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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.

5776 2015	5777 2016	SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	RELATED HAFTARAH
19 September <i>Shuvah</i>	8 October <i>Shuvah</i>	Va-yelech וילך	Deut 31:1-13	Hosea 14:2-10 & Micah 7:18-20
26 September	15 October	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
3 October	22 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
10 October	29 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
17 October	5 November <i>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</i>	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
24 October	12 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
31 October	19 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
7 November	26 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
14 November	3 December	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
21 November	10 December	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
28 November	17 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
5 December	24 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
12 December <i>Chanukkah (VI)</i>	31 December <i>Chanukkah (VII)</i>	Mikketz מקץ	Genesis 41:1-16 or 41:25-40 or 43:1-15	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
19 December	2017 7 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
26 December	14 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
2016 2 January	21 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
9 January	28 January <i>Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat</i>	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
16 January	4 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

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23 January	11 January	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
30 January	18 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
6 February	25 February <i>Shekalim</i>	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 II Kings 12:1-17 (<i>Shekalim</i>)
13 February	4 March	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
20 February	11 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>)
27 February	18 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*
-	25 March	Va-yakheil-P'kudei ויקהל-פקודי	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 ויקהל	Exodus 35:1-10	II Kings 12:1-17 (<i>Shekalim</i>)
12 March	-	P'kudei פקודי	Exodus 39:32-43 or 40:24-38	I Kings 8:1-21 I Kings 9:1-10
19 March <i>Zachor</i>	1 April	Va-yikra ויקרא	Leviticus 2:1-13 or 4:22-31 or 5:14-26	I Samuel 15:10-26 (<i>Zachor</i>) Isaiah 43:21-44:8 Ecclesiastes* 5:1-19 Isaiah 33:2-16
26 March	8 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
-	15 April	CHOL HAMOED PESACH חול-המועד פסח	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
2 April	22 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
-	29 April <i>Atz'ma'ut</i>	Tazri'a-M'tzora תזריע-מצורע	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 תזריע	Leviticus 12:1-8	Isaiah 66:1-13 & 22-23 (<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>)
16 April <i>Ha-Gadol</i>	-	M'tzora מצורע	Leviticus 14:33-45 or 15:19-33	Malachi 3:4-24 (<i>Ha-Gadol</i>)
23 April	-	PESACH פסח	(see Table 2)	(see Table 2)
30 April ♦ see note (d)	-	Acharei Mot אחרי מות	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 16: 29-34 or 17:13-18:5	II Kings 23:1-3 & 19-25 Jeremiah 11:1-14
7 May <i>Atz'ma'ut</i> ♦ see note (d)	-	K'doshim קדושים	Leviticus 19:1-4; 9-18 or 19:23-37 or 20:1-7; 22-27	Micah 4:1-7 or Isaiah 60:1-22 (<i>Atz'ma'ut</i>)
-	6 May	Acharei Mot-K'doshim אחרי מות קדושים	Leviticus 16:1-10 or 19:1-4, 9-18 or 19:23-37	Jeremiah 11:1-14 II Kings 23:1-3 & 19-25 Amos 9:7-15
14 May ♦ see note (d)	13 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
-	20 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

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21 May ♦ see note (d)	-	B'har בהר	Leviticus 25:1-13 or 25:14-28 or 25:39-55	Jeremiah 32:6-27 Nehemiah* 5:1-13
28 May ♦ see note (d)	-	B'chukkotai בחקתי	Leviticus 26:3-13 or 26:14-28 or 26:33-46	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Amos 8:1-11
4 June ♦ see note (d)	27 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
11 June ♦ see note (d)	3 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
18 June ♦ see note (d)	10 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*
25 June ♦ see note (d)	17 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
2 July ♦ see note (d)	24 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
9 July ♦ see note (d)	1 July	Chukat חוקת	Numbers 20:1-13 or 20:14-29 or 21:6-20	Psalm 95* Psalm 99* Judges 11:4-28
16 July ♦ see note (d)	8 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
23 July ♦ see note (d)	15 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
-	22 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 ♦ see note (d)	-	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
13 August Chazon	29 July Chazon	D'varim דברים	Deuteronomy 1:1-14 or 2:1-9 or 3:8-22	Isaiah 1:1-27
20 August Nachamu	5 August Nachamu	Va-etchannan ואתחנן	Deuteronomy 3:23-4:9 or 5:1-18 or 6:1-15	Isaiah 40:1-26
27 August	12 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
3 September	19 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
10 September	26 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
17 September	2 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
24 September	9 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
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
-	16 September	Nitzavim-Va-yelech 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-כְּתוּבֵי 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 14 Shabbatot between 30 April and 30 July 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. Shabbat 30 April 2016 will, for Orthodox synagogues, be the 8th 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**

