

# My Hebrew Dictionary

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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 <sup>1</sup> )	d	dinner
ה	he	HEH (HEY <sup>1</sup> )	h	house
ו	vav	VAHV	v	violet
ז	zayin	ZAH-yeen	z	zoo
ח	khaf	KHEHT	kh	ba <b>CH</b>
ט	tet	TEHT	t	top
י	yud	YOOD (YOHD <sup>1</sup> )	y	yellow
כ	kaf	KAHF	k	kite
כּ	kaf sofit (final kaf)	KAHF soh-FEET	k	kite
כּ	khaf	KHAHF	kh	ba <b>CH</b>
ך	khaf sofit (final khaf)	KHAHF soh-FEET	kh	ba <b>CH</b>
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 <sup>1</sup> )	p	picture
פּ	pe sofit (final pe)	PEH soh-FEET (PEY soh-FEET <sup>1</sup> )	p	picture
פּ	phe	FEH (FEY <sup>1</sup> )	f/ph	fall
ף	phe sofit (final phe)	FEH soh-FEET (FEY soh-FEET <sup>1</sup> )	f/ph	fall
צ	tsadi	TSAH-dee	ts	ma <b>TS</b>
ץ	tsadi sofit (final tsadi)	TSAH-dee soh-FEET	ts	ma <b>TS</b>
ק	quf	KOOF (KOHF <sup>1</sup> )	k	Ira <b>Q</b>
ר	resh	REHSH <sup>3</sup> (REYSH <sup>1,3</sup> )	r <sup>3</sup>	r <sup>3</sup>
ש	shin	SHEEN	sh	ship
שׁ	sin	SEEN	s	sip
ת	tav	TAHV (TAHF <sup>1</sup> )	t	top

<sup>1</sup>A more colloquial pronunciation.

<sup>2</sup>ך 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).

<sup>3</sup>There 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".