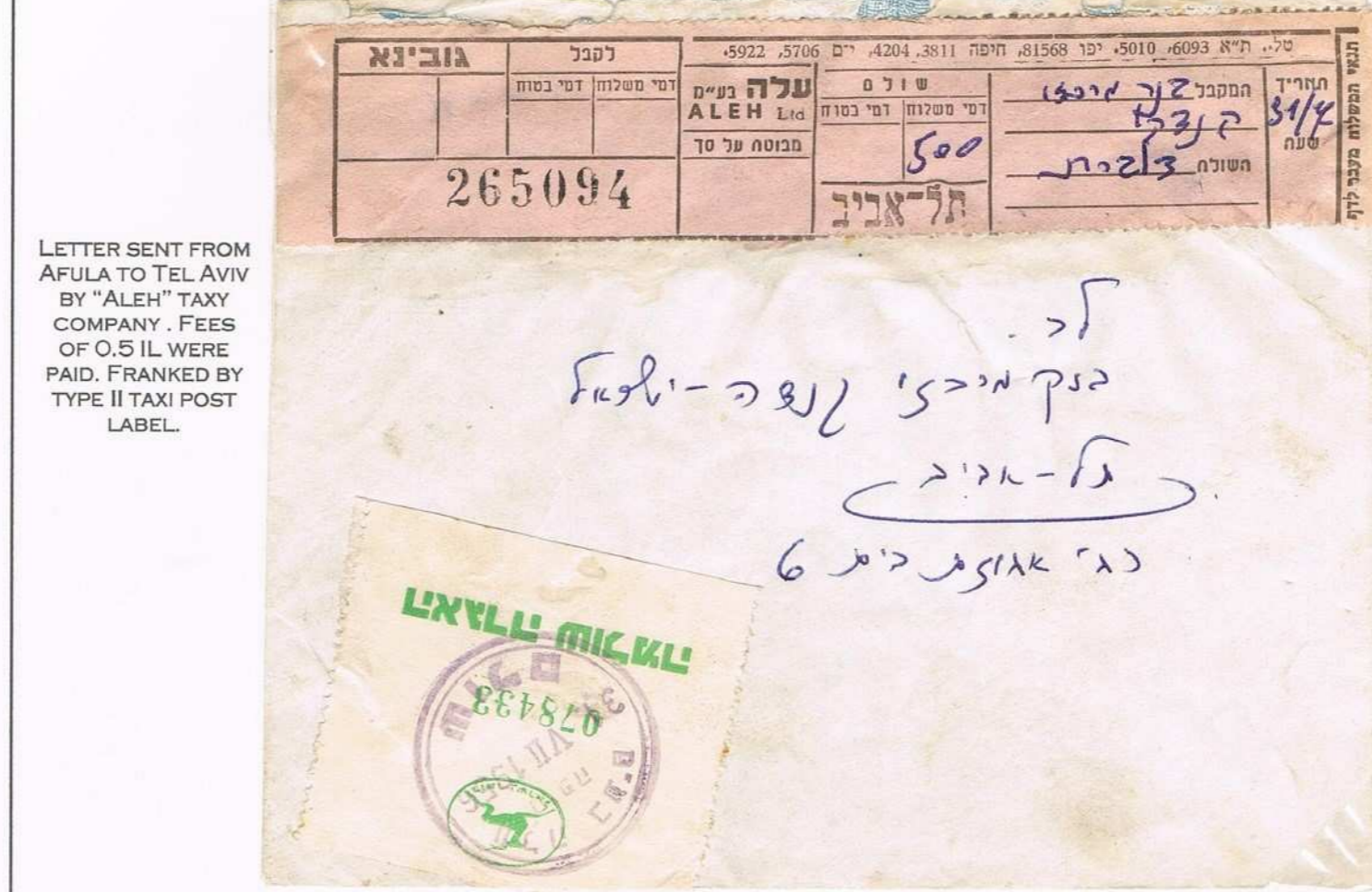
VERY THICK & SQUARE FONT

THIN & ROUNDED FONT

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TYPE-II



LETTER SENT FROM APULA TO TEL AVIV BY "ARIE" TAXI COMPANY. FEES OF 0.25 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE II TAXI POST LABEL.



