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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.

5780 2019	5781 2020	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
5 October <i>Shuvah</i>	-	Va-yelech וילך	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
12 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* 1-39 Joel 2:15-27 Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20 ( <i>Shuvah</i> )
19 October ( <i>Sukkot VI</i> )	-	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
26 October	17 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
2 November	24 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
9 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
16 November	7 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
23 November	14 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
30 November	21 November	Toledot תולדות	Genesis 25:19-34 or 27:1-29 or 27:30-45	Malachi 1:1-11 Proverbs* 4:1-23 The Book of Obadiah
7 December	28 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
14 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
21 December	12 December <i>Chanukkah II</i>	Va-yeishev וישב	Genesis 37:1-20 or 39:1-23 or 40:1-23	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7 ( <i>Chanukkah</i> ) I Samuel 3:1-18 Proverbs* 6:20-7:5 Amos 2:6-3:8
28 December <i>Chanukkah VI</i>	19 December	Mikketz מקץ	Genesis 41:1-16 or 41:25-40 or 43:1-15	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7 ( <i>Chanukkah</i> ) I Kings 3:15-4:1
<b>2020</b> 4 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
11 January	<b>2021</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

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18 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
25 January	16 January	Va-eira וּאֵרָא	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
1 February	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
8 February	30 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
15 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
22 February <i>Shekalim</i>	13 February <i>Shekalim</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar</i>	Mishpatim מִשְׁפָּטִים	Exodus 21:1-11 or 22:20-23:9 or 24:1-18	II Kings 12:1-17 ( <i>Shekalim</i> ) Isaiah 66:1-13, 22-23 ( <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar</i> )
29 February	20 February <i>Zachor</i>	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 I Samuel 15:10-26 ( <i>Zachor</i> )
7 March <i>Zachor</i>	27 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
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-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
28 March	20 March	Va-yikra וַיִּקְרָא	Leviticus 2:1-13 or 4:22-31 or 5:14-26	Isaiah 43:21-44 Ecclesiastes* 5:1-19 Isaiah 33:2-16
4 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	27 March <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	Tzav צַו	Leviticus 6:1-11 or 7:22-38 or 8:1-13	Malachi 3:4-24 ( <i>Ha-Gadol</i> )
11 April	3 April	CHOL HA-MO'ED PESACH חֹל-הַמֹּעֵד פֶּסַח	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
18 April	10 April <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	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 Micah 4:1-7 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> ) or Isaiah 60:1-22 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> )
25 April <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh Iyar</i>	17 April	Tazri'a-M'tzora תְּזַרְיֵעַ-מִּצֹרָע	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Micah 4:1-7 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> ) or Isaiah 60:1-22 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> ) II Kings 4:42-5:19 II Kings 7:3-20
2 May	24 April	Acharei Mot-K'doshim אַחֲרֵי מוֹת-קְדוֹשִׁים	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
9 May	1 May	Emor אֱמֹר	Leviticus 23:1-14 or 23:23-38 or 24:1-9	Nehemiah* 9:1-14 Psalm 81*
16 May	8 May	B'har-B'chukkotai בְּהָר-בְּחֻקֹּתַי	Leviticus 25:1-13 or 25:39-55 or 26:3-13	II Chronicles* 4:19-5:10 Jeremiah 32:6-27 Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Amos 8:1-11

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23 May	15 May	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
30 May ♦ see note (d)	22 May	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
6 June ♦ see note (d)	29 May	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*
13 June ♦ see note (d)	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 ♦ see note (d)	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 ♦ see note (d)	19 June	Chukkat חוקת	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalm 95* Psalm 99* Judges 11:4-28
4 July ♦ see note (d)	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 <i>Rosh Chodesh Av</i>	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 Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23 ( <i>Rosh Chodesh Av</i> )
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-etchannan ואתחנן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
8 August	31 July	Eikev עקב	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 or 9:25-10:11 or 11:13-25	Psalm 136* Psalm 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	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
29 August	21 August	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
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
-	4 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
12 September	-	Nitzavim-Vayelech נצבים-וילך	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 Haftarot 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 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-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) 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 30 May 2020 will be for Orthodox synagogues the second day Shavuot 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 '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**

<b>5780 2019/20</b>	<b>5781 2020/21</b>	<b>FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED TORAH READING</b>	<b>SPECIAL HAFTARAH</b>
30 September <i>Monday</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
5 October <i>Saturday</i>	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>Wednesday</i>	28 September <i>Monday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
9 October <i>Wednesday</i>	28 September <i>Monday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, & 32-37	The Book of Jonah
14 October <i>Monday</i>	3 October <i>Saturday</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
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
21 October <i>Monday</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
28 December <i>Saturday</i>	12 December <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chanukkah	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
22 February <i>Saturday</i>	13 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
7 March <i>Saturday</i>	20 February <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-26
4 April <i>Saturday</i>	20 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Ha-Gadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Malachi 3:4-24
9 April <i>Thursday</i>	28 March <i>Sunday</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>	3 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
15 April <i>Wednesday</i>	4 April <i>Sunday</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
25 April <i>Saturday</i>	10 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>	17 May <i>Monday</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:*

<b>5780</b>	<b>5781</b>			
25 April ( <i>Iyar</i> )	13 February ( <i>Adar</i> ) 10 July ( <i>Av</i> )	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23

FESTIVAL	2019/2020 5780	2020/2021 5781	2021/2022 5782	2022/2023 5783	2023/2024 5784
<b>ROSH HA-SHANAH</b> <i>1 Tishri</i>	Monday 30 September	Saturday 19 September	Tuesday 7 September	Monday 26 September	Saturday 16 September
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> <i>10 Tishri</i>	Wednesday 9 October	Monday 28 September	Thursday 16 September	Wednesday 5 October	Monday 25 September
<b>1ST DAY SUKKOT</b> <i>15 Tishri</i>	Monday 14 October	Saturday 3 October	Tuesday 21 September	Monday 10 October	Saturday 30 September
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH *</b> <i>22 Tishri</i>	Monday 21 October	Saturday 10 October	Tuesday 28 September	Monday 17 October	Saturday 7 October
<b>1ST DAY CHANUKKAH</b> <i>25 Kislev</i>	Monday 23 December	Friday 11 December	Monday 29 November	Monday 19 December	Friday 8 December
<b>TU BI-SH'VAT</b> <i>15 Shevat</i>	Monday 10 February	Thursday 28 January	Monday 17 January	Monday 6 February	Thursday 25 January
<b>PURIM</b> <i>14 Adar</i>	Tuesday 10 March	Friday 26 February	Thursday 17 March	Tuesday 7 March	Sunday 24 March
<b>1ST DAY PESACH</b> <i>15 Nisan</i>	Thursday 9 April	Sunday 28 March	Saturday 16 April	Thursday 6 April	Tuesday 23 April
<b>7TH DAY PESACH</b> <i>21 Nisan</i>	Wednesday 15 April	Saturday 3 April	Friday 22 April	Wednesday 12 April	Monday 29 April
<b>YOM HA-SHO'AH</b> <i>generally 27 Nisan</i>	Tuesday 21 April	Thursday 8 April	Thursday 28 April	Tuesday 18 April	Sunday 5 May
<b>YOM HA-ATZ'MA'UT</b> <i>generally 5 Iyar</i>	Wednesday 29 April	Thursday 15 April <i>(3 Iyar)</i>	Thursday 5 May <i>(4 Iyar)</i>	Wednesday 26 April	Tuesday 14 May
<b>SHAVU'OT</b> <i>6 Sivan</i>	Friday 29 May	Monday 17 May	Sunday 5 June	Friday 26 May	Wednesday 12 June
<b>TISH'AH B'AV</b> <i>generally 9 Av</i>	Thursday 30 July	Sunday 18 July	Sunday 7 August	Thursday 27 July	Tuesday 13 August
<b>S'LICHOT (night of)</b>	Saturday 12 September	Saturday 28 August	Saturday 17 September	Saturday 9 September	Saturday 28 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.