



# LECTIONARY

A Guide to Recommended Torah & Haftarah Readings  
for Shabbat, Festivals & Special Shabbatot

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**TABLE 1: A Guide to Recommended Torah & Haftarah Readings for Shabbat**

*A name in italics under the date indicates that the Shabbat is a 'special Shabbat'. The appropriate Haftarah will be found in TABLE 2 below, and replaces the regular Haftarah reading listed in the main Lectionary.*

*A Shabbat which is a Festival appears in TABLE 2, and is therefore "missing" from TABLE 1.*

5769 2008	5770 2009	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
4 October <i>Shuvah</i>	-	Va-yelech וילך	Deuteronomy 31:1-13 or 31:14-23 or 31:22-30	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
11 October	26 September <i>Shuvah</i>	Ha-azinu האזינו	Deuteronomy 32:1-12 or 32:13-29 or 32:30-47	II Samuel 22:1-20 Psalm 78 1-38 Joel 2:15-27
18 October	-	Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot חול-המועד סכת	Exodus 23:1-17 or 33:12-23 or 34:1-8	Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 & Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 I Kings 8:1-21 I Kings 8:54-66
25 October	17 October	B'reshit בראשית	Genesis 1:1-19 or 3:1-24 or 4:1-16	Isaiah 42:5-21 Job 38:1-18 Psalm 139 1-18, 23-24
1 November	24 October	Noach נח	Genesis 6:9-22 or 8:1-19 or 11:1-9	Isaiah 54:1-10 Jeremiah 1:23-36 Zephaniah 3:8-20
8 November	31 October	Lech-L'cha לך-לך	Genesis 12:1-9 or 13:1-18 or 17:1-14	Isaiah 40:27-41:16 Isaiah 51:1-16 Jeremiah 3:22-4:4
15 November	7 November	Va-yera וירא	Genesis 18:1-19 or 21:1-21 or 22:1-19	II Kings 4:8-37 I Samuel 1:1-20 Jeremiah 7:1-23
22 November	14 November	Chayyey Sarah חיי שרה	Genesis 23:1-20 or 24:1-26 or 24:53-67	Proverbs 1:10-31 I Kings 1:5-31 Ruth 2:1-12
29 November	21 November	Tol'dot תולדת	Genesis 25:19-34 or 27:1-29 or 27:30-45	Malachi 1:1-11 Proverbs 4:1-23 The Book of Obadiah
6 December	28 November	Va-yetze ויצא	Genesis 28:10-22 or 29:1-20 or 31:22-34	Hosea 11:7-12:7 Proverbs 22:1-12 I Kings 20:1-13
13 December	5 December	Va-yishlach וישלח	Genesis 32:23-33 or 33:1-20 or 35:9-21	Malachi 3:1-12 Joshua 9:1-15 Jeremiah 31:1-17
20 December	12 December <i>Chanukkah</i>	Va-yeshhev וישב	Genesis 37:1-20 or 39:1-23 or 40:1-23	I Samuel 3:1-18 Proverbs 6:20-7:5 Amos 2:6-3:8
27 December <i>Chanukkah</i>	19 December <i>Chanukkah</i>	Mi-ketz מקץ	Genesis 41:1-16 or 41:25-40 or 43:1-15	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
<b>2009</b> 3 January	26 December	Va-yiggash ויגש	Genesis 45:1-15 or 45:25-46:7 or 47:1-12	Ezekiel 37:15-28 Psalm 105 1-23 Amos 8:4-11
10 January	<b>2010</b> 2 January	Va-y'chi ויחי	Genesis 47:28-48:9 or 49:1-12 or 49:28-50:6	I Chronicles 28:1-10 Job 5:17-27 I Kings 2:1-12
17 January	9 January	Sh'mot שמות	Exodus 1:1-20 or 3:1-15 or 4:1-17	Isaiah 27:6-13 Jeremiah 1:1-10 Job 40:1-14

