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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.

5778 2017	5779 2018	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
-	15 September <i>Shuvah</i>	Va-yelech וילך	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
23 September <i>Shuvah</i>	22 September	Ha'azinu האזינו	Deuteronomy 32:1-12 or 32:13-29 or 32:30-47	II Samuel 22:1-20 Psalm 78* 1-39 Joel 2:15-27
7 October	29 September	CHOL HA-MO'ED SUKKOT חול-המועד סוכות	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
14 October	6 October	B'reishit 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
21 October <i>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</i>	13 October	No'ach נח	Genesis 6:9-22 or 8:1-19 or 11:1-9	Isaiah 54:1-10 Jeremiah 31:23-36 Zephaniah 3:8-20 Isaiah 66:1-13, 22-23 (<i>Rosh</i>)
28 October	20 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
4 November	27 October	Va-yeira 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
11 November	3 November	Chayyei 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
18 November	10 November	Toledot 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
25 November	17 November	Va-yeitze 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
2 December	24 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
9 December	1 December	Va-yeishev 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
16 December <i>Chanukkah (IV)</i>	8 December <i>Chanukkah (VI)</i>	Mikketz מקץ	Genesis 41:1-16 or 41:25-40 or 43:1-15	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
23 December	15 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
30 December	22 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
2018 6 January	29 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

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13 January	5 January	Va-eira וָאֵרָא	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
20 January	12 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
27 January	19 January	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
3 February	26 January	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
10 February <i>Shekalim</i>	2 February	Mishpatim מִשְׁפָּטִים	Exodus 21:1-11 or 22:20-23:9 or 24:1-18	II Kings 12:1-17 (<i>Shekalim</i>) Jeremiah 34:8-17 & 33:25-26 Amos 5:6-24 Ezekiel 1:1-14
17 February-	9 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
24 February <i>Zachor</i>	16 February	T'tzavveh תְּצַוֶּה	Exodus 27:20-28:12 or 29:1-9 or 29:44-30:10	I Samuel 15:10-26 (<i>Zachor</i>) Ezekiel 43:10-27 I Samuel 23:1-13
3 March	23 February	Ki Tissa כִּי תִסָּא	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*
10 March	-	Va-yakheil-P'kudei וַיַּקְהֵל-פְּקוּדֵי	Exodus 35:1-10 or 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 7:40-51 I Kings 8:1-21 I Kings 9:1-10
-	2 March <i>Shekalim</i>	Va-yakheil וַיַּקְהֵל	Exodus 35:1-10 or 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	II Kings 12:1-17 (<i>Shekalim</i>)
-	9 March	P'kudei פְּקוּדֵי	Exodus 35:1-10 or 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 8:1-21 I Kings 9:1-10
17 March <i>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</i>	16 March <i>Zachor</i>	Va-yikra וַיִּקְרָא	Leviticus 2:1-13 or 4:22-31 or 5:14-26	Isaiah 66:1-13, 22-23 (<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>) I Samuel 15:10-26 (<i>Zachor</i>)
24 March <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	23 March	Tzav צַו	Leviticus 6:1-11 or 7:22-38 or 8:1-13	Malachi 3:4-24 (<i>Ha-Gadol</i>) Jeremiah 7:21-8:3 & 9:22-23
7 April ♦ see note (d)	30 March	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
-	6 April <i>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</i>	Tazri'a תֹּזְרִיעַ	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Micah 4:1-7 Isaiah 60:1-22
-	13 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	M'tzora מְצֹרַע	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
14 April ♦ see note (d) <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	-	Tazri'a-M'tzora תֹּזְרִיעַ-מְצֹרַע	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Micah 4:1-7 Isaiah 60:1-22
21 April ♦ see note (d)	27 April ♦ see note (d)	Acharei Mot אַחֲרֵי מוֹת	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 16: 29-34 or 17:13-18:5	II Kings 23:1-3 & 19-25 Jeremiah 11:1-14
28 April	4 May ♦ see note (d) <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	K'doshim קְדוּשִׁים	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 16: 29-34 or 17:13-18:5	Amos 9:7-15 Micah 4:1-7 (<i>Atz'ma'ut</i>) Isaiah 60:1-22 (<i>Atz'ma'ut</i>)
5 May	11 May ♦ see note (d)	Emor אֶמֹר	Leviticus 23:1-14 or 23:23-38 or 24:1-9	Nehemiah* 9:1-14 Psalm 81* II Chronicles* 4:19-5:10

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12 May	-	B'har-B'chukkotai בהר-בחקתי	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
-	18 May ♦ see note (d)	B'har בהר	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
-	25 May ♦ see note (d)	B'chukkotai בחקתי	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
19 May	1 June ♦ see note (d)	B'midbar במדבר	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
26 May	8 June ♦ see note (d)	Naso נשא	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
2 June	15 June ♦ see note (d)	B'ha'alot'cha בהעלתך	Numbers 8:1-14 or 10:1-10 or 11:1-14	Zechariah 2:14-4:6 Joel 2:15-27 Psalm 90*
9 June	22 June ♦ see note (d)	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
16 June	29 June ♦ see note (d)	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
23 June	6 July ♦ see note (d)	Chukkat חוקת	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalm 95* Psalm 99* Judges 11:4-28
30 June	13 July ♦ see note (d)	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
7 July	20 July ♦ see note (d)	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
14 July	-	Mattot-Mass'ei 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
-	27 July ♦ see note (d)	Mattot מטות	Numbers 32:1-19	Joshua 22:1-10 Jeremiah 1:1-2:3 Joshua 22:13-29
-	3 August	Mass'ei מסעי	Numbers 33:1-11 or 35:1-14	Jeremiah 2:4-19 & 4:1-2 Joshua 20:1-9
21 July Chazon	10 August Chazon	D'varim דברים	Deuteronomy 1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Isaiah 1:1-27
28 July Nachamu	17 August Nachamu	Va-etchannan ואתחנן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
4 August	24 August	Eikev עקב	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 or 9:25-10:11 or 11:13-25	Psalm 136* Psalm 19* Isaiah 50:1-51:3
11 August	31 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
18 August	7 September	Shoftim 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
25 August	14 September	Ki Teitze 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
1 September	21 September	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
8 September	28 September	Nitzavim נצבים	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

