

Learning Hebrew: Consonants and Vowels

CONSONANTS

Name	Pronunciation	Name	Pronunciation
Aleph (א)	Silent	Mem (מ)	M
Vet (ב)	V	Mem Sofit (ם)	M
Bet (ב)	B	Nun (נ)	N
Gimmel (ג)	G	Nun Sofit (ן)	N
Dalet (ד)	D	Samech (ס)	S
Hey (ה)	H	Ayin (ע)	Silent
Vav (ו)	V	Fey (פ)	F
Zayin (ז)	Z	Fey Sofit (ף)	F
Chet (ח)	CH	Pey (פ)	P
Tet (ט)	T	Tsade (צ)	TS
Yod (י)	Y	Tsade Sofit (ץ)	TS
Kaf (כ)	K	Kof (ך)	K
Chaf (כּ)	CH	Resh (ר)	R
Chaf Sofit (ך)	CH	Shin (שׁ)	SH
Lamed (ל)	L	Sin (שׂ)	S
		Tav (ת)	T

VOWELS (Note: The letter aleph is used as a stand-in for all letters of the aleph-bet)

Name	Pronunciation
Kamets (אָ)	AH as in Yacht
Chataf Kamets (אֲ)	AH as in Yacht
Patach (אִ)	AH as in Yacht

Patach (ַ) (ֿ)	ACH as in Bach (<i>not cha</i>) when at the end of a word
Patach (ַ)	AH as in Yacht (<i>not ha</i>) when at the end of a word
Chataf Patach (ְ)	AH as in Yacht
Chataf Patach (ַ) (ֿ)	ACH as in Bach (<i>not cha</i>) when at the end of a word
Chataf Patach (ַ)	AH as in Yacht (<i>not ha</i>) when at the end of a word
Segol (ֿ)	EH as in Bed
Chataf Segol (ְ)	EH as in Bed
Chirek (ֿ)	E as in Bee
Cholem (ֿ) (ֿ)	O as in Row
Kibuts (ֿ) (ֿ)	OO as in Pool
Tsere (ֿ)	AY as in Hay
Shurek (ֿ)	OO as in Pool
Sheva (ְ)	EH as in Stupefy

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