

# Hebrew Aleph-Bet (אָלֶפֶת-בֵּית)

Book Print & sofit	Name of letter	Sound of letter	Block (there are various Block styles)	Script	Value
א	Aleph	silent	א	א	1
ב	Bet	B in ball	ב	ב	2
בּ	Vet	V in vice	בּ	בּ	
ג	Gimmel	G in get	ג	ג	3
ד	Dalet	D in dog	ד	ד	4
ה	Hay	H in hi	ה	ה	5
ו	Vav	V in vice	ו	ו	6
ז	Zayin	Z in zoo	ז	ז	7
ח	Chet	CH in Bach	ח	ח	8
ט	Tet	T in tell	ט	ט	9
י	Yod (or yud)	Y in yell	י	י	10
כ	Kaf Chaf & Chaf sofit	K in keep	כ	כ	20
כּ & ך		CH in Bach	כּ & ך	כּ & ך	
ל	Lamed	L in let	ל	ל	30
מ & ם	Mem & Mem sofit	M in me	מ & ם	מ & ם	40
נ & ן	Nun (noon) & Nun sofit	N in nice	נ & ן	נ & ן	50
ס	Samech	S in set	ס	ס	60
ע	Ayin	silent	ע	ע	70
פ	Pay Fay & Fay sofit	P in pet	פ	פ	80
פּ & ף		F in far	פּ & ף	פּ & ף	
צ & ץ	Tsade & Tsade sofit	Ts in cats	צ & ץ	צ & ץ	90
ק	Koof	K in kept	ק	ק	100
ר	Resh	R in ran	ר	ר	200
ש	Shin (sheen)	Sh in shoe	ש	ש	300
שׁ	Sin (seen)	S in set	שׁ	שׁ	
ת	Tav	T in tell	ת	ת	400

**Vowels (nikudot נִקּוּדוֹת) & Sounds**

*Note: Modern Israeli Sephardic pronunciation is used on this chart*

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**A-Type vowels (ah" sound)**

אָ *kamats* קָמֶץ (long vowel) - "ah," as in spa

אֲ *patach* פְּתַח (short vowel) - "ah," as in spa

אִ *chataf patach* חֲטַף פְּתַח (reduced) - "ah," as in spa

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**E-Type vowels ("eh" sound)**

אֵ *tsere* צֵירֵי (long vowel) - "eh," as in bed

אֶ *segol* סֶגוֹל (short vowel) - "eh," as in bed

אִ *chataf segol* חֲטַף סֶגוֹל (reduced) - "eh," as in bed

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**I-Type vowels ("ee" sound)**

אִי *chirik* חִירִיק (short vowel) - "ee," as in sleep

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**O-Type vowels ("oh" sound)**

אוֹ *cholam vav* חוֹלָם וָו (aka: *cholam male* חוֹלָם מָלֵא) (long vowel) - "oh," as in row

אוֹ *cholam* חוֹלָם (long vowel) - "oh," as in row

אוֹ *chataf kamats* חֲטַף קָמֶץ (reduced) - "oh," as in row

אוֹ *kamats chatuf* קָמֶץ חֲטוּף (short vowel) - "oh," row

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**U-Type vowels ("oo" sound)**

אוּ *shurek* שׁוּרֶק (long vowel) - "oo," as in pool

אוּ *kibbutz* קִבּוּץ (short vowel) - "oo," as in pool

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**Sheva**

אֵי *sheva* שְׁוָא (reduced or 1/2 vowel)

Vocal sheva (שְׁוָא נָע) has a quick "eh" sound

Silent sheva (שְׁוָא נָח) has no sound

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**Diphthongs** דוֹ-תְּנוּעָה (all are long vowels)

אֵי	אֶי	אִי	אֵי
<i>Patach Yod</i>	<i>Kamats Yod</i>	<i>Tsere Yod</i>	<i>Segol Yod</i>
פְּתַח יוֹד	קָמֶץ יוֹד	צֵירֵי יוֹד	סֶגוֹל יוֹד
"I" sound as in isle		"ay" sound as in stay	

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אִי *Chirek Yod*

חִירֶק יוֹד

"ee" sound as in sleep

# Blessings

## **SHEMA**

**שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:**

*(chant this line in an undertone)* בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלֻכּוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

*(repeat this line twice):* **וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל נַפְשֶׁךָ וּבְכָל מְאֹדֶךָ:**

**וְאַהֲבַתְּ לְרַעֲךָ כְּמוֹךָ: (אָמֵן)**

Hear, O Israel, the LORD [YHVH\*] Our God, the LORD [YHVH] is One.

Blessed be His glorious Name Whose kingdom is forever and ever!

And you shall love the LORD [YHVH] your God with all your heart & with all your soul and with all your might.

----- *Below is not included in Hebrew above* -----

And these words that I command you today shall be in your heart.

And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit at home, and when you walk along the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.

And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.

And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Dt 6:4-9, ESV)

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Amen. (Lev 19:18b, ESV)

## **AARONIC BLESSING - בְּרַכַּת פְּהִימִים**

**יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:**

**יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנְךָ**

**וַיִּשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ**

**וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם**

The LORD [YHVH\*] bless you and keep you;

The LORD [YHVH] make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The LORD [YHVH] lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Num 6:24-26

## **SHABBAT & FESTIVAL CANDLE BLESSING**

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,**

**אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,**

**וְנָתַן-לָנוּ אֶת יֵשׁוּעַ מְשִׁיחֵנוּ אֹר הָעוֹלָם. (אָמֵן)**

Praise You, O LORD [YHVH], our God, King of the universe, Who makes us holy with His commandments and gave to us Yeshua our Messiah, the Light of the world. (Amen)

## **MOTZI**

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ:**  
**(אָמֵן)**

Praise You, O LORD [YHVH], our God, King of the universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth. (Amen)

## **KIDDUSH**

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן. (אָמֵן)**

Praise You, O LORD [YHVH], our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. (Amen)

\*Many scholars pronounce the tetragrammaton יהוה as Yahveh or Yahweh.  
Restoring Torah has chosen to pronounce His Name Yahveh.