LETTER SENT FROM TEL AVIV TO HAIFA BY "ARIE" TAXI COMPANY SUPER EXPRESS SERVICE. FEES OF 0.75 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE II TAXI POST LABEL.

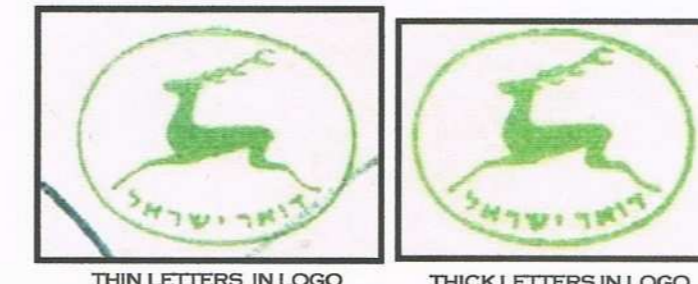
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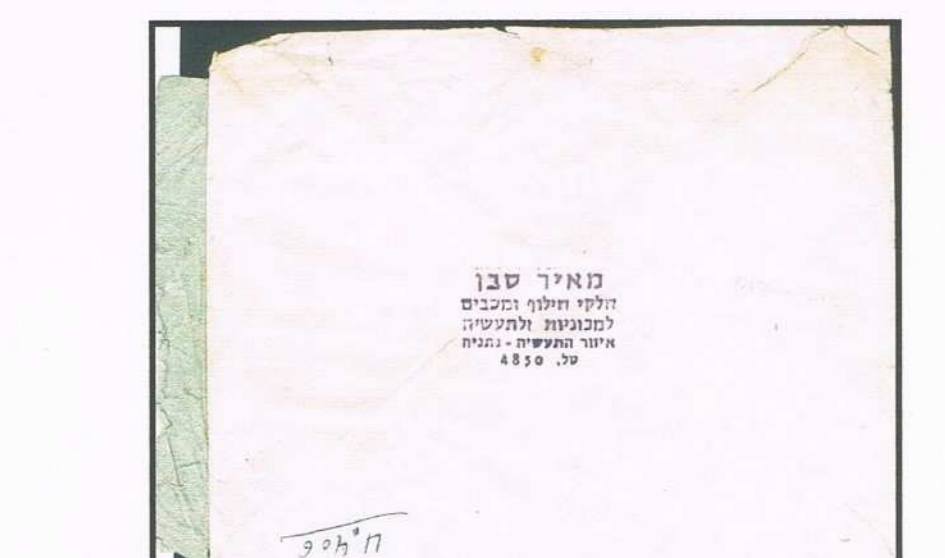


