



Scribes of the Cairo Geniza is an international collaboration led by Penn Libraries among universities, libraries, and scholars to decipher some of the most difficult to read fragments in the world.

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Get Started

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Sign in or Register:

In the **upper right corner** of the page, **click** the button either to sign in (returning user) or register (first-time user) and follow instructions.

Choose a Workflow:

Now you should be at the “Scribes of the Cairo Geniza” project homepage. **Scroll down** to the “Get Started” section and choose from the available workflows: **Easy Hebrew**, **Easy Arabic**, or **Sort Fragments**.

Begin Classifying:

Sorting:

It will take you to a screen that shows you a fragment to **sort**. We **HIGHLY** recommend that you go through the tutorial, which will either automatically pop up or you may need to click on the button on the right side that says **Tutorial**. This offers helpful tips about the interface and the project.

Transcribing:

It will take you to a screen with a fragment to **transcribe**. The toolbars on the left and right sides of the screen will help you view the fragment more closely, learn more about its history, and start transcribing line by line. Remember that both Hebrew and Arabic read right-to-left, so start your transcription on the right side of the screen.

Don't Forget:

Check out the **Talk** page where you can see other Geniza scribes discussing fragments in the project. If you find a subject you want to share, click **“Done & Talk”** and leave a note for others about your findings!