

# Hebrew Pronunciation Guide

## Consonants:

'	א א	silent	אָדָם	'ādām, “human being”
b	ב	<b>b</b> in bed	בִּינָה	Bīnāh, 3rd sēfirāh
	בּ	<b>v</b> in vine	גְּבוּרָה	Gēbūrāh, 5th sēfirāh
g	ג	<b>g</b> in get	גָּבַר	gābar, “to be strong”
	גּ	<b>g</b> (guttural)	דָּג	dāg, “fish”
d	ד	<b>d</b> in doctor	דָּבָר	dābār, “word”
	דּ	<b>th</b> in then	תַּלְמוּד	Talmūd
h	ה	<b>h</b> in how	הוֹד	hōd, “splendor”
	הּ	an aspirate	גְּבֹהַּ	gābāh, “lofty”
v	ו	<b>v</b> in voice	יְהוָה	Yēhovāh
w		<b>w</b> in water	וַו	wāw
z	ז ז	<b>z</b> in zeal	זוֹהַר	Zohar
ḥ	ח	<b>ch</b> in Loch Ness	חֶסֶד	Ḥesed, 4th sēfirāh
ṭ	ט ט	<b>t</b> in tie	טוֹב	ṭōb, “good”

y	י י	y in yodel	יָצַר	yātsar, “to form”
k	כּ כ	k in kite	כֶּתֶר	Kether, 1st sēfirāh
kh	ך כּ	kh in khaki	מַלְכוּת	Malkhūth, 10th sēfirāh
l	ל ל	l in light	לוֹט	lōṭ, “veil”
m	מ מ מ	m in memory	מַיִם	māyim, “waters”
n	נ נ נ	n in narrow	נוֹחַ	Nōaḥ
s	ס ס ס	s in soft	סֵפֶר	sēfer, “book”
‘	ע	guttural sound	עוֹלָם	‘olām, “world”
p	פ פ פ	p in paper	פָּאֵר	pā’ar, “to be beautiful”
f	ף פּ	f in form	תִּפְאֶרֶת	Tif’ereth, 6th sēfirāh
ts	ץ צ צ	tz in Fritz	נֶצַח	Netsaḥ, 7th sēfirāh
q	ק ק ק	hard q (no u sound)	קַבְּלָה	Qabbālāh
r	ר ר ר	r in roar	אוֹר	’ōr, “light”
sh	שׁ שׁ שׁ	strong sh in shelf	שְׁלוֹם	shālōm, “peace”
ś	שׂ שׂ שׂ	soft sh	שָׂרָה	śārāh, “princess”
t	ת ת ת	t in tone	תַּנְאִים	tannā’im, “teachers”
th	ת ת ת	th in theosophy	סְפִירוֹת	sēfirōth, “numbers”

Vowels

ā	ַ	a in father	דָּג	dāg, “fish”
a	ֶ	a in calf	בַּת	bath, “daughter”
a	ִ	a (almost silent)	רַחֲמִים	raḥamīm, “love”
e	ֵ	e in fellow	נֶפֶשׁ	nefesh
e	ִ	e in met	אֱלֹהִים	’elohīm, “divine ones”
ē	ֵ	ey in they	שֵׁם	shēm, “name”
i	ִ	i in kilo	מִן	min, “from”
ī	ִ	i in machine	עוֹלָמִים	’olāmīm, “worlds”
o	ֹ	o in alone	תּוֹהוּ	tohū, “desolation”
ō	ֹ	o in both	חֹד	Ḥōd, 8th sēfirāh
o	ַ	au in haul	חֹכְמָה	Ḥokhmāh, 2nd sēfirāh
u	ֹ	oo in toot	סֻלָּם	sullām, “ladder”
ū	ֹ	oo in boot	קוּם	qūm, “to arise”
ai	ִ	i in sigh	אֵל חַי	’el ḥai, “living being”
āi	ִ	ei in height	אֲדֹנָי	’adonāi, “my lords”
ēi	ִ	ai in pain	בַּיִת	bēith, “house”
ě	ִ	almost silent e	יְסוֹד	Yēsōd, 9th sēfirāh
	ִ	closes a syllable	קַדְמוֹן	qadmōn, “ancient”