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24 January	16 January <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	Va-era וַאֲרָא	Exodus 6:2-13 or 7:14-26 or 9:22-35	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 Isaiah 42:5-17 Psalm 78 38-55
31 January	23 January	Bo בֹּא	Exodus 10:1-11 or 12:1-11 or 13:3-16	Jeremiah 46: 13 - 24, & 27-28 Ezra 6:13-22 Chronicles II 35:1-19
7 February	30 January <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>	B'shallach בְּשַׁלַּח	Exodus 13:17-14:4 or 15:1-18 or 16:1-18	Judges 4:4-15 Judges 5:1-21 Psalm 78 1-29
14 February	6 February	Yitro יִתְרוֹ	Exodus 18:1-12 or 19:16-24 or 20:1-14	Isaiah 6:1-13 Isaiah 43:1-12 Nehemiah 8:1-12
21 February <i>Shekalim</i>	13 February <i>Shekalim</i>	Mishpatim מִשְׁפָּטִים	Exodus 21:1-11 or 22:20-23:9 or 24:1-18 and 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
28 February	20 February	T'rumah תְּרוּמָה	Exodus 25:1-16 or 25:31-40 or 27:1-8	I Kings 5:26-6:7 I Chronicles 22:1-13 I Kings 8:22-32 & 41-43
7 March <i>Zachor</i>	27 February <i>Zachor</i>	T'tzavveh תְּצַוֶּה	Exodus 27:20-28:12 or 29:1-9 or 29:44-30:10	I Samuel 15:10-25
14 March	6 March	Ki Tissa כִּי תִשָּׂא	Exodus 31:1-17 or 32:1-14 or 34:1-10	I Kings 18:20-39 II Chronicles 1:18-2:15 Psalm 96
21 March	13 March	Va-yak-hel-P'kudey וַיַּקְהֵל-פְּקוּדֵי	Exodus 35:1-10 or 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 7:40-51 I Kings 9:1-10 I Kings 8:1-14
28 March	20 March	Va-yikra וַיִּקְרָא	Leviticus 2:1-13 or 4:22-31 or 5:14-26	Isaiah 43:21-44:8 Ecclesiastes 5:1-19 Isaiah 33:2-16
4 April <i>HaGadol</i>	27 March <i>HaGadol</i>	Tzav צַו	Leviticus 6:1-11 or 7:22-38 or 8:1-13	Malachi 3:4-24
11 April	3 April	Chol Ha-Moed Pesach חֹל-הַמֹּעֵד פֶּסַח	Leviticus 23:1-8 or Exodus 33:12-23 or 34:1-8	Song of Songs 2:8-17 & 8:6-7 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
18 April	10 April	Sh'mini שְׁמִינִי	Leviticus 9:1-10 or 10:1-11 or 11:1-12	I Chronicles 17:1-22 II Samuel 6:1-19 Ecclesiastes 6:1-12
25 April <i>Rosh Chodesh Atzma'ut</i>	17 April	Tazria-M'tzora תּוֹרֵיעַ-מִצֹּרַע	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Micah 4:1-7 Isaiah 60:1-22
2 May	24 April	Acharey Mot-K'doshim אַחֲרֵי מוֹת-קְדוּשִׁים	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 19:1-4 & 9-18 or 19:23-37	Jeremiah 11:1-14 Amos 9:7-15 II Kings 23:1-7 & 10-14
9 May	1 May	Emor אֱמֹר	Leviticus 23:1-14 or 23:23-38 or 24:1-9	Nehemiah 9:1-14 Psalm 81 II Chronicles 4:19-5:10
16 May	8 May	B'har-B'chukkotai בְּהַר-בְּחֻקֹּתַי	Leviticus 25:1-13 or 25:39-55 or 26:3-13	Jeremiah 32:6-27 Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Amos 8:1-11
23 May	15 May	B'midbar בַּמִּדְבָּר	Numbers 1:1-19 or 3:1-13 or 3:40-51	Hosea 2:1-3;18-25 Psalm 28 Nehemiah 12:27-30 & 43-47
30 May *	22 May	Naso נֹשָׂא	Numbers 4:21-33 or 6:1-12 or 6:22-7:11	Judges 13:2-25 Judges 16:1-31 II Chronicles 6:1-17
6 June *	29 May	B'ha-alot'cha בְּהֵעֲלַתְךָ	Numbers 8:1-14 or 10:1-10 or 11:1-14	Zechariah 2:14-4:6 Joel 2:15-27 Psalm 90

