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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.

5779 2018	5780 2019	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
15 September <i>Shuvah</i>	5 October <i>Shuvah</i>	Va-yelech וילך	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
22 September	12 October	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
29 September (Sukkot VI)	19 October (Sukkot VI)	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
6 October	26 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
13 October	2 November	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
20 October	9 November	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
27 October	16 November	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
3 November	23 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
10 November	30 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
17 November	7 December	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
24 November	14 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
1 December	21 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
8 December <i>Chanukkah (VI)</i>	28 December	Mikketz מקץ	Genesis 41:1-16 or 41:25-40 or 43:1-15	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
15 December	2020 4 January	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
22 December	11 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
29 December	18 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
2019 5 January	25 January	Va-eira 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
12 January	1 February	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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19 January	8 February	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
26 January	15 February	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
2 February	22 February <i>Shekalim</i>	Mishpatim משפטים	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
9 February	29 February	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
16 February	7 March <i>Zachor</i>	T'tzavveh תצוה	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
23 February	14 March	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*
-	21 March	Va-yakheil-P'kudei ויקהל-פקודי	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 ויקהל	Exodus 35:1-10	II Kings 12:1-17 (<i>Shekalim</i>)
9 March	-	P'kudei פקודי	Exodus 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 8:1-21 I Kings 9:1-10
16 March <i>Zachor</i>	28 March	Va-yikra ויקרא	Leviticus 2:1-13 or 4:22-31 or 5:14-26	I Samuel 15:10-26 (<i>Zachor</i>) Isaiah 43:21-44 Ecclesiastes* 5:1-19 Isaiah 33:2-16
23 March	4 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	Tzav צו	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
-	11 April	CHOL HA-MO'ED PESACH חול-המועד פסח	Leviticus 23:1-8 Exodus 33:12-23 Exodus 34:1-8	Song of Songs* 2:8-17 & 8:6-7, or Ezekiel 37:1-14
30 March	18 April	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
6 April <i>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</i>	-	Tazri'a תזריע	Leviticus 12:1-8	Micah 4:1-7 Isaiah 60:1-22
13 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	-	M'tzora מצורע	Leviticus 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	I Chronicles* 17:1-22 II Samuel 6:1-19 Ecclesiastes* 6:1-12
-	25 April <i>Rosh Chodesh Iyar Atz'ma'ut</i>	Tazri'a-M'tzora תזריע-מצורע	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Micah 4:1-7 (<i>Atz'ma'ut</i>) Isaiah 60:1-22 (<i>Atz'ma'ut</i>)
-	2 May	Acharei Mot-K'doshim אחרי מות-קדושים	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 19:1-4, 9-18 or 19:23-37	II Kings 23:1-3 & 19-25 Jeremiah 11:1-14 Amos 9:7-15
27 April ♦ see note (d)	-	Acharei Mot אחרי מות	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 16:29-34 or 17:13-18:5	II Kings 23:1-3 & 19-25 Jeremiah 11:1-14
4 May ♦ see note (d) <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	-	K'doshim קדושים	Leviticus 19:1-4; 9-18 or 19:23-37 or 20:1-7; 22-27	Micah 4:1-7 (<i>Atz'ma'ut</i>) Isaiah 60:1-22 (<i>Atz'ma'ut</i>)
11 May ♦ see note (d)	9 May	Emor אמור	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	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 25:14-28 or 25:39-55	Jeremiah 32:6-27 Nehemiah* 5:1-13

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25 May ♦ see note (d)	-	B'chukkotai בְּחֻקֹּתַי	Leviticus 26:3-13 or 26:14-28 or 26:33-46	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Amos 8:1-11
1 June ♦ see note (d)	23 May	B'midbar בְּמִדְבָּר	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
8 June ♦ see note (d)	30 May ♦ see note (d)	Naso נִשָּׂא	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
15 June ♦ see note (d)	6 June ♦ see note (d)	B'ha'alot'cha בְּהֵעֲלֹתְךָ	Numbers 8:1-14 or 10:1-10 or 11:1-14	Zechariah 2:14-4:6 Joel 2:15-27 Psalm 90*
22 June ♦ see note (d)	13 June ♦ see note (d)	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
29 June ♦ see note (d)	20 June ♦ see note (d)	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
6 July ♦ see note (d)	27 June ♦ see note (d)	Chukat חֻקַּת	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalm 95* Psalm 99* Judges 11:4-28
13 July ♦ see note (d)	4 July ♦ see note (d)	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
20 July ♦ see note (d)	11 July	Pinchas פִּינְחָס	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	Mattot-Mass'ei 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
27 July ♦ see note (d)	-	Mattot מַטּוֹת	Numbers 32:1-19	Joshua 22:1-10 Jeremiah 1:1-2:3 Joshua 22:13-29
3 August	-	Mass'ei מַסְעֵי	Numbers 33:1-11 or 35:1-14	Jeremiah 2:4-19 & 4:1-2 Joshua 20:1-9
10 August Chazon	25 July	D'varim דְּבָרִים	Deuteronomy 1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Isaiah 1:1-27
17 August Nachamu	1 August	Va-etchannan וַאֲתַחֲנֵן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
24 August	8 August	Eikev עֵקֶב	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 or 9:25-10:11 or 11:13-25	Psalm 136* Psalm 19* Isaiah 50:1-51:3
31 August	15 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
7 September	22 August	Shoftim 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
14 September	29 August	Ki Teitze 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
21 September	5 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
28 September	-	Nitzavim נִצְבִּים	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
-	12 September	Nitzavim-Vayelech נִצְבִּים-וַיֵּלֶךְ	Deuteronomy 30:1-10 or 30:11-20 or 31:1-13	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 Haftarat where 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 יי, 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 14 Shabbatot between 27 April and 27 July 2019, and the 6 shabbatot between 30 May and 4 July 2020 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 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**

