



FOUNDATIONS OF HEBREW PRONUNCIATION OF CONSONANTS

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1	א	Alef	Silent letter. Pronounce only the vowel.
2	ב	Bet	B (with a dot in the letter) V (without a dot in the letter)
3	ג	Gimmel	G
4	ד	Dalet	D
5	ה	Hey	H (there are some rare variations)
6	ו	Vav	V but sometimes acts purely as a vowel o or oo when there is a dot above it or in it.
7	ז	Zayin	Z
8	ח	Chet	Guttural Ch (as in Chanukah.) (Pharyngealize?)
9	ט	Tet	T (Pharyngealized?)
10	י	Yod	Y (the consonant). Sometimes a diphthong. Sometimes silent.

11	כ	Kaf	K (with a dot), or non pharyngealized guttural ch (without dot).
12	ל	Lamed	L
13	מ	Mem	M
14	נ	Nun	N
15	ס	Samekh	S
16	ע	Ayin	More guttural silent letter. Pronounce only the vowel sound.
17	פ	Pay	P (with a dot), ph (without a dot)
18	צ	Tsadi	Tz (as in Pizza)
19	ק	Qof	K
20	ר	Resh	R
21	ש	Shin	S or Sh depending on the placement of the upper dot.
22	ת	Tav	T, (without a dot it's a softer T. Th or S. Often ignored).

11f ק Final Kaf

13f ם Final Mem

14f ׀ Final Nun

17f ף Final Pe

18f ף Final Tsadi