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13 June *	5 June	Sh'lach L'cha שלח-לך	Numbers 13:21-33 or 14:1-20 or 14:26-44	Joshua 2:1-24 Job 36:1-26 Joshua 14:6-15
20 June *	12 June	Korach קורח	Numbers 16:1-19 or 16:20-35 or 17:6-24	I Samuel 11:14-12:11 I Samuel 12:12-22 Ezekiel 44:15-31
27 June *	19 June	Chukkat חוקת	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalms 95 Psalms 99 Judges 11:4-28
4 July	26 June	Balak בלק	Numbers 22:21-35 or 23:5-27 or 24:1-18	Micah 5:6-6:8 Habakkuk 3:1-19 Joshua 24:1-15
11 July	3 July	Pinchas פינחס	Numbers 25:10-26:4 or 27:1-11 or 27:12-23	I Kings 18:46-19:21 Joshua 17:1-10 Joshua 23:1-14
18 July	10 July	Mattot-Mass'ey מטות-מסעי	Numbers 32:1-19 or 33:1-11 or 35:1-14	Joshua 22:1-10 Jeremiah 2:4-19 & 4:1-2 Joshua 20:1-9
25 July <i>Chazon</i>	17 July <i>Chazon</i>	D'varim דברים	Deuteronomy 1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Isaiah 1:1-27
1 August <i>Nachamu</i>	24 July <i>Nachamu</i>	Va-et-channan ואתחנן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
8 August	31 July	Ekev עקב	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 or 9:25-10:11 or 11:13-25	Psalms 136 Psalms 19 Isaiah 50:1-51:3
15 August	7 August	R'eh ראה	Deuteronomy 13:1-12 or 15:1-11 or 16:1-17	Isaiah 54:11-55:5 Proverbs 16:1-17 Isaiah 26:1-15
22 August	14 August	Shof'tim שופטים	Deuteronomy 17:14-18:5 or 19:1-10 or 20:1-12	Jeremiah 23:16-32 Isaiah 51:12-23 Isaiah 52:1-12
29 August	21 August	Ki Tetze כי תצא	Deuteronomy 22:1-12 or 24:10-22 or 25:1-10	Isaiah 54:1-10 Proverbs 30:1-14 Jeremiah 22:10-22
5 September	28 August	Ki Tavo כי תבוא	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 or 27:1-10 or 28:1-14	Isaiah 60:1-22 Joshua 4:1-14 Isaiah 35:1-10
12 September	4 September	Nitzavim-Va-yelech נצבים-וילך	Deuteronomy 29:9-28 or 30:1-10 or 30:11-20	Isaiah 61:10-62:12 Isaiah 63:1-9 Jeremiah 31:26-35

Please refer to the following notes

## NOTES

- (a) The books of the Hebrew Bible are divided into three groups: the Torah, the books of the Prophets (*Nevi-im*), and the Writings (*Ketuvim*). Traditionally, the Haftarah has always been chosen from one of the books of the Prophets, echoing the theme of the week's Torah portion. However, in our Lectionary, we have extended the range of Haftarah readings by selecting texts from the Writings that equally echo or amplify the theme of the Torah. If your synagogue chooses to use texts from the Writings for the Haftarah, the words of the blessings before and after the Haftarah need to be modified.

Following a suggestion from Rabbi Dr John Rayner CBE, ז"ל, we would suggest replacing the blessing *before* the Haftarah with:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִלְּךָ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְקַרְא בְּכַתְבֵי הַקּוּדֶשׁ.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe.

You sanctify us by Your commandments, and enjoin us to read from the holy Writings.

In the blessing *after* the Haftarah, the words 'וְעַל-הַנְּבִיאִים' 'for the Prophets', should be replaced by 'וְעַל-כָּל-כְּתָבֵי הַקּוּדֶשׁ' 'for the Writings'.

- (b) There are several 'special shabbatot' during the year, which fall just before a festival. On these shabbatot, a *special Haftarah reading replaces the regular one*, according to the second table in the Lectionary. To indicate that a shabbat is one of these 'special shabbatot', its name is *shown in italics* below the date in the main Lectionary.
- (c) LJ synagogues do not generally observe the following 'special shabbatot': Parah, HaChodesh & Machar Chodesh. We do not celebrate the second days of festivals; nor do we observe Rosh Chodesh on the last day of a 30-day month, but only on the first day of the new month. The special Haftarah readings for all these occasions have therefore not been included.
- (d) In 2009, from 30 May until 27 June, there will be five Shabbatot *marked with an asterisk* on which our Torah readings will differ from those read in Orthodox synagogues. The reason is that Orthodox synagogues outside Israel celebrate the major festivals for two days, whilst we follow the Biblical calendar and keep just one day, as do all synagogues in Israel. Shabbat 30 May 2009 will, for Orthodox synagogues, be the 2<sup>nd</sup> day Shavuot, and so they will read the special Torah reading for the festival. We, who observe one day for Shavuot will regard that day as an 'ordinary' Shabbat and so will read the appropriate parashah within the annual cycle.
- (e) Very occasionally, the chapter and verse references cited in our Lectionary will differ from the references to the same texts given in Christian Bibles. Using a Jewish Bible will guarantee that the text read comprises exactly the verses intended! The best current Jewish translation is 'Tenach', published by the Jewish Publication Society of America. This is also the translation used in the Plaut Chumash.

