













## The Hebrew Vowel Sounds

Vowel Sound	Mater	Hebrew Name	Name	Long or Short	Form	English approximation
A	ה א	קָמֶץ	Kamets	Long		Ah as in father
		פָּתַח	Patach	Short		Ah
E	י	צֵרֵי	Tsere	Long		Ei or Ay
		צֵרֵי יוֹד	Tsere Yod	Long		Ei or Ay
		סֶגוּל	Seghol	Short		E as in Elohim
י	י	חִירֵק יוֹד	Hireq Yod	Long		I as in Seraphim
		חִירֵק	Hireq	Short		I as in him
O	ו	חוֹלָם	Holem	Long		O as in Torah
		חוֹלָם וָו	Holem Vav	Long		O as in Torah
		קָמֶץ חָטוּף	Kamets Hatufe	Short		O as in cost
U	ו	שׁוּרֵק	Shurek	Long		U as in Jerusalem
		קִבּוּץ	Kibbutz	Short		U as in Uzziah