

SEFARDI PRONUNCIATION

Note 3A: The Hebrew Alphabet

Consonant	As a final consonant	Name	Sound
1. א		Alef	אָלֶף (not heard)
2. ב	ב	Bet	בֵּית "b" as in <i>boy</i> "v" as in <i>van</i>
3. ג	ג	Gimel	גִּמֵּל "g" as in <i>get</i> (same)
4. ד	ד	Dalet	דָּלֶת "d" as in <i>dog</i> (same)
5. ה		He	הֵא "h" as in <i>hay</i>
6. ו		Vav	וָו "v" as in <i>van</i>
7. ז		Zayin	זַיִן "z" as in <i>zone</i>
8. ח		Het	חֵית guttural "ch" (German: <i>Bach</i>)
9. ט		Tet	טֵית "t" as in <i>tie</i>
10. י		Yod	יּוֹד "y" as in <i>yes</i>
11. כ	כ	Kaf	כָּף "k" as in <i>keep</i> guttural "ch" (German: <i>ich</i>)
12. ל		Lamed	לָמֶד "l" as in <i>lie</i>
13. מ	ם	Mem	מֵים "m" as in <i>main</i>
14. נ	ן	Nun	נוּן "n" as in <i>noon</i>
15. ס		Samek	סָמֶךְ "s" as in <i>say</i>
16. ע		Ayin	עַיִן (not heard)
17. פ	פ	Pe	פֵּא "p" as in <i>pay</i> "f" as in <i>fat</i>
18. צ	ץ	Tsade	צָדֵי "ts" as in <i>rats</i>
19. ק		Qof	קוֹף "q" as in <i>baroque</i>
20. ר		Resh	רֵישׁ "r" as in <i>rat</i>
21. שׁ		Sin	שֵׁין "s" as in <i>say</i>
שׂ		Shin	שֵׁין "sh" as in <i>show</i>
22. ת	ת	Tav	תָּו "t" as in <i>tie</i> (same)

1