



## The Hebrew Vowels

MARK	NAME	PRONOUNCED	CLASS	TRANSLITERATION
<i>A Type:</i>				
ֶ	Qametz	“a” as in aqua	Long	a / ah
ִ	Patach	“a” as in aqua	Short	a
ֿ	Chateph Patach	“a” as in aqua	Reduced	a
<i>E Type:</i>				
ֵ	Tzere	“e” as in they	Long	e / ei
ִ	Segol	“e” as in they	Short	e
ֿ	Chateph Segol	“e” as in they	Reduced	e
ֹ	Tzere Yod	“ei” as in eight	Long	ei / ey
ֻ	Segol Yod	“ey” as in obey	Long	e/ ey
<i>I Type:</i>				
ִ	Chireq	“i” as in machine	Short	i / ee
ֹ	Chireq Yod	“ee” as in meet	Long	i / ee
<i>O Type:</i>				
ֹ	Cholem	“o” as in yellow	Long	o / oh
ֿ	Chateph Qametz	“o” as in yellow	Reduced	o / oh
ִ	Qametz Chatuph	“o” as in yellow	Short	o / oh
ֻ	Cholem Vav	“o” as in yellow	Long	o / oh
<i>U Type:</i>				
ֻ	Qibbutz	“u” as in blue	Short	u / oo
ֹ	Shureq	“oo” as in boo	Long	u / oo
<i>Sheva:</i>				
ְ	Sheva	Vocal: short “e” Silent: no sound	(vocal) Short	e / ei / '