

Hebrew Consonants

Letter	Final Form	Letter Name	Transliteration	Pronunciation
א		Aleph	'	(silent)
ב		Bet	b	b in <i>boy</i>
ב			<u>b</u>	v in <i>vine</i>
ג		Gimel	g	g in <i>God</i>
ג			g	gh in <i>aghast</i>
ד		Dalet	d	d in <i>day</i>
ד			<u>d</u>	dh in <i>the</i>
ה		He	h	h in <i>hay</i>
ו		Waw	w	w in <i>way</i>
ז		Zayin	z	z in <i>Zion</i>
ח		Het	ḥ	ch in <i>Bach</i>
ט		Tet	ṭ	t in <i>toy</i>
י		Yod	y	y in <i>yes</i>
כ	ך	Kaf	k	k in <i>king</i>
כ			<u>k</u>	ch in <i>Bach</i>
ל		Lamed	l	l in <i>lion</i>
מ	ם	Mem	m	m in <i>mother</i>
נ	ן	Nun	n	n in <i>now</i>
ס		Samek	s	s in <i>sin</i>
ע		Ayin	'	(silent)
פ	ף	Pe	p	p in <i>pastor</i>
פ			<u>p</u>	ph in <i>alphabet</i>
צ	ץ	Tsade	ṣ	ts in <i>boots</i>
ק		Qof	q	k in <i>king</i>
ר		Resh	r	r in <i>run</i>
ש		Sin	ś	s in <i>sin</i>
ש		Shin	š	sh in <i>ship</i>
ת		Taw	t	t in <i>toy</i>
ת			<u>t</u>	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"> 1. Preceded by <i>short</i> vowel 2. <i>First</i> of two contiguous Shewas 3. At the <i>end</i> of a word 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preceded by <i>long</i> vowel 2. <i>Second</i> of two contiguous Shewas 3. Under <i>first</i> consonant of a word 4. Under consonant with Dahesh Forte