5776 2015/16	5777 2016/17	FESTIVAL / SPECIAL SHABBAT	RECOMMENDED TORAH READING	SPECIAL HAFTARAH
14 September <i>Monday</i>	3 October <i>Monday</i>	Rosh Hashanah	Genesis 22: 1-19 Genesis 21:1-21	Isaiah 55:6-13 or I Samuel 1:1-20
19 September <i>Saturday</i>	8 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
23 September <i>Wednesday</i>	12 October <i>Wednesday</i>	Yom Kippur morning	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, & 30:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
23 September <i>Wednesday</i>	12 October <i>Wednesday</i>	Yom Kippur afternoon	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, & 32-37	The Book of Jonah
28 September <i>Monday</i>	17 October <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
3 October <i>Saturday</i>	22 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
5 October <i>Monday</i>	24 October <i>Monday</i>	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Genesis 1:1-5	Joshua 1:1-17 or Nehemiah* 8:1-18
12 December <i>Saturday</i>	31 December <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chanukkah	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 & 4:1-7
5 March <i>Saturday</i>	25 February <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
19 March <i>Saturday</i>	11 March <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Zachor <i>before Purim</i>	Normal Shabbat reading <i>(see table above)</i>	I Samuel 15:10-26
16 April <i>Saturday</i>	8 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>Saturday</i>	11 April <i>Tuesday</i>	Pesach First day	Exodus 12:37-42 & 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-2 & 10-21 or Nehemiah* 9:6-31
-	15 April <i>Saturday</i>	Shabbat Chol Ha-Mo'ed Pesach <i>Shabbat during Pesach</i>	Lev 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
29 April <i>Friday</i>	17 April <i>Monday</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
7 May <i>Saturday</i>	29 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
12 June <i>Sunday</i>	31 May <i>Wednesday</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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9 April <i>(Nisan)</i>	28 January <i>(Sh'vat)</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>	Monday 14 September	Monday 3 October	Thursday 21 September	Monday 10 September	Monday 30 September
YOM KIPPUR <i>10 Tishri</i>	Wednesday 23 September	Wednesday 12 October	Saturday 30 September	Wednesday 19 September	Wednesday 9 October
1ST DAY SUKKOT <i>15 Tishri</i>	Monday 28 September	Monday 17 October	Thursday 5 October	Monday 24 September	Monday 14 October
SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH * <i>22 Tishri</i>	Monday 5 October	Monday 24 October	Thursday 12 October	Monday 1 October	Monday 21 October
1ST DAY CHANUKKAH <i>25 Kislev</i>	Monday 7 December	Sunday 25 December	Wednesday 13 December	Monday 3 December	Monday 23 December
TU BI-SH'VAT <i>15 Shevat</i>	Monday 25 January	Saturday 11 February	Wednesday 31 January	Monday 21 January	Monday 10 February
PURIM <i>14 Adar</i>	Thursday 24 March	Sunday 12 March	Thursday 1 March	Thursday 21 March	Tuesday 10 March
1ST DAY PESACH <i>15 Nisan</i>	Saturday 23 April	Tuesday 11 April	Saturday 31 March	Saturday 20 April	Thursday 9 April
7TH DAY PESACH <i>21 Nisan</i>	Friday 29 April	Monday 17 April	Friday 6 April	Friday 26 April	Wednesday 15 April
YOM HA-SHO'AH <i>generally 27 Nisan</i>	Thursday 5 May	Monday 24 April <i>(28 Nisan)</i>	Thursday 12 April	Thursday 2 May	Tuesday 21 April
YOM HA-ATZ'MA'UT <i>generally 5 Iyar</i>	Thursday 12 May	Tuesday 2 May <i>(6 Iyar)</i>	Thursday 19 April	Thursday 9 May <i>(4 Iyar)</i>	Wednesday 29 April
SHAVU'OT <i>6 Sivan</i>	Sunday 12 June	Wednesday 31 May	Sunday 20 May	Sunday 9 June	Friday 29 May
TISH'AH B'AV <i>generally 9 Av (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>	Thursday 30 July
S'LICHOT (night of)	Saturday 24 September	Saturday 16 September	Saturday 1 September	Saturday 21 September	Saturday 12 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.*