

# Hebrew Consonants

Letter	Final Form	Letter Name	Transliteration	Pronunciation
א		Aleph	'	(silent)
ב		Bet	<b>b</b>	b in <i>boy</i>
ב			<b><u>b</u></b>	v in <i>vine</i>
ג		Gimel	<b>g</b>	g in <i>God</i>
ג			<b>g</b>	gh in <i>aghast</i>
ד		Dalet	<b>d</b>	d in <i>day</i>
ד			<b><u>d</u></b>	dh in <i>the</i>
ה		He	<b>h</b>	h in <i>hay</i>
ו		Waw	<b>w</b>	w in <i>way</i>
ז		Zayin	<b>z</b>	z in <i>Zion</i>
ח		Het	<b>ḥ</b>	ch in <i>Bach</i>
ט		Tet	<b>ṭ</b>	t in <i>toy</i>
י		Yod	<b>y</b>	y in <i>yes</i>
כ	ך	Kaf	<b>k</b>	k in <i>king</i>
כ			<b><u>k</u></b>	ch in <i>Bach</i>
ל		Lamed	<b>l</b>	l in <i>lion</i>
מ	ם	Mem	<b>m</b>	m in <i>mother</i>
נ	ן	Nun	<b>n</b>	n in <i>now</i>
ס		Samek	<b>s</b>	s in <i>sin</i>
ע		Ayin	'	(silent)
פ	ף	Pe	<b>p</b>	p in <i>pastor</i>
פ			<b><u>p</u></b>	ph in <i>alphabet</i>
צ	ץ	Tsade	<b>ṣ</b>	ts in <i>boots</i>
ק		Qof	<b>q</b>	k in <i>king</i>
ר		Resh	<b>r</b>	r in <i>run</i>
ש		Sin	<b>ś</b>	s in <i>sin</i>
ש		Shin	<b>š</b>	sh in <i>ship</i>
ת		Taw	<b>t</b>	t in <i>toy</i>
ת			<b><u>t</u></b>	th in <i>thin</i>

# Hebrew Vowel Points

## Short

a-type	פַּ	Pathach ( <i>PATH-ic</i> )	a	a in <i>bat</i>
e-type	סֶ	Seghol ( <i>suh-GOAL</i> )	e	e in <i>bet</i>
i-type	סִ	Hireq ( <i>HEAR-ic</i> )	i	i in <i>bit</i>
o-type	סָ	Qamets Hatuf ( <i>KAH-mets hah-TÜF</i> )	o	o in <i>tot</i>
u-type	סֻ	Qibbutz ( <i>ki-BUTZ</i> )	u	u in <i>but</i>

## Changeable Long

a-type	אָ	Qamets	ā	a in <i>father</i>
e-type	אֵ	Tsere ( <i>TSER-ray</i> )	ē	e in <i>they</i>
o-type	אֹ	Holem	ō	o in <i>role</i>

## Unchangeable Long

a-type	אֶה	Qamets He	â	a in <i>father</i>
e-type	אֵי	Tsere Yod	ê	e in <i>they</i>
i-type	אִי	Hireq Yod	î	i in <i>machine</i>
o-type	אֹו	Holem Waw	ô	o in <i>role</i>
u-type	אֻו	Shureq ( <i>SHOE-wreck</i> )	û	u in <i>ruler</i>

## Reduced

a-type	אֲ	Hateph Pathach ( <i>hah-TEPH</i> )	ă	a in <i>bat</i>
e-type	אֱ	Hateph Seghol	ĕ	e in <i>bet</i>
o-type	אֹ	Hateph Qamets	ō	o in <i>tot</i>

## Rules for Shewa

Silent	Vocal – e sounds like e in derive
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preceded by <i>short</i> vowel</li> <li>2. <i>First</i> of two contiguous Shewas</li> <li>3. At the <i>end</i> of a word</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preceded by <i>long</i> vowel</li> <li>2. <i>Second</i> of two contiguous Shewas</li> <li>3. Under <i>first</i> consonant of a word</li> <li>4. Under consonant with Dahesh Forte</li> </ol>