

# THE RULES OF: SHEVA

The general rule of the Sheva is that it doesn't make a sound. It is sleeping, unless it is woken up.

“Sheva Nuch” – Sleeping Sheva: doesn't make a sound.

“Sheva Na” – Awake Sheva: sounds like I, BI (as in big), etc.

SCENARIO	RULE	EXAMPLE
A sheva in the beginning of the word:	The sheva is <b>awake</b> .	כַּחַתָּן
A sheva in the middle of the word:	The sheva is <b>sleeping</b> .	חֶמְדָּה
Two shevas together in the middle of the word - the first sheva:	The sheva is <b>sleeping</b> .	יְמִשְׁלוּ
Two shevas together in the middle of the word - the second sheva:	The sheva is <b>awake</b> .	יְמִשְׁלוּ
Two shevas together in the end of the word - both shevas:	The shevas are <b>sleeping</b> .	גְּדֻלָּתְךָ
Two of the same letter next to each other in the middle of the word – the first letter has a sheva and the second has a different nekudah:	The sheva is <b>awake</b> .	הֶלְלוּהוּ
A sheva that follows a kubutz at the beginning of the word:	The sheva is <b>awake</b> .	וּמִתְקַן
A sheva that is under a letter that has a star on top or a dot inside of it:	The sheva is <b>awake</b> .	שֶׁמֶחֶנוּ