

**Calendar of Torah and
Haftarah Readings
5776 – 5778
2015 – 2018**

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Notes:

The Calendar of Torah readings follows a triennial cycle whereby in the first year of the cycle the reading is selected from the first part of the parashah, in the second year from the middle, and in the third year from the last part.

Alternative selections are offered each shabbat: a shorter reading (around twenty verses) and a longer one (around thirty verses). The readings are a guide and congregations may choose to read more or less from within that part of the parashah. On certain special shabbatot, a special second (or exceptionally, third) scroll reading is read in addition to the week's portion.

Haftarah readings are chosen to parallel key elements in the section of the Torah being read and therefore vary from one year in the triennial cycle to the next. Some of the suggested haftarot are from taken from *k'tuvim* (Writings) rather than *n'vi'im* (Prophets). When this is the case the appropriate, adapted blessings can be found on page 245 of the MRJ siddur, *Seder Ha-t'fillot*.

This calendar follows the Biblical definition of the length of festivals. Outside Israel, Orthodox communities add a second day to some festivals and this means that for a few weeks their readings may be out of step with Reform/Liberal communities and all those in Israel. The anticipatory blessing for the new month and observance of rosh chodesh (with hallel and a second scroll reading) are given for the first day of the Hebrew month. Those who also wish to observe rosh chodesh on the thirtieth day of the preceding month (and therefore may need to bless the month a week earlier) will find these in parentheses.

There are some instances where there is a discrepancy in the chapter and verse divisions between Jewish and non-Jewish editions of the Bible. As this calendar follows the Jewish system, it is advised that a Jewish edition of the Bible is used for all readings.

This calendar is based in form and content on the previous calendars edited by Rabbis Jonathan Romain and Reuven Silverman.

The readings are also published as part of the calendar on the Movement for Reform Judaism website. Queries, comments and corrections should be addressed to me c/o Radlett Reform Synagogue, 118 Watling Street, Radlett, Hertfordshire WD7 7AA or rabbipaul@radlettreform.org.uk.

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Calendar of Torah and Haftarah Readings 5776-5778




DATES OF FESTIVALS

		5776 2015-16	5777 2016-17	5778 2017-18
Erev 1 st Day Rosh Hashanah	1 Tishri	13 September	2 October	20 September
1 st Day Rosh Hashanah	1 Tishri	14 September	3 October	21 September
2 nd Day Rosh Hashanah	2 Tishri	15 September	4 October	22 September
Kol Nidre	10 Tishri	22 September	11 October	29 September
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri	23 September	12 October	30 September
Erev 1 st Day Sukkot	15 Tishri	27 September	16 October	4 October
1 st Day Sukkot	15 Tishri	28 September	17 October	5 October
Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	22 Tishri	4 October	23 October	11 October
Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	22 Tishri	5 October	24 October	12 October
1 st Night Chanukkah	25 Kislev	6 December	24 December	12 December
Tu BiSh'vat	15 Sh'vat	25 January	11 February	31 January
Erev Purim	14 Adar	23 March	11 March	28 February
Purim	14 Adar	24 March	12 March	1 March
1 st Seder Night	15 Nisan	22 April	10 April	30 March
1 st Day Pesach	15 Nisan	23 April	11 April	31 March
Erev 7 th Day Pesach	21 Nisan	28 April	16 April	5 April
7 th Day Pesach	21 Nisan	29 April	17 April	6 April
Erev Yom Ha-Shoah	27 Nisan*	4 May	23 April ⁽⁺¹⁾	11 April
Yom Ha-Shoah	27 Nisan*	5 May	24 April ⁽⁺¹⁾	12 April
Erev Yom Ha-Atzma'ut	5 Iyar*	11 May ⁽⁻¹⁾	1 May ⁽⁺¹⁾	18 April ⁽⁻¹⁾
Yom Ha-Atzma'ut	5 Iyar*	12 May ⁽⁻¹⁾	2 May ⁽⁺¹⁾	19 April ⁽⁻¹⁾
Lag Ba-Omer	18 Iyar	26 May	14 May	3 May
Erev Shavuot	6 Sivan	11 June	30 May	19 May
Shavuot	6 Sivan	12 June	31 May	20 May
Erev Tishah B'Av	9 Av*	13 August ⁽⁺¹⁾	31 July	21 July ⁽⁺¹⁾
Tishah B'Av	9 Av*	14 August ⁽⁺¹⁾	1 August	22 July ⁽⁺¹⁾




* In the years indicated, observance is brought forward or deferred to fall on a different Hebrew date.

Note that the Hebrew date advances at sunset, therefore the festival eve (Erev) and festival day have the same Hebrew date listed.



14 September 2015

 Genesis 22:1-19
 Deuteronomy 29:9-14
 Isaiah 55:1-13




15 September 2015

 Genesis 21:1-21
 Leviticus 23:23-32
 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10



19 September 2015

Va-yeilech
 Deuteronomy 31:14-24
 or Deuteronomy 31:14-30
 Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20 & Joel 2:15-16



23 September 2015

 Exodus 33:12-34:9
 Leviticus 19:1-18
 Isaiah 57:14-58:14




23 September 2015

 Deuteronomy 30:8-20
 Book of Jonah



26 September 2015

Ha'azinu
 Deuteronomy 32:30-43
 or Deuteronomy 32:40-52
 2 Samuel 22:1-51




28 September 2015

 Leviticus 23:39-44
 Deuteronomy 28:1-6
 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

03 October 2015

 Deuteronomy 8:1-18
 or Deuteronomy 16:13-17
 Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
 or Ecclesiastes 2:1-26
 or Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

05 October 2015

 Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Genesis 1:1-2:3
 Joshua 1:1-9

1 Tishri 5776 Rosh Hashanah

Binding of Isaac
 All Israel stands before God
 The call to return to God

2 Tishri 5776 Rosh Hashanah (2nd Day)

Birth of Isaac and expulsion of Ishmael
 Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
 Birth of Samuel and Hannah's Song of Praise

6 Tishri 5776 Shabbat Shuvah

Moses' last days
 Moses' final warning
 Call to repentance

10 Tishri 5776 Yom Kippur

Moses encounters the divine presence
 The holiness code
 What God requires as true penitence

10 Tishri 5776 Yom Kippur - Afternoon

Choice between life and death
 Repentance and forgiveness

13 Tishri 5776

Farewell song of Moses
 Appointment of Joshua, Law entrusted to the priests; Israel's joy in God's salvation
 Song of David

15 Tishri 5776 Sukkot 1st Day

The laws of Sukkot
 Blessings
 Solomon's prayer

20 Tishri 5776 Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Sukkot



God's protection of Israel throughout her wanderings
 The laws of Sukkot
 The achievement of wisdom
 Restoration of Israel in Messianic Days

22 Tishri 5776 Sh'mini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah

The death of Moses
 Creation
 The succession of Joshua

10 October 2015

B'reishit

 Genesis 2:4-25
or
Genesis 1:24-2:25
 Isaiah 42:5-43:10



27 Tishri 5776 Blessing for Cheshvan

Creation of man and woman

God the Creator of the world

17 October 2015

Noach

 Genesis 6:9-7:5
or
Genesis 6:9-7:24
 Isaiah 24:1-23



4 Cheshvan 5776

Noah and the catastrophe of the flood

Catastrophe at Judgment Day

24 October 2015

Lech L'cha



 Genesis 12:1-20
or
Genesis 12:1-13:12
 Isaiah 43:11-21

11 Cheshvan 5776

Call of Abraham
Separation of Abraham and Lot
Rescue from captivity to proclaim God's praise

31 October 2015

Va-yeira



 Genesis 18:1-19
or
Genesis 18:1-33
 2 Kings 4:8-37

18 Cheshvan 5776

Promise of a son for Abraham and Sarah
Abraham intercedes for Sodom
Shunamite woman is promised a son

07 November 2015

Chayyei Sarah


 Genesis 23:1-20
or
Genesis 23:1-24:9
 Proverbs 31:10-31
or
2 Samuel 1:17-2:11


25 Cheshvan 5776 Blessing for Kislev

Death of Sarah; Burial in Hebron
Abraham seeks wife for Isaac
A woman of virtue
David mourns Saul and Jonathan; David reigns in Hebron

14 November 2015

Tol'dot

 Genesis 25:19-26:5



or
Genesis 25:19-26:12
 1 Samuel 1:1-20

2 Kislev 5776

Birth of Jacob and Esau; selling of birthright
Isaac and the Philistines
Birth of Samuel

21 November 2015

Va-yeitzei



 Genesis 28:10-29:11
or
Genesis 28:10-29:20
 Joshua 4:1-14

9 Kislev 5776

Jacob's dream and stone of memorial
Jacob serves Laban for a wife
Joshua crosses Jordan and erects memorial stones



28 November 2015

Va-yishlach

 Genesis 32:4-30
or Genesis 32:4-33
 Obadiah 1: 1-21

05 December 2015





Va-yeishev

 Genesis 37:1-22
or Genesis 37:1-36
 Amos 2:6-3:8

07 December 2015



12 December 2015

Mikkeitz

 Genesis 41:25-49
or Genesis 41:1-44
  Numbers 7:87-89
 Zechariah 4:1-14



19 December 2015

Va-yiggash

 Genesis 44:18-45:7
or Genesis 44:18-45:18
 1 Kings 18:1-15



26 December 2015

Va-y'chi

 Genesis 48:8-22
or Genesis 47:28-48:22
 Proverbs 4:1-27
or Isaiah 65:8-25



02 January 2016

Sh'mot

 Exodus 1:1-22
or Exodus 1:1-2:10
 Isaiah 27:6-13

09 January 2016

Va-eira

 Exodus 6:2-13
or Exodus 6:2-7:7
 Ezekiel 20:2-12

16 Kislev 5776

Jacob wrestles with messenger of God

Israel's triumph over enemies prophesied

23 Kislev 5776 (some - Blessing for 'Tevet')

Dreams of the young Joseph
Brothers sell Joseph into slavery
Amos castigates Israel for selling the tzaddik for silver

25 Kislev 5776 Chanukkah (1st Day)

**30 Kislev 5776 Shabbat Chanukkah
Blessing for Tevet, Machar Chodesh
(or Shabbat 'Rosh Chodesh')**

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams
Joseph's elevation to viceroy
Dedication offering of the altar
Vision of the candlestick

7 Tevet 5776

Joseph reveals true identity

Elijah reveals true identity

14 Tevet 5776

Jacob's death-bed blessing to Ephraim and Manasseh

Father's advice to his son

Blessing of the faithful

21 Tevet 5776

Oppression in Egypt

Infancy of Moses

Deliverance vouchsafed by God

28 Tevet 5776 Blessing for Sh'vat



Name of God and promise of redemption

Mission of Moses and Aaron

God brought the Israelites out of Egypt for the sake of God's name

16 January 2016

Bo

 Exodus 10:1-20
or
Exodus 10:1-29
 Jeremiah 46:13-28



6 Sh'vat 5776

Plague of locusts, plague of darkness

Prophecy against Egypt

23 January 2016

B'shallach

 Exodus 13:17-14:14
or
Exodus 13:17-14:25
 Judges 4:4-24

13 Sh'vat 5776 Shabbat Shirah

Crossing of sea and victory over Egyptians



Victory over Canaanites

25 January 2016

15 Sh'vat 5776 Tu BiSh'vat

30 January 2016

Yitro



 Exodus 18:1-23
or
Exodus 18:1-27
 1 Kings 3:1-15

20 Sh'vat 5776

Arrival of Jethro
Advice to Moses for judging people
Solomon's prayer for wisdom

06 February 2016

Mishpatim



 Exodus 21:1-19
or
Exodus 21:1-27
 Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26

27 Sh'vat 5776 Blessing for Adar I

Legislation concerning slavery, murder, personal injuries etc
Condemnation for reversing the release of slaves

13 February 2016

T'rumah



 Exodus 25:1-22
or
Exodus 25:1-30
 1 Kings 5:26-6:13

4 Adar I 5776

Materials for tabernacle, ark and appurtenances
Building Solomon's Temple

20 February 2016

T'zavveh


 Exodus 27:20-28:21
or
Exodus 27:20-28:30
 1 Samuel 23:1-13


11 Adar I 5776

The eternal light, the ephod, the breastplate
David consults the Ephod

27 February 2016

Ki Tissa

 Exodus 31:1-32:6




or
Exodus 31:1-32:14
 Ezekiel 36:23-38

18 Adar I 5776

Craftsmen of the tabernacle. Observance of Shabbat
Golden Calf
Moral purification of Israel



05 March 2016

Va-yakhel

-  Exodus 35:1-20
- or Exodus 35:1-29
-  Exodus 30:11-16
-  2 Kings 12:1-17
- or 1 Kings 7:40-50




12 March 2016

P'kudei

-  Exodus 38:21-39:1
- or Exodus 38:21-39:7
-  1 Kings 7:51-8:21

19 March 2016

Va-yikra



-  Leviticus 1:1-2:6
- or Leviticus 1:1-2:16
-  Deuteronomy 25:17-19
-  1 Samuel 30:1-18
- or 1 Samuel 2:11-21

24 March 2016

 The Book of Esther




26 March 2016

Tzav

-  Leviticus 6:1-23
- or Leviticus 6:1-7:10
-  Jeremiah 7:21-29; 9:22-23





02 April 2016

Sh'mini

-  Leviticus 9:1-15
- or Leviticus 9:1-24
-  Numbers 19:1-10
-  Ezekiel 36:23-38

09 April 2016

Tazria

-  Leviticus 12:1-8
- or Leviticus 12:1-13:8
-  Genesis 1:14-19
-  Exodus 12:1-11
-  2 Kings 23:1-27
- or Ezra 6:19-7:10

25 Adar I 5776

**Shabbat Sh'kalim
Blessing for Adar II**

The Shabbat and gifts for the tabernacle

Law of half-shekel donation for the Temple
Jehoiada's chest for Temple funds

Meticulous construction of God's sanctuary

2 Adar II 5776

Tabernacle inventory

Completion of the Temple for God's presence.

9 Adar II 5776

Shabbat Zachor

The burnt offering and the meal offering

Remembrance of Amalek

David saves his two wives and an Amalekite's servant

Samuel is raised by Eli the priest. His parents visit at the time of the annual sacrifice.

14 Adar II 5776

Purim

The Jews of Shushan are saved

16 Adar II 5776

Further instructions concerning the sacrificial offerings

Sacrifices are no substitute for obeying God, practising kindness, justice and righteousness.

23 Adar II 5776

**Shabbat Parah
Blessing for Nisan**

Aaron and his sons officiate in the tabernacle

The Red Heifer

Moral purification of Israel

1 Nisan 5776

**Shabbat Ha-chodesh
Shabbat Rosh Chodesh**

Purification after childbirth

The priest investigates plagues

Creation of sun, moon and stars



Pesach instructions

Josiah revives Pesach





Exiles celebrate Pesach

16 April 2016





M'tzora

 Leviticus 14:1-20
or
Leviticus 14:1-32
 Malachi 3:4-24 (note verse 23 is repeated after verse 24)

23 April 2016

 Exodus 12:37-51
  Deuteronomy 8:10-18
 Ezekiel 37:1-14

29 April 2016

 Exodus 14:30-15:18
  Deuteronomy 4:32-39
 2 Samuel 22:1-7, 17-31





30 April 2016

Acharei Mot

 Leviticus 16:1-17
or
Leviticus 16:1-24
 Zechariah 3:1-10

07 May 2016



K'doshim

 Leviticus 19:23-37
or
Leviticus 19:23-20:7
  Deuteronomy 11:8-12
 Micah 4:1-13

12 May 2016



14 May 2016

Emor

 Leviticus 21:1-15
or
Leviticus 21:1-22:9
 Ezekiel 44:15-31

21 May 2016

B'har

 Leviticus 25:1-13
or
Leviticus 25:1-18
 Jeremiah 34:6-15

26 May 2016

8 Nisan 5776 Shabbat Ha-gadol

Purification from plague

Approach of the Day of Judgment

15 Nisan 5776 Pesach, 1st Day

Exodus from Egypt
Danger of forgetting God in times of prosperity
Vision of the valley of dry bones

21 Nisan 5776 Pesach, 7th Day

The Song at the Red Sea
Uniqueness of the God of Israel
David's song of thanksgiving

22 Nisan 5776

Atonement ritual of the High Priest in the Holy of Holies
Vision of the Atonement of Joshua the High Priest

**29 Nisan 5776 Shabbat Atzma'ut
Blessing for Iyar, