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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.

5770 2009	5771 2010	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
26 September <i>Shuvah</i>	11 September <i>Shuvah</i>	Ha-azinu האזינו	Deuteronomy 32:1-12 or 32:13-29 or 32:30-47	Hosea 14:2-10 and Micah 7:18-20
-	25 September	Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot חול-המועד סוכת	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
17 October	2 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
24 October	9 October <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	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
31 October	16 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
7 November	23 October	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
14 November	30 October	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
21 November	6 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
28 November	13 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
5 December	20 November	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
12 December <i>Chanukkah</i>	27 November	Va-yeshev 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
19 December <i>Chanukkah</i>	4 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
26 December	11 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
<b>2010</b> 2 January	18 December	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
9 January	25 December	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
16 January <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	<b>2011</b> 1 January	Va-era וארא	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
23 January	8 January	Bo בא	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

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30 January <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>	15 January	B'shallach בשלח	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
6 February	22 January	Yitro יתרו	Exodus 18:1-12 or 19:16-24 or 20:1-14	Isaiah 6:1-13 Isaiah 43:1-12 Nehemiah* 8:1-12
13 February <i>Shekalim</i>	29 January	Mishpatim משפטים	Exodus 21:1-11 or 22:20-23:9 or 24:1-18 & 30:11-16	Jeremiah 34:8-17 & 33:25-26 Amos 5:6-24 Ezekiel 1:1-14
20 February	5 February <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	T'rumah תרומה	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
27 February <i>Zachor</i>	12 February	T'tzavveh תצוה	Exodus 27:20-28:12 or 29:1-9 or 29:44-30:10	Ezekiel 43:1-27
6 March	19 February	Ki Tissa כי תשא	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*
13 March	-	Va-yak-hel-P'kudey ויקהל-פקודי	Exodus 35:1-10 or 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 7:40-50 I Kings 9:1-10 I Kings 8:1-14
-	26 February	Va-yak-hel ויקהל	Exodus 35:1-10 or 35:30 - 36:7 or 37:1-16	I Kings 7:40-50 II Chronicles* 4:19-5:10 I Chronicles* 22:1-19
-	5 March <i>Shekalim</i>	P'kudey פקודי	Exodus 38:21-39:1 or 39:32-43 or 40:24-38 & 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
20 March	12 March	Va-yikra ויקרא	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
27 March <i>HaGadol</i>	19 March <i>Zachor</i>	Tzav צו	Leviticus 6:1-11 or 7:22-38 or 8:1-13	Malachi 3:4-24
3 April	-	Chol Ha-Moed Pesach חול-המועד פסח	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
10 April	26 March	Sh'mini שמיני	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
17 April <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	-	Tazria-M'tzora תזריע-מצורע	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Micah 4:1-7 Isaiah 60:1-22
-	2 April	Tazria תזריע	Leviticus 12:1-8	II Kings 4:42-5:19
-	9 April	M'tzora מצורע	Leviticus 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	II Kings 7:3-20
24 April	-	Acharey Mot-K'doshim אחרי מות-קדושים	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
-	16 April <i>HaGadol</i>	Acharey Mot אחרי מות	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 16:29-34 or 17:13-18:5	Malachi 3:4-24
-	23 April	Chol Ha-Moed Pesach חול-המועד פסח	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
-	30 April	K'doshim קדושים	Leviticus 19:1-4 & 9-18 or 19:23-37 or 20:1-7 & 22-27	Amos 9:7-15

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1 May	7 May <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	Emor אָמור	Leviticus 23:1-14 or 23:23-38 or 24:1-9	Nehemiah* 9:1-14 Psalm 81* II Chronicles* 4:19-5:10
8 May	-	B'har-B'chukkotai בְּהַר-בְּחֻקְתֵּי	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
-	14 May	B'har בְּהַר	Leviticus 25:1-13 or 25:14-28 or 25:39-55	Jeremiah 32:6-27 Nehemiah* 5:1-13
-	21 May	B'chukkotai בְּחֻקְתֵּי	Leviticus 26:3-13 or 26:14-28 or 26:33-46	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Amos 8:1-11
15 May	28 May	B'midbar בְּמִדְבַר	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
22 May	4 June	Naso נִשְׂא	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
29 May	11 June	B'ha-alot'cha בְּהַעֲלֹתְךָ	Numbers 8:1-14 or 10:1-10 or 11:1-14	Zechariah 2:14-4:6 Joel 2:15-27 Psalm 90*
5 June	18 June	Sh'lach L'cha שְׁלַח-לְךָ	Numbers 13:21-33 or 14:1-20 or 14:26-44	Joshua 2:1-24 Job* 36:1-26 Joshua 14:6-15
12 June	25 June	Korach קֹרַח	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
19 June	2 July	Chukat חֻקַּת	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalm 95* Psalm 99* Judges 11:4-28
26 June	9 July	Balak בַּלַּק	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
3 July	16 July	Pinchas פִּינַחַס	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
10 July	-	Mattot-Mass'ey מַטּוֹת-מַסְעֵי	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
-	23 July	Mattot מַטּוֹת	Numbers 32:1-19	Joshua 22:1-10 Jeremiah 1:2-3 Joshua 22:13-29
-	30 July	Mass'ey מַסְעֵי	Numbers 33:1-11 or 35:1-14	Jeremiah 2:4-19 & 4:1-2 Joshua 20:1-9
17 July <i>Chazon</i>	6 August <i>Chazon</i>	D'varim דְּבָרִים	Deuteronomy 1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Isaiah 1:1-27
24 July <i>Nachamu</i>	13 August <i>Nachamu</i>	Va-et-channan וְאַתְחַנֵּן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
31 July	20 August	Ekev עֵקֶב	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 or 9:25-10:11 or 11:13-25	Psalm 136* Psalm 19* Isaiah 50:1-51:3
7 August	27 August	R'eh רְאֵה	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
14 August	3 September	Shof'tim שׁוֹפְטִים	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
21 August	10 September	Ki Tetze כִּי תֵצֵא	Deuteronomy 22:1-12 or 24:10-22 or 25:1-10	Isaiah 54:1-10 Proverbs* 30:1-14 Jeremiah 22:10-22

