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A Guide to Recommended Torah & Haftarah Readings

for Shabbat, Festivals & Special Shabbatot

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A name in italics under the date indicates that the Shabbat is a 'special Shabbat'. The appropriate Haftarah will be found in the second table below, and replaces the regular Haftarah reading listed in the main Lectionary.

5768 2007	5769 2008	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
15 September <i>Shuvah</i>	11 October	Ha-azinu האזינו	Deuteronomy 32:1-12 or 32:13-29 or 32:30-47	II Samuel 22:1-20 Psalm 78 1-38 Joel 2:15-27
29 September	18 October	Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot חול-המועד סכת	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	25 October	B'reshit 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 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	1 November	Noach נח	Genesis 6:9-22 or 8:1-19 or 11:1-9	Isaiah 54:1-10 Jeremiah 1:23-36 Zephaniah 3:8-20
20 October	8 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	15 November	Va-yera 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	22 November	Chayyey 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	29 November	Tol'dot 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	6 December	Va-yetze 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	13 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	20 December	Va-yeshv 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</i>	27 December <i>Chanukkah</i>	Mi-ketz מקץ	Genesis 41:1-16 or 41:25-40 or 43:1-15	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
15 December	2009 3 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	10 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	17 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
2008 5 January	24 January	Va-era 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

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12 January	31 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
19 January	7 February	B'shallach בשלה	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	14 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	21 February <i>Shekalim</i>	Mishpatim משפטים	Exodus 21:1-11 or 22:20-23:9 or 24:1-18 and 30:11-16	Jeremiah 34:8-17 Amos 5:6-24 Ezekiel 1:1-14
9 February	28 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	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-yak-hel-P'kudey ויקהל-פקודי	Exodus 35:1-10 or 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 7:40-51 I Kings 9:1-10 I Kings 8:1-14
1 March	-	Va-yak-hel ויקהל	Exodus 35:1-10 or 35:30-36:7 or 37:1-16	I Kings 7:40-51 II Chron 4:19-5:10 I Chron 22:1-19
8 March <i>Rosh Chodesh Shekalim</i>	-	P'kudey פקודי	Exodus 38:21-39:1 or 39:32-43 or 40:24-38 and Exodus 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
15 March <i>Zachor</i>	28 March	Va-yikra ויקרא	Leviticus 2:1-13 or 4:22-31 or 5:14-26	Isaiah 43:21-44:8 Ecclesiastes 5:1-19 Isaiah 33:2-16
-	4 April <i>HaGadol</i>	Tzav צו	Leviticus 6:1-11 or 7:22-38 or 8:1-13	Malachi 3:4-24
22 March	-	Tzav צו	Leviticus 6:1-11 or 7:22-38 or 8:1-13	Jeremiah 7:21 - 8:3 & 9:22-23
-	11 April	Chol Ha-Moed Pesach חול-המועד פסח	Leviticus 23:1-8 or Exodus 33:12-23 or 34:1-8	Song of Songs 2:8-17 & 8:6-7 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
29 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
-	25 April <i>Rosh Chodesh Atzma'ut</i>	Tazria-M'tzora תזריע-מצורע	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Micah 4:1-7 Isaiah 60:1-22
5 April	-	Tazria תזריע	Leviticus 12:1-8	II Kings 4:42-5:19
12 April	-	M'tzora מצורע	Leviticus 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	II Kings 7:3-20
-	2 May	Acharey Mot-K'doshim אחרי מות-קדושים	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 19:1-4 & 9-18 or 19:23-37	Jeremiah 11:1-14 Amos 9:7-15 II Kings 23:1-7 & 10-14

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19 April <i>HaGadol</i>	-	Acharey Mot אחרי מות	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 16:29-34 or 17:13-18:5	Malachi 3:4-24
3 May <i>Atzma'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 Isaiah 60:1-22
10 May	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
17 May	-	B'har בהר	Leviticus 25:1-13 or 25:14-28 or 25:39-55	Jeremiah 32:6-27 Nehemiah 5:1-13
24 May	-	B'chukkotai בחקתי	Leviticus 26:3-13 or 26:14-28 or 26:33-46	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Amos 8:1-11
31 May	23 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
7 June	30 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
14 June	6 June *	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
21 June	13 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
28 June	20 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
5 July	27 June *	Chukat חוקת	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalm 95 Psalm 99 Judges 11:4-28
12 July	4 July	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
19 July	11 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	Mattot-Mass'ey 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
26 July	-	Mattot מטות	Numbers 32:1-19	Jeremiah 1-2:3 Joshua 22:1-10 Joshua 22:13-29
2 August <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	-	Mass'ey מסעי	Numbers 33:1-11 or 35:1-14	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 23
9 August <i>Chazon</i>	25 July <i>Chazon</i>	D'varim דברים	Deuteronomy 1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Isaiah 1:1-27
16 August <i>Nachamu</i>	1 August <i>Nachamu</i>	Va-et-channan ואתחנן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
23 August	8 August	Ekev עקב	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 or 9:25-10:11 or 11:13-25	Psalm 136 Psalm 19 Isaiah 50:1-51:3

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30 August	15 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
6 September	22 August	Shof'tim 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
13 September	29 August	Ki Tetze 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
20 September	5 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
-	12 September	Nitzavim-Va-yelech נצבים-וילך	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
27 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
4 October <i>Shuvah</i>	-	Va-yelech וילך	Deuteronomy 31:1-13 or 31:14-23 or 31:22-30	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20

Please refer to the following notes

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. 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 הַקְּוּדָשׁ.

