



עברית

HEBREW - PRACTICING SOUNDS

This lesson is for practicing sounds. For description of sounds, please see the AlefBet Lesson. There are special notes for general variations to the sounds. It is recommended to practice each sound until you are able to say the sound simply by looking at the Letter and Nikud combination.

קָמֶץ KAMATZ

אָ בָּ גָּ דָּ הָ וָ זָ חָ טָ יָ כָּ לָּ מָ
 נָ סָ עָ פָּ פָּ צָ קָ רָ שָׁ שָׂ תָ

There are only two Nikud that can go with the Chaf Sofit, Kamatz is one of them.

הִי

If a Yud follows a Kamatz, it is usually pronounced "AI" as in the word "Hi".

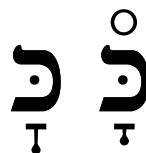
לִילָה

Frequently in the Tanach, the 3rd person female plural uses a Nun Sofit with a Kamatz rather than a Nun-Hei.

נָ

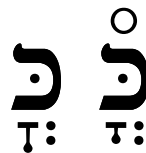
קָמֶץ קָטָן KAMATZ KATAN

The Kamatz Katan looks just like a regular Kamatz and makes an "OH" sound instead of the "AH" sound. Not all Siddurim will have distinctions. Our Kabbalah4All Siddur uses the Masoret above it, other siddurim may use an elongated Kamatz.



חֶטֶף קָמֶץ CHATAF KAMATZ

The Chataf Kamatz always makes an "OH" sound, not an "AH" sound. Not all Siddurim will have distinctions. Our Kabbalah4All Siddur uses the Masoret above it, other siddurim may use an elongated Kamatz.



פַּתַח

PATACH

אֵ בֵּ בִּגְדֵי הַזָּהָב כִּלְמֵ
נִסְעֵי פִּפְצֵי קִישֵׁי תֵּ

חֲטַף פַּתַח

CHATAF PATACH

אֵ בֵּ בִּגְדֵי הַזָּהָב כִּלְמֵ
נִסְעֵי פִּפְצֵי קִישֵׁי תֵּ

סְגוֹל

SEGOL

אֵ בֵּ בִּגְדֵי הַזָּהָב כִּלְמֵ
נִסְעֵי פִּפְצֵי קִישֵׁי תֵּ

חֶטֶף סֶגוֹל CHATAF SEGOL

אֵ בֵּ גֵּ דֵּ הֵ וֵ זֵ חֵ טֵ יֵ כֵ לֵ מֵ
נֵ סֵ עֵ פֵ פֵ צֵ קֵ רֵ שֵ שֵ תֵ

שׁוּא SHEVA

אֵ בֵּ גֵּ דֵּ הֵ וֵ זֵ חֵ טֵ יֵ כֵ לֵ מֵ
נֵ סֵ עֵ פֵ פֵ צֵ קֵ רֵ שֵ שֵ תֵ

There are only two Nikud that can go with the Chaf Sofit, Sheva is the second of them. Please note that the Sheva is silent when it follows the Chaf Sofit.

ךְ

The Sheva is always pronounced when it is attached to the first letter of a word, known as a Sheva Na. However, it may be silent if it appears elsewhere in the word. If there are two sequential letters that each have a Sheva, the 2nd one is usually pronounced while the first is silent. Our Kabbalah4All Siddur uses the Rafe above it, other siddurim may have a bolded Sheva.

חֶסֶדְךָ חֶסֶדְךָ

צִירֵה
TZEIREH

אֵ בֵּבֵגֵד הֵוֹזְהֵי כֵיכֵל מֵ
נֵסֵעֵפֵצֵקֵר שֵשֵׁת

The Tzeireh makes an "EH" sound usually, however if it is followed by a Yud, then it makes an "EI" sound like in the word "Hey".

צִירֵה

חִירִיק
CHIRIK

אֵ בֵּבֵגֵד הֵוֹזְהֵי כֵיכֵל מֵ
נֵסֵעֵפֵצֵקֵר שֵשֵׁת

חֹלָם
CHOLAM

אֵ בֵּבֵגֵד הֵוֹזְהֵי כֵיכֵל מֵ
נֵסֵעֵפֵצֵקֵר שֵשֵׁת

חולם מלא
CHOLAM MALE

אֹ בֹ בּוּ גֹ דֹ הֹ וֹ זֹ חֹ טֹ
יֹ כֹ לֹ מֹ נוֹ סֹ עֹ פֹ פּוֹ
צֹ קֹ רוֹ שׁוֹ שׂוֹ תֹ

If a Yud follows a Cholam Male and the Yud does not have its own nikud, it is usually pronounced "OY" as in the word "joy".

גוי

שורק
SHURUK

אֹ בֹ בּוּ גֹ דֹ הֹ וֹ זֹ חֹ טֹ
יֹ כֹ לֹ מֹ נוֹ סֹ עֹ פֹ פּוֹ
צֹ קֹ רוֹ שׁוֹ שׂוֹ תֹ

If a Yud follows a Shuruk and the Yud does not have its own nikud, it is usually pronounced "U-I" as in the word "gooey".

גְּלוּי

קְבוּץ
KUBUTZ

אֵ אֵ בֵ בֵ גֵ גֵ דֵ דֵ הֵ הֵ וֵ וֵ זֵ זֵ חֵ חֵ טֵ טֵ יֵ יֵ כֵ כֵ לֵ לֵ מֵ מֵ
נֵ נֵ סֵ סֵ עֵ עֵ פֵ פֵ צֵ צֵ קֵ קֵ רֵ רֵ שֵ שֵ תֵ תֵ

סוּפִית

SOFIT LETTERS

There are five Sofit letters, also known as "Final Letters". Sofit letters do not have a Nikud (vowel mark) attached to them with the exception of Chaf Sofit and Nun Sofit.

סוּפִיָּת