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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**.

5783 2022	5784 2023	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
1 October <i>Shuvah</i>	-	Va-yelech וילך	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20 ( <i>Shuvah</i> )
8 October	23 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
15 October	-	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
22 October	14 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
29 October	21 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
5 November	28 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
12 November	4 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
19 November	11 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
26 November	18 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
3 December	25 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
10 December	2 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
17 December	9 December <i>Chanukkah II</i>	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 Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7 ( <i>Chanukkah</i> )
24 December <i>Chanukkah VI</i>	16 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
31 December	23 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>2023</b> 7 January	30 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
14 January	<b>2024</b> 6 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
21 January	13 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
28 January	20 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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4 February	27 January	B'shallach בשלח	Exodus or or	13:17-14:4 15:1-18 16:1-18	Judges Judges Psalm 78*	4:4-15 5:1-21 1-29
11 February	3 February	Yitro יתרו	Exodus or or	18:1-12 19:16-24 20:1-14	Isaiah Isaiah Nehemiah*	6:1-13 43:1-12 8:1-12
18 February <i>Shekalim</i>	10 February <i>Shabbat Rosh Chodesh</i>	Mishpatim משפטים	Exodus or or	21:1-11 22:20-23:9 24:1-18	II Kings Jeremiah Amos Ezekiel	12:1-17 ( <i>Shekalim</i> ) 34:8-17 & 33:25-26 5:6-24 1:1-14
25 February	17 February	T'rumah תרומה	Exodus or or	25:1-16 25:31-40 27:1-8	I Kings I Chronicles* I Kings	5:26-6:7 22:1-13 8:22-32 & 41-43
4 March <i>Zachor</i>	24 February	T'tzavveh תצוה	Exodus or or	27:20-28:12 29:1-9 29:44-30:10	Ezekiel I Samuel I Samuel	43:10-27 23:1-13 15:10-26 ( <i>Zachor</i> )
11 March	2 March	Ki Tissa כי תשא	Exodus or or	31:1-17 32:1-14 34:1-10	I Kings II Chronicles* Psalm 96*	18:20-39 1:18-2:15
18 March	-	Va-yakheil-P'kudei ויקהל-פקודי	Exodus or or	35:1-10 39:32-43 40:24-38	I Kings I Kings I Kings	7:40-51 8:1-21 9:1-10
-	9 March <i>Shekalim</i>	Va-yakheil ויקהל	Exodus	35:1-10	II Kings	12:1-17 ( <i>Shekalim</i> )
-	16 March	P'kudei פקודי	Exodus or	39:32-43 40:24-38	I Kings I Kings	8:1-21 9:1-10
25 March	23 March <i>Zachor</i>	Va-yikra ויקרא	Leviticus or or	2:1-13 4:22-31 5:14-26	Isaiah Ecclesiastes* Isaiah I Samuel	43:21-44 5:1-19 33:2-16 15:10-26 ( <i>Zachor</i> )
1 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	30 March	Tzav צו	Leviticus or or	6:1-11 7:22-38 8:1-13	Malachi Jeremiah	3:4-24 ( <i>Ha-Gadol</i> ) 7:21-8:3 & 9:22-23
8 April	-	CHOL HA-MO'ED PESACH חול-המועד פסח	Leviticus Exodus or	23 1-8 33: 12-23 34:1-8	Song of Songs* Ezekiel	2:8-17 and 8:6-7 or 37:1-14
15 April	6 April <i>Ha-Chodesh</i>	Sh'mini שמיני	Leviticus or or	9:1-10 10:1-11 11:1-12	I Chronicles* II Samuel Ecclesiastes*	17:1-22 6:1-19 6:1-12
22 April <i>Atz'ma'ut Rosh Chodesh Iyar</i>	-	Tazri'a-M'tzora תזריע-מצורע	Leviticus or or	12:1-8 14:33-45 15:19-33	Micah or Isaiah	4:1-7 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> ) 60:1-22 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> )
-	13 April	Tazri'a תזריע	Leviticus	12:1-8	Isaiah	66:1-13; 22-23
-	20 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	M'tzora מצורע	Leviticus or	14:33-45 15:19-33	Malachi	3:4-24 ( <i>Ha-Gadol</i> )
29 April	29 April	Acharei Mot-K'doshim אחרי מות-קדושים	Leviticus or or	16:1-10 19: 1-4, 9-18 19:23-37	II Kings Jeremiah Amos	23:1-3 & 19-25 11:1-14 9:7-15
-	4 May	Acharei Mot אחרי מות	Leviticus or or	16:1-10 16:29-34 17:13-18:15	II Kings Jeremiah	23:1-3 & 19-25 11:1-14
-	11 May <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	K'doshim קדושים	Leviticus or or	19: 1-4, 9-18 19:23-37 20:1-7 & 22-27	Micah or Isaiah	4:1-7 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> ) 60:1-22 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> )
6 May	18 May	Emor אמור	Leviticus or or	23:1-14 23:23-38 24:1-9	Nehemiah* Psalm 81* II Chronicles* Ezekiel	9:1-14 4:19-5:10 44:15-31
13 May	-	B'har-B'chukkotai בהר-בחקתי	Leviticus or or	25:1-13 25:39-55 26:3-13	Jeremiah Jeremiah Amos	32:6-27 16:19-17:14 8:1-11
-	25 May	B'har בהר	Leviticus or or	25:1-13 25:39-55 26:3-13	Jeremiah Jeremiah Amos	32:6-27 16:19-17:14 8:1-11

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-	1 June	B'chukkotai בחקתי	Leviticus	25:1-13 or 25:39-55 or 26:3-13	Jeremiah	32:6-27
20 May	8 June	B'midbar במדבר	Numbers	1:1-19 or 3:1-13 or 3:40-51	Jeremiah	16:19-17:14
27 May ♦ see note (d)	15 June	Naso נשא	Numbers	4:21-33 or 6:1-12 or 6:22-7:11	Amos	8:1-11
3 June ♦ see note (d)	22 June	B'ha'alot'cha בהעלתך	Numbers	8:1-14 or 10:1-10 or 11:1-14	Hosea	2:1-3; 18-25
10 June ♦ see note (d)	29 June	Sh'lach L'cha שלח-לך	Numbers	13:21-33 or 14:1-20 or 14:26-44	Psalm 28*	12:27-30 & 43-47
17 June ♦ see note (d)	6 July	Korach קורח	Numbers	16:1-19 or 16:20-35 or 17:6-24	Judges	13:2-25
24 June ♦ see note (d)	13 July	Chukkat חוקת	Numbers	20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Judges	16:1-31
1 July	20 July	Balak בלק	Numbers	22:21-35 or 23:5-27 or 24:1-18	II Chronicles*	6:1-17
8 July	27 July	Pinchas פינחס	Numbers	25:10-26:4 or 27:1-11 or 27:12-23	Zechariah	2:14-4:6
15 July	3 August	Mattot-Mass'ei מטות-מסעי	Numbers	32:1-19 or 33:1-11 or 35:1-14	Joel	2:15-27
22 July Chazon	10 August Chazon	D'varim דברים	Deuteronomy	1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Psalm 90*	11:4-28
29 July Nachamu	17 August Nachamu	Va-etchannan ואתחנן	Deuteronomy	3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Psalm 99*	
5 August	24 August	Eikev עקב	Deuteronomy	8:1-10 or 9:25-10:11 or 11:13-25	Judges	11:4-28
12 August	31 August	R'eh ראה	Deuteronomy	13:1-12 or 15:1-11 or 16:1-17	Micah	5:6-6:8
19 August	7 September	Shoftim שופטים	Deuteronomy	17:14-18:5 or 19:1-10 or 20:1-12	Habakkuk	3:1-19
26 August	14 September	Ki Teitze כי תצא	Deuteronomy	22:1-12 or 24:10-22 or 25:1-10	Joshua	24:1-15
2 September	21 September	Ki Tavo כי תבוא	Deuteronomy	26:1-11 or 27:1-10 or 28:1-14	I Kings	18:46-19:21
9 September	28 September	Nitzavim- Va-yelech נצבים-וילך	Deuteronomy	30:1-10 or 30:11-20 or 31:1-13	Joshua	17:1-10
					Joshua	23:1-14
					Joshua	22:1-10
					Jeremiah	2:4-19 & 4:1-2
					Joshua	20:1-9
					Isaiah	1:1-27
					Isaiah	40:1-26
					Psalm 136*	
					Psalm 19*	
					Isaiah	50:1-51:3
					Isaiah	54:11-55:5
					Proverbs*	16:1-17
					Isaiah	26:1-15
					Jeremiah	23:16-32
					Isaiah	51:12-23
					Isaiah	52:1-12
					Isaiah	54:1-10
					Proverbs*	30:1-14
					Jeremiah	22:10-22
					Isaiah	60:1-22
					Joshua	4:1-14
					Isaiah	35:1-10
					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 לִקְרֹא בְּכַתְבֵי הַקּוֹדֶשׁ.

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 הַקּוֹדֶשׁ '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 5 shabbatot between 27 May and 24 June 2023 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 27 May 2023 will be, for the Orthodox, the second day Shavuot, so they will be reading the festival Torah reading. We, who observe only one day Shavuot, will regard the second day as an 'ordinary' Shabbat and so will read the appropriate parashah within the annual cycle, as in Israel.
- (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>5783 2022/2023</b>	<b>5784 2023/2024</b>	<b>FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED TORAH READING</b>	<b>SPECIAL HAFTARAH</b>
26 September <i>Monday</i>	16 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
1 October <i>Saturday</i>	23 September <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Shuvah <i>before Yom Kippur</i>	Normal Shabbat reading (see table above)	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
5 October <i>Wednesday</i>	25 September <i>Monday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
5 October <i>Wednesday</i>	25 September <i>Monday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, & 32-37	The Book of Jonah
10 October <i>Monday</i>	30 September <i>Saturday</i>	Sukkot <i>First day</i>	Leviticus 23:33-44	Joel 2:12-3:2 or Isaiah 32:1-8 & Isaiah 14-20 or Isaiah 35:1-10
15 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
17 October <i>Monday</i>	7 October <i>Saturday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah* 8:1-18
24 December <i>Saturday</i>	9 December <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chanukkah	Normal Shabbat reading (see table above)	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
18 February <i>Saturday</i>	9 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Shekalim <i>before Rosh Chodesh Adar</i>	Normal Shabbat reading (see table above) Plus Exodus 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
4 March <i>Saturday</i>	23 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading (see table above)	I Samuel 15:10-26
1 April <i>Saturday</i>	20 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Ha-Gadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading (see table above)	Malachi 3:4-24
6 April <i>Thursday</i>	23 April <i>Tuesday</i>	Pesach <i>First day</i>	Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 10-21 or Nehemiah* 9:6-31
12 April <i>Wednesday</i>	29 April <i>Monday</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
22 April <i>Saturday</i>	11 May <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Atz'ma'ut <i>before Israel Independence Day</i>	Normal Shabbat reading (see table above)	Micah 4:1-7 or Isaiah 60:1-22
26 May <i>Friday</i>	26 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:*

<b>5783</b>	<b>5784</b>			
22 April ( <i>Iyar</i> )	10 February ( <i>Adar I</i> )	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading (see table above)	Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23

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