THIN LETTERS IN LOGO THICK LETTERS IN LOGO

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TYPE-III B

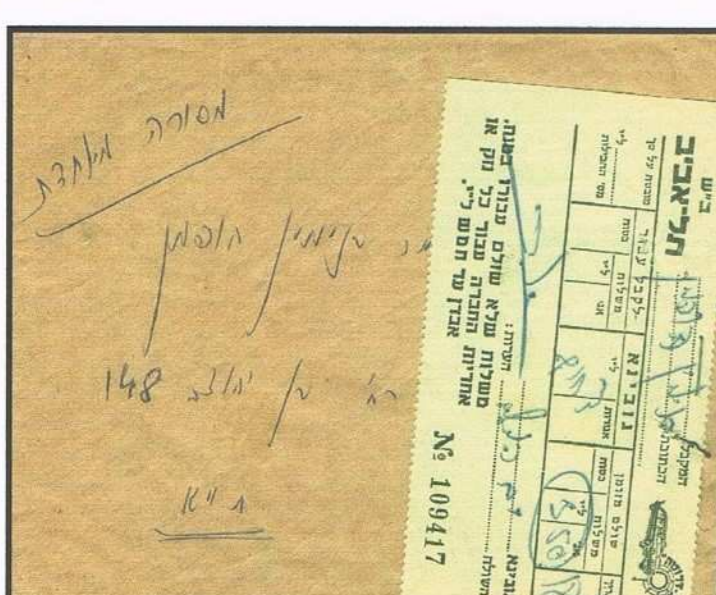
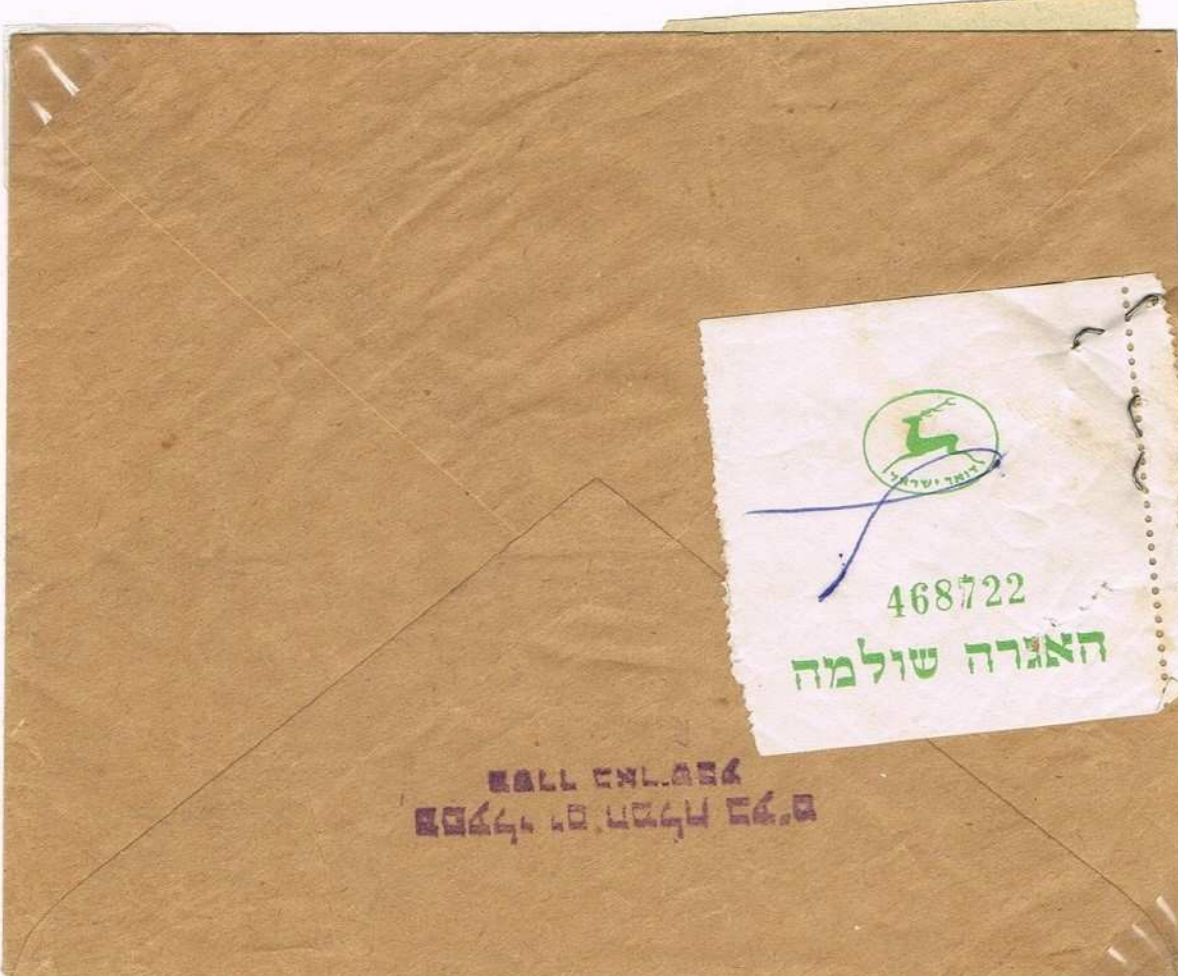


LETTER SENT FROM NETANYA TO TEL AVIV BY "HASHARON" TAXI COMPANY. FEES OF 1.25 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE III B TAXI POST LABEL.

