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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.

5774 2014	5776 2015	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
-	19 September <i>Shuvah</i>	Vayelekh	Deut 31:1-13	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
-	23 September	<b>Yom Kippur</b>	(see Table 2)	(see Table 2)
27 September <i>Shuvah</i>	26 September	Ha'azinu האזינו	Deuteronomy 32:1-12 or 32:13-29 or 32:30-47	Hosea 14:2-10 ( <i>Shuvah</i> ) and Micah 7:18-20 II Samuel 22:1-20 Psalm 78 * 1-39 Joel 2:15-27
4 October	-	<b>Yom Kippur</b>	(see Table 2)	(see Table 2)
11 October	3 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
18 October	10 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
25 October <i>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</i>	17 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
1 November	24 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
8 November	31 October	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
15 November	7 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
22 November	14 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
29 November	21 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
6 December	28 November	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
13 December	5 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
20 December <i>Chanukkah(IV)</i>	12 December <i>Chanukkah (VI)</i>	Mikketz מקץ	Genesis 41:1-16 or 41:25-40 or 43:1-15	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
27 December	19 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>2015</b> 3 January	26 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
10 January	<b>2016</b> 2 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

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17 January	9 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*
24 January	16 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
31 January	23 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*
7 February	30 January	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
14 February <i>Shekalim</i>	6 February	Mishpatim מִשְׁפָּטִים	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 II Kings 12:1-17 ( <i>Shekalim</i> )
21 February	13 February	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
28 February <i>Zachor</i>	20 February	T'tzavveh תְּצַוֶּה	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> )
7 March	27 February	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*
14 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
-	5 March <i>Shekalim</i>	Va-yakheil וַיַּקְהֵל	Exodus 35:1-10	II Kings 12:1-17
-	12 March	P'kudei פְּקוּדֵי	Exodus 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 8:1-21 I Kings 9:1-10
21 March <i>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</i>	19 March <i>Zachor</i>	Va-yikra וַיִּקְרָא	Leviticus 2:1-13 or 4:22-31 or 5:14-26	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23 ( <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> ) I Samuel 15:10-26 ( <i>Zachor</i> )
28 March <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	26 March	Tzav צַו	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
4 April	📅	<b>Pesach</b>	(see Table 2)	(see Table 2)
11 April ♦ see note (d)	5 April	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
18 April <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> ♦ see note (d)	-	Tazri'a-M'tzora תּוֹרֵיעַ-מִצּוֹרַע	Leviticus 12:1-8 or 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Micah 4:1-7 Isaiah 60:1-22
-	9 April <i>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</i>	Tazri'a תּוֹרֵיעַ	Leviticus 12:1-8	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23 ( <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> )
-	16 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	M'tzora מִצּוֹרַע	Leviticus 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Malachi 3:4-24
-	23 April	<b>Pesach</b>	(see Table 2)	(see Table 2)
25 April ♦ see note (d)	30 April ♦ see note (d)	Acharei Mot אַחֲרֵי מוֹת	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 16: 29-34 or 17:13-18:5	Ezekiel 22:1-19
2 May	7 May <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	K'doshim קְדוּשִׁים	Leviticus 19:1-4; 9-18 or 19:23-37 or 20:1-7;22-27	Amos 9:7-15 Micah 4:1-7 ( <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> ) or Isaiah 60:1-22
9 May	14 May	Emor אֶמֹר	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 בְּהָר-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

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-	28 May	B'chukkotai בחוקתי	Leviticus 26:3-13 or 26:14-28 or 26:33-46	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Amos 8:1-11
23 May	4 June	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	11 June	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	18 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*
13 June	25 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	2 July	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	9 July	Chukat חוקת	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalm 95* Psalm 99* Judges 11:4-28
4 July	16 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
11 July	23 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'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
-	30 July	Mattot מטות	Numbers 32:1-19	Joshua 22:1-10 Jeremiah 1:1-2:3 Joshua 22:13-29
-	6 August	Mass'ei מסעי	Numbers 33:1-11 or 35:1-14	Jeremiah 2:4-19 & 4:1-2 Joshua 20:1-9
25 July Chazon	13 August Chazon	D'varim דברים	Deuteronomy 1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Isaiah 1:1-27
1 August Nachamu	20 August Nachamu	Va-etchannan ואתחנן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
8 August	27 August	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	3 September	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	10 September	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	17 September	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	24 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	1 October	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

## 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 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, ל"ו,  
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־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 four Shabbatot 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and 30 April 2016 have been marked [♦ *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. Shabbatot 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and 30 April 2016 will, for Orthodox synagogues, be the 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>5775 2014/15</b>	<b>5776 2015/16</b>	<b>FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED TORAH READING</b>	<b>SPECIAL HAFTARAH</b>
25 September <i>Thursday</i>	14 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
27 September <i>Saturday</i>	7 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
4 October <i>Saturday</i>	23 September <i>Wednesday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
4 October <i>Saturday</i>	23 September <i>Wednesday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, & 32-37	The Book of Jonah
9 October <i>Thursday</i>	28 September <i>Monday</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
11 October <i>Saturday</i>	3 October <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat 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
16 October <i>Thursday</i>	5 October <i>Monday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah* 8:1-18
20 December	12 December <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chanukkah	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
14 February <i>Saturday</i>	5 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Sh'kalim <i>before Rosh Chodesh Adar</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i> Plus Exodus 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
28 February <i>Saturday</i>	19 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-26
28 March <i>Saturday</i>	16 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Ha-Gadol <i>before Pesach</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Malachi 3:4-24
4 April <i>Saturday</i>	23 April <i>Saturday</i>	Pesach  First day	Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 10-21 or Nehemiah* 9:6-31
10 April <i>Friday</i>	29 April <i>Friday</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
18 April <i>Saturday</i>	7 May <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
24 May <i>Sunday</i>	12 June <i>Sunday</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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25 October <i>(Heshvan)</i> 21 March <i>(Nisan)</i>	9 April <i>(Nisan)</i>	Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Isaiah 66:1-13; 22-23

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<b>ROSH HA-SHANAH</b> <i>1 Tishri</i>	Thursday 25 September	Monday 14 September	Monday 3 October	Thursday 21 September	Monday 10 September
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> <i>10 Tishri</i>	Saturday 4 October	Wednesday 23 September	Wednesday 12 October	Saturday 30 September	Wednesday 19 September
<b>1ST DAY SUKKOT</b> <i>15 Tishri</i>	Thursday 9 October	Monday 28 September	Monday 17 October	Thursday 5 October	Monday 24 September
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH *</b> <i>22 Tishri</i>	Thursday 16 October	Monday 5 October	Monday 24 October	Thursday 12 October	Monday 1 October
<b>1ST DAY CHANUKKAH</b> <i>25 Kislev</i>	Wednesday 17 December	Monday 7 December	Sunday 25 December	Wednesday 13 December	Monday 3 December
<b>TU BI-SH'VAT</b> <i>15 Shevat</i>	Wednesday 4 February	Monday 25 January	Saturday 11 February	Wednesday 31 January	Monday 21 January
<b>PURIM</b> <i>14 Adar</i>	Thursday 5 March	Thursday 24 March	Sunday 12 March	Thursday 1 March	Thursday 21 March
<b>1ST DAY PESACH</b> <i>15 Nisan</i>	Saturday 4 April	Saturday 23 April	Tuesday 11 April	Saturday 31 March	Saturday 20 April
<b>7TH DAY PESACH</b> <i>21 Nisan</i>	Friday 10 April	Friday 29 April	Monday 17 April	Friday 6 April	Friday 26 April
<b>YOM HA-SHO'AH</b> <i>generally 27 Nisan</i>	Thursday 16 April	Thursday 5 May	Monday 24 April <i>(28 Nisan)</i>	Thursday 12 April	Thursday 2 May
<b>YOM HA-ATZ'MA'UT</b> <i>generally 5 Iyar</i>	Thursday 23 April	Thursday 12 May	Tuesday 2 May <i>(6 Iyar)</i>	Thursday 19 April	Thursday 9 May <i>(4 Iyar)</i>
<b>SHAVU'OT</b> <i>6 Sivan</i>	Sunday 24 May	Sunday 12 June	Wednesday 31 May	Sunday 20 May	Sunday 9 June
<b>TISH'AH B'AV</b> <i>generally 9 Av</i>	Sunday 26 July <i>(10 Av)</i>	Sunday 14 August <i>(10 Av)</i>	Tuesday 1 August	Sunday 22 July <i>(10 Av)</i>	Sunday 11 August <i>(10 Av)</i>
<b>S'LICHOT (night of)</b>	Saturday 5 September	Saturday 24 September	Saturday 16 September	Saturday 1 September	Saturday 21 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.*