

Chapter 2 — Sounding Out Proper Names

Hebrew Vowels — Identification in Proper Names

For each Hebrew proper name, write the English name and indicate whether any vowel letters (matres lectionis — waw, yod, or he functioning as vowel holders) are present.

#	Hebrew Name	English Name	Matres Lectionis?
1	שָׂרָה		
✓	שָׂרָה	Sarah	Yes — he (Qamets He)
2	נֹחַ		
✓	נֹחַ	Noah	No
3	דָּוִד		
✓	דָּוִד	David	No (waw is a consonant)
4	רוּת		
✓	רוּת	Ruth	Yes — waw (Shureq)
5	לֵאָה		
✓	לֵאָה	Leah	Yes — he (Qamets He)
6	מֹשֶׁה		
✓	מֹשֶׁה	Moses	Yes — he (Seghol He)
7	יַעֲקֹב		
✓	יַעֲקֹב	Jacob	No
8	יִצְחָק		
✓	יִצְחָק	Isaac	No
9	אַהֲרֹן		
✓	אַהֲרֹן	Aaron	No
10	מִרְיָם		
✓	מִרְיָם	Miriam	No (yod is a consonant)
11	שְׁלֹמֹה		
✓	שְׁלֹמֹה	Solomon	Yes — he (Holem He)
12	אֵלִיָּהוּ		
✓	אֵלִיָּהוּ	Elijah	Yes — waw (Shureq)
13	יוֹסֵף		
✓	יוֹסֵף	Joseph	Yes — waw (Holem Waw)
14	אַבְרָהָם		
✓	אַבְרָהָם	Abraham	No
15	יְרוּשָׁלַיִם		
✓	יְרוּשָׁלַיִם	Jerusalem	Yes — waw (Shureq)