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Question

I was reading lesson 3 of the section الإملاء in the online:

and I got confused with the spelling of the word: جَيْأَل .

Shouldn't hamzah be spelt with a $y\bar{a}$ جَيْسَال , instead of an alif, because the preceding letter is $y\bar{a}$ sākinah جَيْسَال ?

How is its spelling different from the word هُمْـُـــُـــةُ ?

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



Dear Sister Halima

This rule is controversial.

The Egyptians and Saudis write the *hamzah* on $y\bar{a}^{\,\prime}$ and they say it is an exception.

According to me, it is not an exception. It is according to the rule because a $s\bar{a}kin\ y\bar{a}^{\gamma}$ is like a kasrah:

hay ah is like hai ah.

But the Syrians write it on alif:



which they say is according to rule.

So words of this type may be written in two ways according to one's view of the phonetic value of the $s\bar{a}kin\ y\bar{a}$?

Hope it is clear.

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