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28 August	17 September	Ki Tavo כִּי תָבוֹא	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 or 27:1-10 or 28:1-14	Isaiah 60:1-22 Joshua 4:1-14 Isaiah 35:1-10
4 September	24 September	Nitzavim-Va-yelech נִצְּבִים-וַיֵּלֶךְ	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. These Haftarah readings were selected and are indicated by an asterisk (\*). 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 מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְקַרְא בְּכַתְּבֵי הַקְּדוּשׁ.

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-כְּתוּבֵי הַקְּדוּשׁ '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) 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  
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5770 2009/10	5771 2010/11	FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	SPECIAL HAFTARAH
19 September <i>Saturday</i>	9 September <i>Thursday</i>	Rosh Hashanah	Genesis 22: 1-19 or Genesis 21:1-21	Isaiah 55:6-13 or I Samuel 1:1-20
26 September <i>Saturday</i>	11 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
28 September <i>Monday</i>	18 September <i>Saturday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
28 September <i>Monday</i>	18 September <i>Saturday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, & 32-37	The Book of Jonah
3 October <i>Saturday</i>	23 September <i>Thursday</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
-	25 September <i>Saturday</i>	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
10 October <i>Saturday</i>	30 September <i>Thursday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah* 8:1-18
-	9 October	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh ( <i>Cheshvan</i> )	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23
12 December <i>Saturday</i>	4 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 ( <i>Shevat</i> )	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23
-	5 February <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh ( <i>Adar I</i> )	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23
13 February <i>Saturday</i>	5 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Shekalim	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i> Plus Exodus 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
27 February <i>Saturday</i>	19 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-25
27 March <i>Saturday</i>	16 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat HaGadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Malachi 3:4-24
30 March <i>Tuesday</i>	19 April <i>Tuesday</i>	Pesach  First day	Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 10-21 or Nehemiah* 9:6-31
3 April <i>Saturday</i>	23 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
5 April <i>Monday</i>	25 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
17 April <i>Saturday</i>	7 May <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Atz'ma'ut <i>before Israel Independence Day</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Micah 4:1-7 or Isaiah 60:1-22
19 May <i>Wednesday</i>	8 June <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>	Saturday 19 September	Thursday 9 September	Thursday 29 September	Monday 17 September	Thursday 5 September
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> <i>10 Tishri</i>	Monday 28 September	Saturday 18 September	Saturday 8 October	Wednesday 26 September	Saturday 14 September
<b>1ST DAY SUKKOT</b> <i>15 Tishri</i>	Saturday 3 October	Thursday 23 September	Thursday 13 October	Monday 1 October	Thursday 19 September
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH *</b> <i>22 Tishri</i>	Saturday 10 October	Thursday 30 September	Thursday 20 October	Monday 8 October	Thursday 26 September
<b>1ST DAY CHANUKKAH</b> <i>25 Kislev</i>	Saturday 12 December	Thursday 2 December	Wednesday 21 December	Sunday 9 December	Thursday 28 November
<b>TU B'SHEVAT</b> <i>15 Shevat</i>	Saturday 30 January	Thursday 20 January	Wednesday 8 February	Saturday 26 January	Thursday 16 January
<b>PURIM</b> <i>14 Adar</i>	Sunday 28 February	Sunday 20 March	Thursday 8 March	Sunday 24 February	Sunday 16 March
<b>1ST DAY PESACH</b> <i>15 Nisan</i>	Tuesday 30 March	Tuesday 19 April	Saturday 7 April	Tuesday 26 March	Tuesday 15 April
<b>7TH DAY PESACH</b> <i>21 Nisan</i>	Monday 5 April	Monday 25 April	Friday 13 April	Monday 1 April	Monday 21 April
<b>YOM HA-SHO'AH</b> <i>generally 27 Nisan</i>	Monday 12 April	Monday 2 May	Thursday 19 April	Monday 8 April	Monday 28 April
<b>YOM HA'ATZ'MA'UT</b> <i>generally 5 Iyar</i>	Tuesday 20 April	Tuesday 10 May	Thursday 26 April	Tuesday 16 April	Tuesday 6 May
<b>SHAVUOT</b> <i>6 Sivan</i>	Wednesday 19 May	Wednesday 8 June	Sunday 27 May	Wednesday 15 May	Wednesday 4 June
<b>TISH'AH B'AV</b> <i>9 Av</i>	Tuesday 20 July	Tuesday 9 August	Sunday 29 July	Tuesday 16 July	Tuesday 5 August
<b>SELICHOT (night of)</b>	Saturday 4 September	Saturday 24 September	Saturday 8 September	Saturday 31 August	Saturday 20 September

\* 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.