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The Aleph Bet (Hebrew Alphabet) with Modern Hebrew Pronunciations

Letter	Name	(Approximate) Pronunciation of Name of Letter	(Approximate) English Transliteration As in...	
א	alef/aleph	AH-lehf	silent	---
ב	bet	BEHT	b	blue
בּ	vet	VEHT	v	violet
ג	gimmel	GEE-mehl	g	green
ד	dalet	DAH-leht (DAH-lehd ¹)	d	dinner
ה	he	HEH (HEY ¹)	h	house
ו	vav	VAHV	v	violet
ז	zayin	ZAH-yeen	z	zoo
ח	khet	KHEHT	kh	baCH
ט	tet	TEHT	t	top
י	yud	YOOD (YOHD ¹)	y	yellow
כ	kaf	KAHF	k	kite
ך ²	kaf sofit (final kaf)	KAHF soh-FEET	k	kite
כּ	khaf	KHAHF	kh	baCH
ך	khaf sofit (final khaf)	KHAHF soh-FEET	kh	baCH
ל	lamed	LAH-mehd	l	learn
מ	mem	MEHM	m	meat
ם	mem sofit	MEHM soh-FEET	m	meat
נ	nun	NOON	n	neat
ן	nun sofit	NOON soh-FEET	n	neat
ס	samech	SAH-mekkh	s	sun
ע	ayin	AH-yeen	silent	---
פ	pe	PEH (PEY ¹)	p	picture
ף ²	pe sofit (final pe)	PEH soh-FEET (PEY soh-FEET ¹)	p	picture
פּ	phe	FEH (FEY ¹)	f/ph	fall
ף	phe sofit (final phe)	FEH soh-FEET (FEY soh-FEET ¹)	f/ph	fall
צ	tsadi	TSAH-dee	ts	maTS
ץ	tsadi sofit (final tsadi)	TSAH-dee soh-FEET	ts	maTS
ק	quf	KOOF (KOHF ¹)	k	IraQ
ר	resh	REHSH ³ (REYSH ^{1,3})	r ³	r ³
ש	shin	SHEEN	sh	ship
שׁ	sin	SEEN	s	sip
ת	tav	TAHV (TAHF ¹)	t	top

¹A more colloquial pronunciation.

²ך and ף appear in Biblical Hebrew only. In Modern Hebrew, words do not end with a "p" sound. Foreign words which have been imported into Hebrew and end in a "p" sound are spelled with a פ (eg. syrup = סירופ, ketchup = קטשופ).

³There is no equivalent to the Hebrew resh in English. It is said with a roll in the back of the throat similar to the French r. For English speakers it is approximated with "r".

Vowel	Name	(Approximate) Pronunciation of Name of Vowel	(Approximate) English Transliteration As in...	
אָ	khiriq	khee-REEK	ee	green
וּ	shuruk	shoo-ROOK	oo	cool
וּ	kubutz	koo-BOOTS	oo	cool
אֵ	tzerei	tseh-REH	eh	red
אֶ	segol	seh-GOHL	eh	red
אֶ	khataf segol	khah-TAF seh-GOHL	eh	red
אָ	patakh	pah-TAHKH	ah	father
אָ	khataf patakh	khah-TAF pah-TAHKH	ah	father
אָ	kamatz	kah-MAHTZ	ah	father
אֲ	sh'va nah	shəvah NAH	ə	about
אֲ	sh'va nahkh	shəvah NAHKH	silent	---
וֹ	kholam	khoh-LAHM	oh	coat
וֹ	kholam khaser	khoh-LAHM khah-SEHR	oh	coat