**TABLE 2: A Guide to Recommended Torah & Haftarah Readings  
for Festivals & Special Shabbatot**

<b>5769 2008/2009</b>	<b>5770 2009/10</b>	<b>FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED TORAH READING</b>	<b>SPECIAL HAFTARAH</b>
30 September <i>Tuesday</i>	19 September <i>Saturday</i>	Rosh Hashanah	Genesis 22: 1-19 or Genesis 21:1-21	Isaiah 55:6-13 or I Samuel 1:1-20
4 October	26 September <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Shuvah <i>before Yom Kippur</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
9 October <i>Thursday</i>	28 September <i>Monday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
9 October <i>Thursday</i>	28 September <i>Monday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, 32-37	The Book of Jonah
14 October <i>Tuesday</i>	3 October <i>Saturday</i>	Sukkot First day	Leviticus 23:33-44	Joel 2:12-3:2 or Isaiah 32:1-8 & 14-20 or Isaiah 35:1-10
18 October	-	Shabbat Chol Ha'Moed Sukkot <i>Shabbat during Sukkot</i>	Exodus 23:1-17 or 33:12-23 or 34:1-8	Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 & Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 I Kings 8:1-21 or I Kings 8:54-66
21 October <i>Tuesday</i>	10 October <i>Saturday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah 8:1-18
27 December	12 December <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chanukkah I	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
-	19 December <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chanukkah II	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Kings 7:40-51
-	16 January <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23
21 February	13 Feb	Shabbat Shekalim	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i> Plus Exodus 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
7 March	27 February <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-35
4 April	27 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat HaGadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Malachi 3:4-24
9 April <i>Thursday</i>	30 March <i>Tuesday</i>	Pesach First day	Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 10-21 or Nehemiah 9:6-31
11 April	3 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chol Ha-Moed Pesach <i>Shabbat during Pesach</i>	Leviticus 23:1-8 or Exodus 33:12-23 or Exodus 34:1-8	Song of Songs 2:8-17 & 8:6-7 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
15 April <i>Wednesday</i>	5 April <i>Monday</i>	Pesach Seventh day	Exodus 14:30-15:18 or Deuteronomy 4:32-40	Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Isaiah 11:1-12 & 11:16-12:6
25 April	17 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Atzma'ut <i>before Israel Independence Day</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Micah 4:1-7 or Isaiah 60:1-22
29 May <i>Friday</i>	19 May <i>Wednesday</i>	Shavuot	Exodus 19:1-18 & 20:1-14 or Deuteronomy 5:1-18	Ruth 1:1-2:12 & 4:13-17 or Isaiah 42:1-12 or Isaiah 49:1-13

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<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> <i>1 Tishri</i>	Tuesday 30 September	Saturday 19 September	Thursday 9 September	Thursday 29 September	Monday 17 September
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> <i>10 Tishri</i>	Thursday 9 October	Monday 28 September	Saturday 18 September	Saturday 8 October	Wednesday 26 September
<b>1ST DAY SUKKOT</b> <i>15 Tishri</i>	Tuesday 14 October	Saturday 3 October	Thursday 23 September	Thursday 13 October	Monday 1 October
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH *</b> <i>22 Tishri</i>	Tuesday 21 October	Saturday 10 October	Thursday 30 September	Thursday 20 October	Monday 8 October
<b>1ST DAY CHANUKKAH</b> <i>25 Kislev</i>	Monday 22 December	Saturday 12 December	Thursday 2 December	Wednesday 21 December	Sunday 9 December
<b>TU B'SHEVAT</b> <i>15 Shevat</i>	Monday 9 February	Saturday 30 January	Thursday 20 January	Wednesday 8 February	Saturday 26 January
<b>PURIM</b> <i>14 Adar</i>	Tuesday 10 March	Sunday 28 February	Sunday 20 March	Thursday 8 March	Sunday 24 February
<b>1ST DAY PESACH</b> <i>15 Nisan</i>	Thursday 9 April	Tuesday 30 March	Tuesday 19 April	Saturday 7 April	Tuesday 26 March
<b>7TH DAY PESACH</b> <i>21 Nisan</i>	Wednesday 15 April	Monday 5 April	Monday 25 April	Friday 13 April	Monday 1 April
<b>YOM HA-SHO'AH</b> <i>generally 27 Nisan</i>	Tuesday 21 April	Monday 12 April	Monday 2 May	Thursday 19 April	Monday 8 April
<b>YOM HA'ATZMAUT</b> <i>generally 5 Iyar</i>	Wednesday 29 April	Tuesday 20 April	Tuesday 10 May	Thursday 26 April	Tuesday 16 April
<b>SHAVUOT</b> <i>6 Sivan</i>	Friday 29 May	Wednesday 19 May	Wednesday 8 June	Sunday 27 May	Wednesday 15 May
<b>TISH'AH B'AV</b> <i>9 Av</i>	Thursday 30 July	Tuesday 20 July	Tuesday 9 August	Sunday 29 July	Tuesday 16 July
<b>SELICHOT (night of)</b>	Saturday 12 September	Saturday 4 September	Saturday 24 September	Saturday 8 September	Saturday 31 August

\* Most Progressive Jews in the Diaspora observe the eighth day of Sukkot as Simchat Torah, some may follow the orthodox practice and instead observe the next day.