

## Introduction to the Hebrew Alefbeit

Letter	Name	Pronunciation	as in...	Final Form
א	Alef	<<silent>>		
ב/בּ	Beit/Veit	b/v	boy/vine	
ג	Gimel	g	good	
ד	Dalet	d	day	
ה	Hey	h	hot	
ו	Vav	v	vine	
ז	Zayin	z	Zion	
ח	Chet	ch	Bach	
ט	Tet	t	toy	
י	Yod	y	yes	
כ/כּ	Kaf/Chaf	k/ch	king/Bach	ך
ל	Lamed	l	lion	
מ	Mem	m	mom	ם
נ	Nun	n	now	ן
ס	Samek	s	sit	
ע	Ayin	<<silent>>		
פ/פּ	Pay/Fay	p/ph	pop/photo	ף
צ	Tsade	ts	hits	ץ
ק	Qof	k	king	
ר	Reish	r	run	
ש/שׂ	Shin/Sin	sh/s	ship/sit	
ת	Tav	toy	t	

### Notes

- The two silent letters take the sound of their following vowel, similar to the silent "h" and vowel "o" in "honest".
- Four letters sound different if the "dot" is missing or in a different position. When learning the Alefbeit, just learn the first variation in each case.
- Five letters have a different form when occurring at the end of a word.
- Alefbeit spoken:  
[http://alangilman.ca/coursework/OT\\_Survey/audio/Alefbeit\\_spoken.mp3](http://alangilman.ca/coursework/OT_Survey/audio/Alefbeit_spoken.mp3)
- Alefbeit song:  
[http://alangilman.ca/coursework/OT\\_Survey/audio/alefbeit.mp3](http://alangilman.ca/coursework/OT_Survey/audio/alefbeit.mp3)