

# The Hebrew Alphabet

Write out and pronounce the twenty-three letters of the Hebrew alphabet several times essential to learn how to recognize, write and pronounce each letter.

Alef

Bet

Gimel

Dalet

He

Waw

Zayin

Het

Tet ט

Yod י

Dalet Kaf כד

Lamed ל

Samek Mem מם

Dalet Nun נד

Samek ס

Ayin ע

Pe פפ

Ayin צץ

Gof

ק

Resh

ר

Sin

ש

Shin

שׁ

Taw

ת

Write out, in order and from right to left, the 23 consonants of the Hebrew alphabet. Insert a Dagshesh Lene into the *begadkephat* letters.

א ב ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י כ ל מ נ ס ע פ צ ק ר ש ת

Give the final form for the following Hebrew consonants.

כ

ך

מ

ם

נ

ן

פ

ף

צ

ץ

List the four Hebrew consonants that are called *gutturals*.



Give the names and transliterate each of the following pairs of Hebrew consonants. The first pair is identified by way of example.

1. ב and כ **Bet (b) and Kaf (k)**
2. ג and נ Simel (s) and Nun (n)
3. ה and ח te (h) and Het (ch)
4. ח and ט Het (ch) and Taw (t)
5. ד and ו Dalet (d) and Waw (w)
6. ס and ש Samek (s) and Samek (s)
7. ש and ש Shin (sh) and Sin (s)
8. א and ע Alef (silent) and Ayin (silent)
9. ט and ט Tef (t) and Taw (t)
10. פ and ק Pe (p) and Qaf (k)
11. ש and ש Samek (s) and Sin (s)
12. צ and ע Tsade (ts) and Ayin (silent)
13. ד and ר Dalet (d) and Resh (r)
14. ו and ז Waw (w) and Zayin (z)
15. ו and ו Waw (w) and Waw (w)

Transliterate the following Hebrew nouns and proper names for which only the consonants have been given. The first word has been transliterated by way of example.

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|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1.               | עבד   | (servant)       | 'bd               |
| 2.               | אדם   | (Adam, man)     | dd                |
| 3.               | ארץ   | (earth)         | d                 |
| 4.               | זהב   | (gold)          | khz               |
| 5.               | כסף   | (silver)        | ksb               |
| 6.               | צדק   | (righteousness) | adc               |
| 7.               | חדש   | (month)         | zdh               |
| 8.               | דבר   | (word)          | dbd               |
| 9.               | שפט   | (judge)         | tbš               |
| 10.              | משכן  | (tabernacle)    | dbš <sup>cm</sup> |
| 11.              | אברהם | (Abraham)       | shb <sup>l</sup>  |
| 12.              | ישראל | (Israel)        | dy                |
| 13. <sup>1</sup> | מלך   | (king)          | qm                |
| 14.              | דרך   | (road, way)     | dvd               |
| 15.              | מלאך  | (messenger)     | dlš               |

<sup>1</sup> Note that numbers 13-15 above have a final Kaf with two dots (ך) as noted in 1.10.2 of the grammar.