



The Complete Hebrew Vowel List

Mark	Name	Sound	Hebrew	Trans.	Class	Type
ֶ	Qamets	“a” as in aqua	קָמֶץ	a / ah	Long	A-Type
ַ	Patach	“a” as in aqua	פָּתַח	a	Short	
ִ	Chateph Patach	“a” as in aqua	חֵטֵף פָּתַח	a	Reduced	
ֶה	Qamets Hey	“a” as in aqua	קָמֶץ הֵא	ah	Long	E-Type
ֵ	Tsere	“e” as in they	צֵרִי	e / ei	Long	
ִ	Segol	“e” as in they	סֶגוֹל	e / ei	Short	
ִי	Chateph Segol	“e” as in they	חֵטֵף סֶגוֹל	e / ei	Reduced	
ֵי	Tsere Yod	“ei” as in eight	צֵרִי יוֹד	ei / ey	Long	
ֵי	Segol Yod	“ey” as in obey	סֶגוֹל יוֹד	ey / e	Long	I-Type
ִי	Chireq	“i” as in machine	חִירֶק	i / ee	Short	
ִי	Chireq Yod	“i” as in machine	חִירֶק יוֹד	i / ee	Long	O-Type
ֹ	Cholem	“o” as in yellow	חֹלֶם	o / oh	Long	
ֹי	Chateph Qamets	“o” as in yellow	חֵטֵף קָמֶץ	o / oh	Reduced	
ֹ	Qamets Chatuph	“o” as in yellow	קָמֶץ חֲטוּף	o / oh	Short	
ֹו	Cholem Vav	“o” as in yellow	חֹלֶם וָו	o / oh	Long	U-Type
ֹ	Qibbutz	“u” as in blue	קִבּוּץ	u / oo	Short	
ֹו	Shureq	“u” as in blue	שׁוּרֶק	u / oo	Long	
ֶ	Sheva’	Vocal: short “e” Silent: no sound	שְׁוָא	e / ei	(vocal) Short	

Combined Sounds

אֵי	אֵי	אֵי	אוֹי	אוֹי	אוֹו
'ai	'ai	'aiy	'oy	'ooy	'av
(long)	(long)	(long)	(long)	(long)	(long)