- (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 selected 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 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-בְּתָבֵי 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) The 3 Shabbatot between 7 April and 21 April 2018, and the 14 shabbatot between 27 April and 27 July 2019 have been marked in red ♦ *see note (d)*, in the main table. This is because on these Shabbatot 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 7 April 2018 and 27 April 2019 will, for Orthodox synagogues, be the 8th day of Pesach, and so they will read the special Torah reading for the festival. We, who observe seven days for Pesach 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 'Tanach', 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**

5778 2018/19	5779 2019/20	FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	SPECIAL HAFTARAH
21 September <i>Thursday</i>	10 September <i>Monday</i>	Rosh Hashanah	Genesis 22: 1-19 or Genesis 21:1-21	Isaiah 55:6-13 or I Samuel 1:1-20
23 September <i>Saturday</i>	15 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
30 September <i>Saturday</i>	19 September <i>Wednesday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
30 September <i>Saturday</i>	19 September <i>Wednesday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, & 32-37	The Book of Jonah
5 October <i>Thursday</i>	24 September <i>Monday</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
7 October <i>Saturday</i>	29 September <i>Saturday</i>	CHOL HA-MO'ED 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
12 October <i>Thursday</i>	1 October <i>Monday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah* 8:1-18
16 December <i>Saturday</i>	3 December <i>Monday</i>	Shabbat Chanukkah	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
10 February <i>Saturday</i>	2 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Shekalim <i>before Rosh Chodesh Adar</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i> Plus Exodus 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
24 February <i>Saturday</i>	16 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-26
24 March <i>Saturday</i>	13 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Ha-Gadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Malachi 3:4-24
31 March <i>Saturday</i>	20 April <i>Saturday</i>	Pesach First day	Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 10-21 or Nehemiah* 9:6-31
6 April <i>Friday</i>	26 April <i>Friday</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
14 April <i>Saturday</i>	4 May <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
20 May <i>Sunday</i>	9 June <i>Sunday</i>	Shavu'ot	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

When Rosh Chodesh falls on a Shabbat, the normal Shabbat reading should be followed by the special Haftarah:

5778	5779			
21 October <i>(Cheshvan)</i>	6 April <i>(Nisan)</i>	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23
17 March <i>(Nisan)</i>				

FESTIVAL	2017/2018 5778	2018/2019 5779	2019/2020 5780	2020/2021 5781	2021/2022 5782
ROSH HA-SHANAH <i>1 Tishri</i>	Thursday 21 September	Monday 10 September	Monday 30 September	Saturday 19 September	Tuesday 7 September
YOM KIPPUR <i>10 Tishri</i>	Saturday 30 September	Wednesday 19 September	Wednesday 9 October	Monday 28 September	Thursday 16 September
1ST DAY SUKKOT <i>15 Tishri</i>	Thursday 5 October	Monday 24 September	Monday 14 October	Saturday 3 October	Tuesday 21 September
SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH * <i>22 Tishri</i>	Thursday 12 October	Monday 1 October	Monday 21 October	Saturday 10 October	Tuesday 28 September
1ST DAY CHANUKKAH <i>25 Kislev</i>	Wednesday 13 December	Monday 3 December	Monday 23 December	Friday 11 December	Monday 29 November
TU BI-SH'VAT <i>15 Shevat</i>	Wednesday 31 January	Monday 21 January	Monday 10 February	Thursday 28 January	Monday 17 January
PURIM <i>14 Adar</i>	Thursday 1 March	Thursday 21 March	Tuesday 10 March	Friday 26 February	Thursday 17 March
1ST DAY PESACH <i>15 Nisan</i>	Saturday 31 March	Saturday 20 April	Thursday 9 April	Sunday 28 March	Saturday 16 April
7TH DAY PESACH <i>21 Nisan</i>	Friday 6 April	Friday 26 April	Wednesday 15 April	Saturday 3 April	Friday 22 April
YOM HA-SHO'AH <i>generally 27 Nisan</i>	Thursday 12 April	Thursday 2 May	Tuesday 21 April	Thursday 8 April	Thursday 28 April
YOM HA-ATZ'MA'UT <i>generally 5 Iyar</i>	Thursday 19 April <i>(4 Iyar)</i>	Thursday 9 May <i>(4 Iyar)</i>	Wednesday 29 April	Thursday 15 April <i>(3 Iyar)</i>	Thursday 5 May <i>(4 Iyar)</i>
SHAVU'OT <i>6 Sivan</i>	Sunday 20 May	Sunday 9 June	Friday 29 May	Monday 17 May	Sunday 5 June
TISH'AH B'AV <i>generally 9 Av</i>	Sunday 22 July <i>(10 Av)</i>	Sunday 11 August <i>(10 Av)</i>	Thursday 30 July	Sunday 18 July	Sunday 7 August
S'LICHOT (night of)	Saturday 1 September	Saturday 21 September	Saturday 12 September	Saturday 28 August	Saturday 17 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.