This Hebrew word appears during the Middle Ages and means 'writer' and also someone who 'rewrites' or translates a work (Even-Shoshan).

This word usually means 'detail, particular', but in manuscripts and in printed title pages and colophons it refers to the Jewish year, according to what is called, literally, 'the small count', that is, 'the abbreviated era', which omits the thousands (Ben-Yehuda). In this case the author does something very common in Jewish books: to indicate the year of publication he uses a word where each letter has a numerical value. A verse of the Bible is commonly used, but here Elye Bokher uses his own name.