5779 2018/19	5780 2019/20	FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	SPECIAL HAFTARAH
10 September <i>Monday</i>	30 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
15 September <i>Saturday</i>	5 October <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
19 September <i>Wednesday</i>	9 October <i>Wednesday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
19 September <i>Wednesday</i>	9 October <i>Wednesday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, & 32-37	The Book of Jonah
24 September <i>Monday</i>	14 October <i>Monday</i>	Sukkot <i>First day</i>	Leviticus 23:33-44	Joel 2:12-3:2 or Isaiah 32:1-8 & 14-20 or Isaiah 35:1-10
29 September <i>Saturday</i>	19 October <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
1 October <i>Monday</i>	21 October <i>Monday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah* 8:1-18
8 December <i>Saturday</i>	28 December <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chanukkah	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
2 March <i>Saturday</i>	22 February <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
16 March <i>Saturday</i>	7 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-26
13 April <i>Saturday</i>	4 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Ha-Gadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Malachi 3:4-24
20 April <i>Saturday</i>	9 April <i>Thursday</i>	Pesach <i>First day</i>	Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 10-21 or Nehemiah* 9:6-31
-	11 April <i>Saturday</i>	CHOL HA-MO'ED 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
26 April <i>Friday</i>	15 April <i>Wednesday</i>	Pesach <i>Seventh day</i>	Exodus 14:30-15:18 or Deuteronomy 4:32-40	Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Isaiah 11:1-12 & 11:16-12:6
4 May <i>Saturday</i>	25 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
9 June <i>Sunday</i>	29 May <i>Friday</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:

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6 April <i>(Nisan)</i>	25 April <i>(Iyar)</i>	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23

FESTIVAL	2018/2019 5779	2019/2020 5780	2020/2021 5781	2021/2022 5782	2022/2023 5783
ROSH HA-SHANAH <i>1 Tishri</i>	Monday 10 September	Monday 30 September	Saturday 19 September	Tuesday 7 September	Monday 26 September
YOM KIPPUR <i>10 Tishri</i>	Wednesday 19 September	Wednesday 9 October	Monday 28 September	Thursday 16 September	Wednesday 5 October
1ST DAY SUKKOT <i>15 Tishri</i>	Monday 24 September	Monday 14 October	Saturday 3 October	Tuesday 21 September	Monday 10 October
SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH * <i>22 Tishri</i>	Monday 1 October	Monday 21 October	Saturday 10 October	Tuesday 28 September	Monday 17 October
1ST DAY CHANUKKAH <i>25 Kislev</i>	Monday 3 December	Monday 23 December	Friday 11 December	Monday 29 November	Monday 19 December
TU BI-SH'VAT <i>15 Shevat</i>	Monday 21 January	Monday 10 February	Thursday 28 January	Monday 17 January	Monday 6 February
PURIM <i>14 Adar</i>	Thursday 21 March	Tuesday 10 March	Friday 26 February	Thursday 17 March	Tuesday 7 March
1ST DAY PESACH <i>15 Nisan</i>	Saturday 20 April	Thursday 9 April	Sunday 28 March	Saturday 16 April	Thursday 6 April
7TH DAY PESACH <i>21 Nisan</i>	Friday 26 April	Wednesday 15 April	Saturday 3 April	Friday 22 April	Wednesday 12 April
YOM HA-SHO'AH <i>generally 27 Nisan</i>	Thursday 2 May	Tuesday 21 April	Thursday 8 April	Thursday 28 April	Tuesday 18 April
YOM HA-ATZ'MA'UT <i>generally 5 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>	Wednesday 26 April
SHAVU'OT <i>6 Sivan</i>	Sunday 9 June	Friday 29 May	Monday 17 May	Sunday 5 June	Friday 26 May
TISH'AH B'AV <i>generally 9 Av</i>	Sunday 11 August <i>(10 Av)</i>	Thursday 30 July	Sunday 18 July	Sunday 7 August	Thursday 27 July
S'LICHOT (night of)	Saturday 21 September	Saturday 12 September	Saturday 28 August	Saturday 17 September	Saturday 9 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.