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TYPE-III C

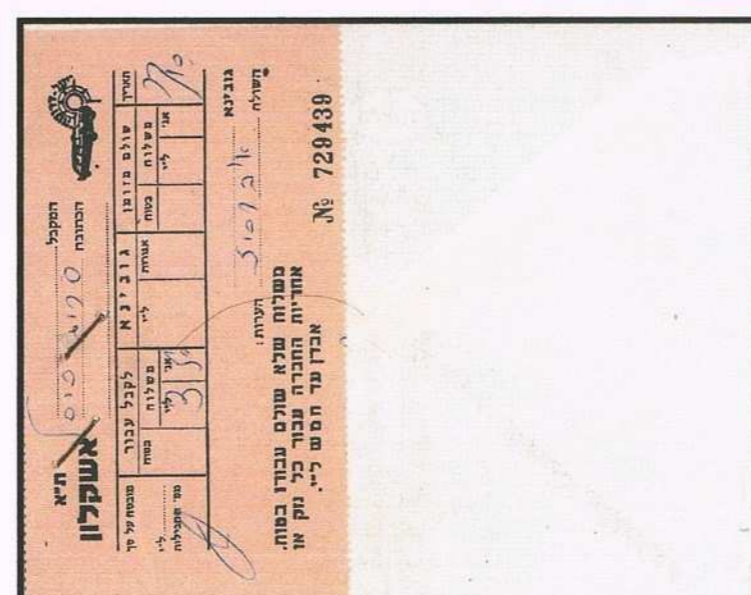


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TYPE-III D

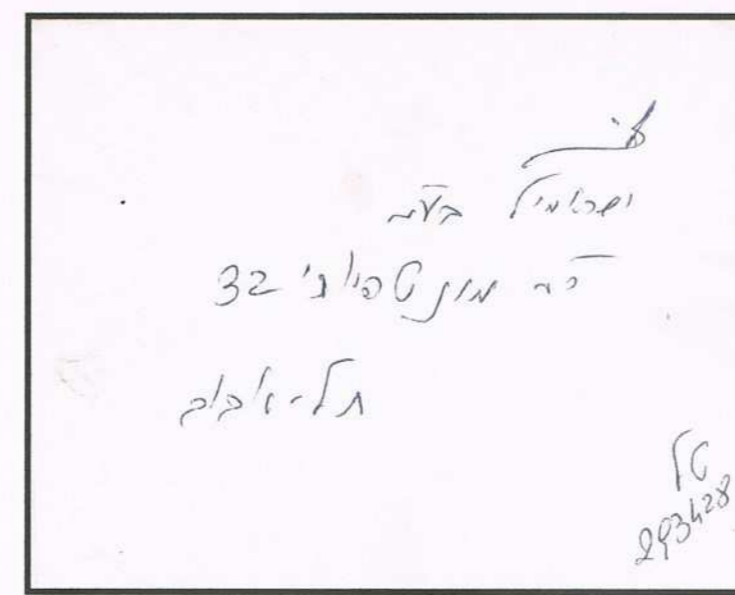
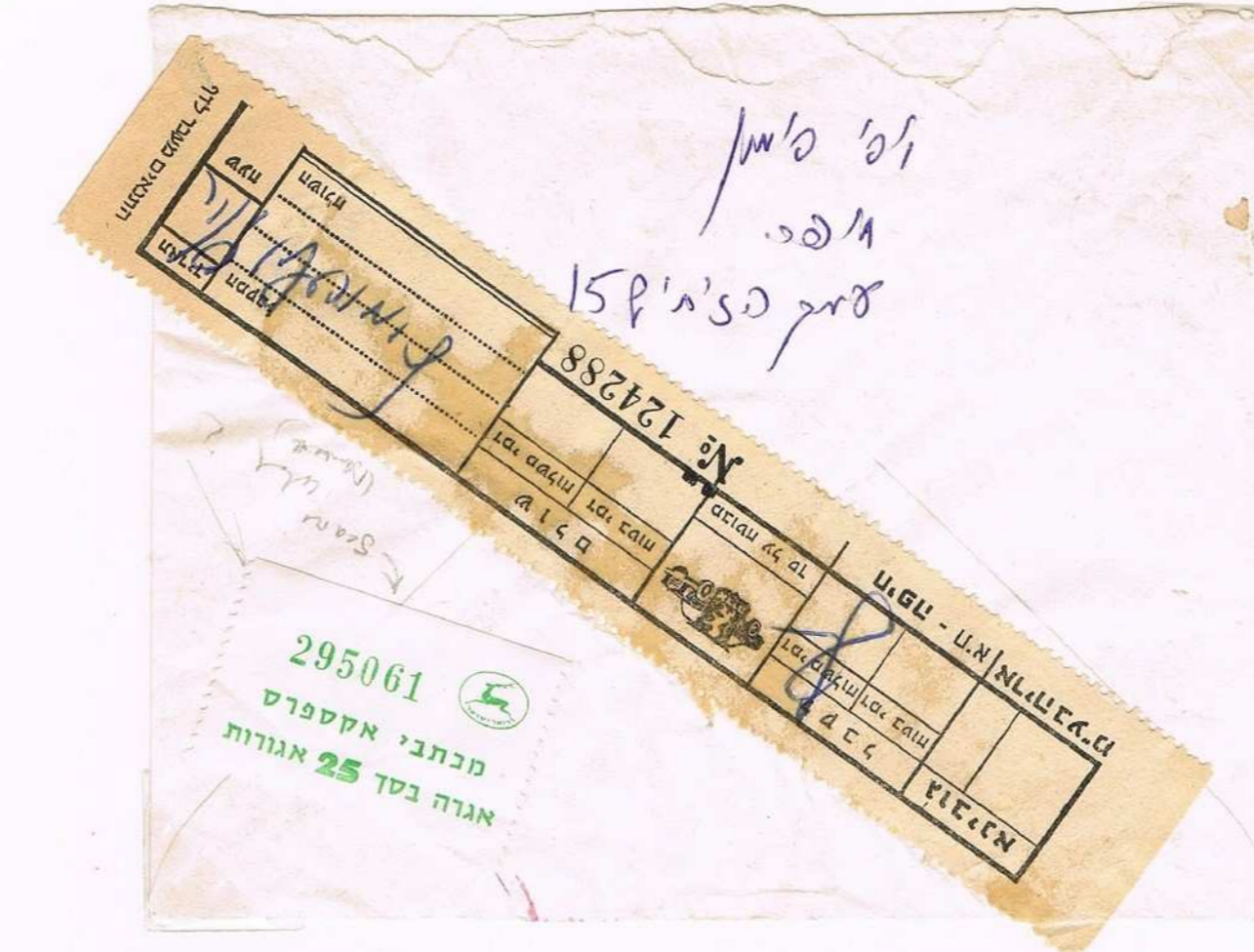


LETTER SENT FROM TEL AVIV TO ASHDODON BY "Yael DAROMA" TAXI COMPANY EXPRESS SERVICE. FEES