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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.

5784 2023	5785 2024	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
23 September <i>Shuvah</i>	5 October <i>Shuvah</i>	Ha'azinu הַאֲזִינוּ	Deuteronomy 32:1-12 or 32:13-29 or 32:30-47	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20 (<i>Shuvah</i>)
-	19 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
14 October	26 October	B'reishit בְּרֵאשִׁית	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	2 November <i>Rosh Chodesh Heshvan</i>	No'ach נֹחַ	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 Chodesh</i>)
28 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
4 November	16 November	Va-yeira וַיִּרְא	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	23 November	Chayyei Sarah חַיֵּי שָׂרָה	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	30 November	Toldot תּוֹלְדוֹת	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	7 December	Va-yeitze וַיֵּצֵא	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	14 December	Va-yishlach וַיִּשְׁלַח	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 <i>Chanukkah II</i>	21 December	Va-yeishev וַיֵּשֶׁב	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>)
16 December	28 December <i>Chanukkah III</i>	Mikketz מִקְצֵץ	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
23 December	2025 4 January	Va-yiggash וַיִּגַּשׁ	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	11 January	Va-y'chi וַיַּחֲיֵ	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
2024 6 January	18 January	Sh'mot שְׁמוֹת	Exodus 1:1-20 or 3:1-15 or 4:1-17	Isaiah 27:6-13 Jeremiah 1:1-10 Job* 40:1-14
13 January	25 January	Va-eira וַאֲרָא	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

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20 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
27 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
3 February	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
10 February <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	22 February	Mishpatim משפטים	Exodus 21:1-11 or 22:20-23:9 or 24:1-18	Jeremiah 34:8-17 & 33:25-26 Amos 5:6-24 Ezekiel 1:1-14 Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23 <i>(Rosh Chodesh)</i>
17 February	1 March <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar (Shekalim)</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 II Kings 12:1-17 <i>(Shekalim)</i> Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23 <i>(Rosh Chodesh)</i>
24 February	8 March <i>Zachor</i>	T'tzavveh תצוה	Exodus 27:20-28:12 or 29:1-9 or 29:44-30:10	Ezekiel 43:10-27 I Samuel 23:1-13 I Samuel 15:10-26 <i>(Zachor)</i>
2 March	15 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*
9 March <i>Shekalim</i>	22 March	Va-yakheil ויקהל	Exodus 35:1-10	II Kings 12:1-17 <i>(Shekalim)</i> I Kings 7:40-51
16 March	29 March	P'kudei פקודי	Exodus 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 8:1-21 I Kings 9:1-10
23 March <i>Zachor</i>	5 April	Va-yikra ויקרא	Leviticus 2:1-13 or 4:22-31 or 5:14-26	Isaiah 43:21-44 Ecclesiastes* 5:1-19 Isaiah 33:2-16 I Samuel 15:10-26 <i>(Zachor)</i>
30 March	12 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
-	19 April	Pesach פסח <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
6 April	26 April <i>(Atz'ma'ut)</i>	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 Micah 4:1-7 <i>(Atz'ma'ut)</i> or Isaiah 60:1-22 <i>(Atz'ma'ut)</i>
-	3 May	Tazri'a-M' tzora תזריע-מצורע	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	II Kings 4:42-5:19 II Kings 7:3-20
13 April	-	Tazri'a תזריע	Leviticus 12:1-8	II Kings 4:42-5:19
20 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	-	M' tzora מצורע	Leviticus 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Malachi 3:4-24 <i>(Ha-Gadol)</i>
27 April	-	CHOL HA-MO'ED PESACH חול-המועד פסח	Leviticus 23 1-8 Exodus 33: 12-23 or 34:1-8	Song of Songs* 2:8-17 and 8:6-7 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
	10 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
4 May	-	Acharei Mot אחרי מות	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 16:29-34 or 17:13-18:15	II Kings 23:1-3 & 19-25 Jeremiah 11:1-14
11 May <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> or Isaiah 60:1-22 <i>(Atz'ma'ut)</i>

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18 May	17 May	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 Ezekiel 44:15-31
-	24 May	B'har-B'chukkotai בְּהַר-בְּחֻקֹּתַי	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	-	B'har בְּהַר	Leviticus 25:1-13 or 25:39-55 or 26:3-13	Jeremiah 32:6-27 Amos 8:1-11
1 June	-	B'chukkotai בְּחֻקֹּתַי	Leviticus 25:1-13 or 25:39-55 or 26:3-13	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Amos 8:1-11
8 June	31 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
15 June	7 June	Naso נָשָׂא	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
22 June	14 June	B'ha'alot'cha בְּהֵעֲלִיךָ	Numbers 8:1-14 or 10:1-10 or 11:1-14 or 12:1-16	Zechariah 2:14-4:6 Joel 2:15-27 Psalm 90*
29 June	21 June	Sh'lach L'cha שְׁלַח-לֶךְ	Numbers 13:21-33 or 14:1-20 or 14:26-44	Joshua 2:1-24 Job * 36:1-26 Joshua 14:6-15
6 July	28 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
13 July	5 July	Chukkat חֻקֹּתַי	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalm 95* Psalm 99* Judges 11:4-28
20 July	12 July	Balak בָּלָק	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
27 July	19 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
3 August	26 July <i>Rosh Chodesh Av</i>	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 Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23 (<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>)
10 August <i>Chazon</i>	2 August	D'varim דְּבָרִים	Deuteronomy 1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Isaiah 1:1-27
17 August <i>Nachamu</i>	9 August	Va-etchannan וַאֲתַחֲנֵן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
24 August	16 August	Eikev עֵקֵב	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 or 9:25-10:11 or 11:13-25 or 10:12-22	Psalm 136* Psalm 19* Isaiah 50:1-51:3
31 August	23 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	30 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	6 September	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

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21 September	13 September	Ki Tavo כִּי 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
28 September	-	Nitzavim- Va-yelech נִצְבִים-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
-	20 September	Nitzavim נִצְבִים	Deuteronomy 30:1-10 or 30:11-20	Isaiah 61:10-62:12 Isaiah 63:1-9 Jeremiah 31:26-35

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 Haftarat were 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 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-כְּתָבֵי 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 '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**

5784 2023/2024	5785 2024/2025	FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	SPECIAL HAFTARAH
16 September <i>Saturday</i>	3 October <i>Thursday</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>	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
25 September <i>Monday</i>	12 October <i>Saturday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
25 September <i>Monday</i>	12 October <i>Saturday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18 & 32-37	The Book of Jonah
30 September <i>Saturday</i>	17 October <i>Thursday</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
7 October <i>Saturday</i>	24 October <i>Thursday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah* 8:1-18
9 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
9 March <i>Saturday</i>	1 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
23 March <i>Saturday</i>	8 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-26
20 April <i>Saturday</i>	12 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Ha-Gadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Malachi 3:4-24
23 April <i>Tuesday</i>	13 April <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
29 April <i>Monday</i>	19 April <i>Saturday</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
11 May <i>Saturday</i>	26 April <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
26 May <i>Friday</i>	2 June <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:

5784	5785	SHABBAT & ROSH CHODESH	TORAH READING	SPECIAL HAFTARAH
10 February <i>(Adar I)</i>	2 November <i>(Heshvan)</i>	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23
	1 March <i>(Adar)</i>	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23
	26 July <i>(Av)</i>	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23

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