HEBREW VOWELS

I. STRONG VOWELS

KAMETZ (AH) — ◌ָ

TSAYREM (AY) — ◌ֵ

CHIRIK MALAY (EE) — ◌ִי

CHOLOM (OH) — ◌ֹ

SHURUK (OO) — ◌ּוּ

CHOLOM CHASSER (OH) — ◌ֹ ( )

II. SOFT VOWELS

PATACH (AH) — ◌ַ

SEGOL (EH) — ◌ֶ

CHIRIK (IH) — ◌ִ

KAMETZ KATAN (O) — ◌ָ (:)

KUBUTZ (U) — ◌ֻ

III. HALF VOWELS

CHATAF PATACH (SOFT AH) — ◌ֲ:

CHATAF SEGOL (SOFT EH) — ◌ֱ:

CHATAF KAMETZ (SOFT AW) — ◌ָ:

SH'VA NA (SOFT UH) — ( ):

SH'VA NACH (SILENT) — :( )

IV. VOWEL COMBINATIONS AND DIPHTHONGS

TZEREH MALAY (AY) — ◌ֵי

SEGOL MALAY (EH) — ◌ֶי

PATACH MALAY (AI) — ◌ַי

KAMETZ MALAY (AI) — ◌ָי

CHOLOM MALAY (OI) — ◌ֹי

SHURUK MALAY (UI) — ◌וּי

V. RULES FOR THE KAMETZ KATAN

1- A KAMETZ FOLLOWED BY A SH'VA NACH, IN A CLOSED, NON-ACCENTED SYLLABLE, IS A KAMETZ KATAN.

2- A KAMETZ FOLLOWED BY A LETTER WITH A DAGESH, IN A CLOSED, NON-ACCENTED SYLLABLE.

3- A KAMETZ FOLLOWED BY A CHATAF KAMETZ IS ALWAYS A KAMETZ KATAN.

4- A KAMETZ FOLLOWED BY A FINAL CONSONANT WITHOUT A VOWEL, IN A CLOSED, NON-ACCENTED SYLLABLE.

5- A KAMETZ IN THE LAST OR ONLY SYLLABLE OF THE FIRST HALF OF A HYPHENATED WORD, WHICH IS A CLOSED, NON-ACCENTED SYLLABLE.

6- ALL FORMS OF כֹּל (ALL, EVERY), REGARDLESS OF ACCENT.

EXAMPLES - 1) יָחַן 2) אֵיכָכָה 3) אַחֲרוֹת 4) תִּקְרָא

5) לְעֵבֶר-בֶּן 6) כָּל בֹּקֶר

VI. ACCENTUATION

MILRAH (ACCENT ON LAST SYLLABLE) - NO MARK OF PUNCTUATION

MILAYL (ACCENT ON NEXT TO LAST SYLLABLE) - METEG (ֽ) (ACCENT MARK)