OF 3.5 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE III D TAXI POST LABEL.

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TYPE-IV

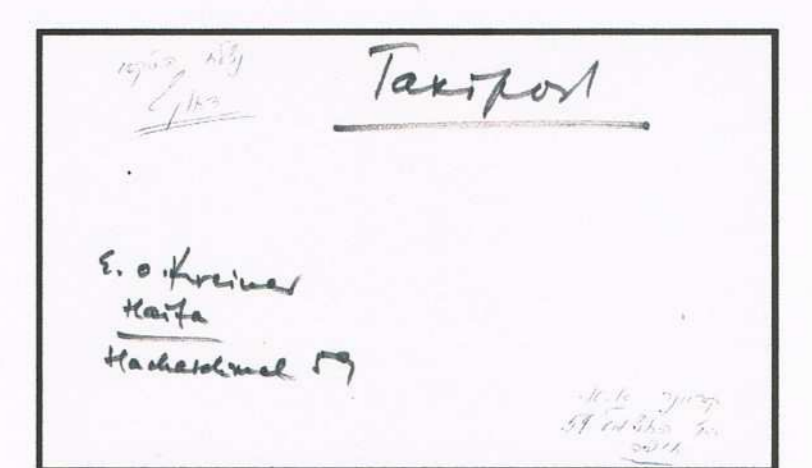


LETTER SENT FROM HAIFA TO TEL AVIV BY "ARIE" TAXI COMPANY. FEES OF 8 IL. WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE IV TAXI POST LABEL.

