

Romanization Hebrew

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Consonants (table does not apply for matres lectiones)

Hebrew	Local system (before 2018)	ALA-LC (after 2018)	
א	ʾ	ʾ	Or Hebrew script
ב (hard)	b	b	
ב (soft)	v	v	
ג	g	g	
ד	d	d	
ה	h	h	
ו	w	v	
ז	z	z	
ח	ḥ (h)	ḥ (h)	
ט	ṭ (t)	ṭ (t)	
י	y	y	
כ/ך (hard)	k	k	
כ/ך (soft)	ḵ	kh	
ל	l	l	
מ	m	m	
נ/ן	n	n	
ס	s	s	
ע	ʿ (')	ʿ (')	
פ (hard)	p	p	
פ (soft)	f	f	
צ	ẓ (z)	ts	
ק	q	ḵ	
ר	r	r	
ש	ś (s)	ś	
שׁ	š (s)	sh	
ת	t	t	

Vowels

For vowels, the characters a, e, i, o, u are used based on the modern Israeli pronunciation. Sheya is also transcribed as e. There is no differentiation in vowel signs with the same pronunciation. The presence of matres lectiones is visualized by a macron in the *old* system and not visible in the *new* system.

Other rules

- The article ה is transcribed as ha- without writing the next consonant twice. Example: הבית ha-bayit
- Geminated consonants are transcribed twice