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-כְּתוּבֵי הַקְּוּדָשׁ 'for the Writings'.

- (b) There are several 'special shabbatot' during the year, that 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) In 2009, from 30 May until 27 June, there will be five Shabbatot *marked with an asterisk* on which 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 2009 will, for Orthodox synagogues, be the 2nd day Shavuot, and 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 'Tenach', published by the Jewish Publication Society of America. This is also the translation used in the Plaut Chumash.

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13 September <i>Thursday</i>	30 September <i>Tuesday</i>	Rosh Hashanah	Genesis 22: 1-19 or Genesis 21:1-21	Isaiah 55:6-13 or I Samuel 1:1-20
15 September	4 October	Shabbat Shuvah <i>before Yom Kippur</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
22 September <i>Saturday</i>	9 October <i>Thursday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
22 September <i>Saturday</i>	9 October <i>Thursday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, 32-37	The Book of Jonah
27 September <i>Thursday</i>	14 October <i>Tuesday</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
29 September	18 October	Shabbat Chol Ha'Moed 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
4 October <i>Thursday</i>	21 October <i>Tuesday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah 8:1-18
13 October		Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23
8 December	27 December	Shabbat Chanukkah	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
8 March	21 February	Shabbat Shekalim	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i> Plus Exodus 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
15 March	7 March	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-35
19 April	4 April	Shabbat HaGadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Malachi 3:4-24
20 April <i>Sunday</i>	9 April <i>Thursday</i>	Pesach First day	Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 10-21 or Nehemiah 9:6-31
-	11 April	Shabbat Chol Ha-Moed 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>Saturday</i>	15 April <i>Wednesday</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
3 May	25 April	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>Monday</i>	29 May <i>Friday</i>	Shavuot	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
2 August		Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23

FESTIVAL	2007/2008 5768	2008/2009 5769	2009/2010 5770	2010/2011 5771	2011/2012 5772
ROSH HASHANAH <i>1 Tishri</i>	Thursday 13 September	Tuesday 30 September	Saturday 19 September	Thursday 9 September	Thursday 29 September
YOM KIPPUR <i>10 Tishri</i>	Saturday 22 September	Thursday 9 October	Monday 28 September	Saturday 18 September	Saturday 8 October
1ST DAY SUKKOT <i>15 Tishri</i>	Thursday 27 September	Tuesday 14 October	Saturday 3 October	Thursday 23 September	Thursday 13 October
SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH * <i>22 Tishri</i>	Thursday 4 October	Tuesday 21 October	Saturday 10 October	Thursday 30 September	Thursday 20 October
1ST DAY CHANUKKAH <i>25 Kislev</i>	Wednesday 5 December	Monday 22 December	Saturday 12 December	Thursday 2 December	Wednesday 21 December
TU B'SHEVAT <i>15 Shevat</i>	Tuesday 22 January	Monday 9 February	Saturday 30 January	Thursday 20 January	Wednesday 8 February
PURIM <i>14 Adar</i>	Friday 21 March	Tuesday 10 March	Sunday 28 February	Sunday 20 March	Thursday 8 March
1ST DAY PESACH <i>15 Nisan</i>	Sunday 20 April	Thursday 9 April	Tuesday 30 March	Tuesday 19 April	Saturday 7 April
7TH DAY PESACH <i>21 Nisan</i>	Saturday 26 April	Wednesday 15 April	Monday 5 April	Monday 25 April	Friday 13 April
YOM HA-SHO'AH <i>27 Nisan</i>	Thursday 1 May	Tuesday 21 April	Sunday 11 April	Sunday 1 May	Thursday 19 April
YOM HA'ATZMAUT <i>generally 5 Iyar</i>	Thursday 8 May	Wednesday 29 April	Tuesday 20 April	Tuesday 10 May	Thursday 26 April
SHAVUOT <i>6 Sivan</i>	Monday 9 June	Friday 29 May	Wednesday 19 May	Wednesday 8 June	Sunday 27 May
TISH'AH B'AV <i>9 Av</i>	Sunday 10 August	Thursday 30 July	Tuesday 20 July	Tuesday 9 August	Sunday 29 July
SELICHOT (night of)	Saturday 20 September	Saturday 12 September	Saturday 4 September	Saturday 24 September	Saturday 8 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.*