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TYPE-IV



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## TYPE - IA



FRONT SIDE



BIG SIZE ENVELOPE SENT FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV BY "AVIV" TAXY COMPANY ON 12.3.72. FEES OF 2.5 IL WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE IA TAXI POST LABEL.



THICK LINES & FONT

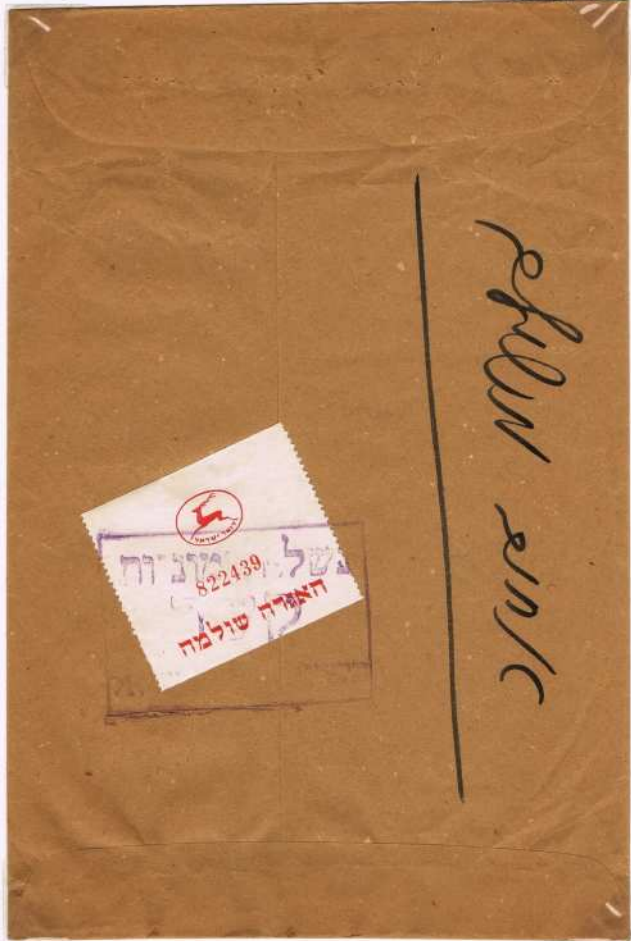


THIN LINES & FONT

# TAXI POST LABELS OF ISRAEL



TYPE - IB



BIG SIZE ENVELOPE SENT INSIDE TEL AVIV BY "KESHER" TAXY COMPANY . FRANKED BY TYPE IB TAXI POST LABEL.



# TAXI POST LABELS OF ISRAEL

TYPE - IC



Handwritten Hebrew text on the envelope:

מפא"י תל אביב  
 רחוב רוקח - 85  
 / תל אביב - 2117 /  
 מלון פרידמן

תחילת המשלוח מדינת ישראל		מספר 325550		מדינת ישראל	
תאריך 1971		מספר 1		מספר 1	
שם אריה		מספר 1		מספר 1	
מספר 1		מספר 1		מספר 1	

BIG SIZE ENVELOPE SENT FROM HAIFA TO TEL AVIV BY "ARIE" TAXY COMPANY . FEES OF 1 IL WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE IC TAXI POST LABEL



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TYPE - IE



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TYPE-IF

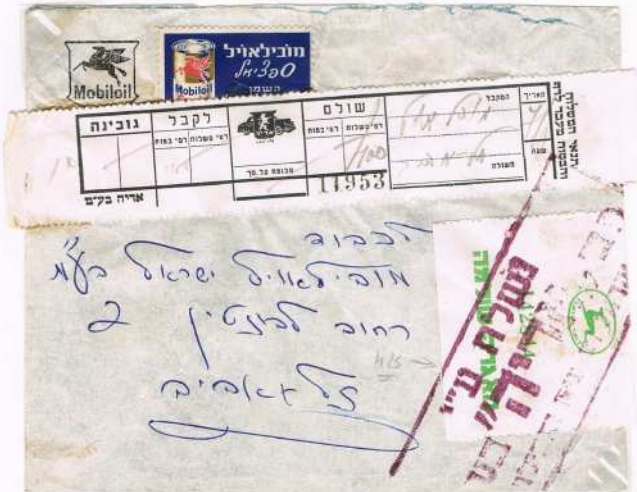


LETTER SENT FROM JERUSALEM TO HAIFA BY "AVIV"  
TAXY COMPANY . FRANKED BY TYPE IF TAXI  
POST LABEL.

# TAXI POST LABELS OF ISRAEL



TYPE - II



LETTER SENT FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV BY "ARIE" TAXY COMPANY . FEES OF 0.4 IL WERE PAID, FRANKED BY TYPE II TAXI POST LABEL.

**האגדה שולמה**

VERY THICK & SQUARE FONT

**האגדה שולמה**

THIN & ROUNDED FONT

# TAXI POST LABELS OF ISRAEL

TYPE - II



LETTER SENT FROM  
AFULA TO TEL AVIV  
BY "ALEH" TAXY  
COMPANY. FEES  
OF 0.5 IL WERE  
PAID. FRANKED BY  
TYPE II TAXI POST  
LABEL.



LETTER SENT FROM  
TEL AVIV TO HAIFA  
BY "ARIE" TAXY  
COMPANY SUPER EX-  
PRESS SERVICE.  
FEES OF 0.75 IL  
WERE PAID.  
FRANKED BY TYPE II  
TAXI POST LABEL.

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TYPE - III A



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THIN LETTERS IN LOGO



THICK LETTERS IN LOGO



# TAXI POST LABELS OF ISRAEL

TYPE - III C



LETTER SENT FROM BEER SHEVA TO TEL AVIV BY "Yael DAROMA" TAXY COMPANY .  
FEES OF 3.5 IL WERE PAID. FRANKED BY TYPE IIC TAXI POST LABEL.

# TAXI POST LABELS OF ISRAEL

TYPE - III D



LETTER SENT FROM TEL AVIV TO ASHQELON BY "Yael DAROMA" TAXY COMPANY EXPRESS SERVICE. FEES OF 3.5 IL WERE PAID, FRANKED BY TYPE III D TAXI POST LABEL.

# TAXI POST LABELS OF ISRAEL

TYPE - IV



Handwritten text on the envelope: *158' א' 151*

Handwritten text on the label: *158' א' 151*

Label details:

מס' 124288		מס' 124288		מס' 124288		מס' 124288		מס' 124288	
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מכתבי אקספרס  
אגדה בסך 25 אגודות

295061

Handwritten text in the box:

*מכתבי אקספרס*  
*32 מכתבי אקספרס*  
*מכתבי אקספרס*

Handwritten number: *158' א' 151*

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TYPE - IV

**הנחיות להדפסת התוויות:**  
 1. להדפיס את התוויות על נייר מס' 70 או 80 גרם.  
 2. להדפיס את התוויות בצבע אדום.  
 3. להדפיס את התוויות בגודל 10x15 ס"מ.  
 4. להדפיס את התוויות בצורה ברורה וקריאה.  
 5. להדפיס את התוויות בצורה אחידה.

שם-החברה: **קרדום**      כתובת: **כרמון**      ס'ה: **33**

מס' התוויה: **N: 131798**      י.ד. מס'ר: **510184476**      ח.מ.מ.:

סוג: **סוקים**      סוכן מדינה: **510184476**      שם:

<b>אביב</b> AVIV דפוס תעבורה	<b>סוכן אקספרס</b>
ר"מ מפקח ר"מ מפקח ס"ר סגל מפקח א"ס	רכישת <b>NN</b>
תאריך: <b>3/11 78</b>	ס'ת המסלול: <b>מכתב</b>
א.א. קרמון	מסלול:

**802671**

מכתבי אקספרס

אגרה בסך **25** אגורות

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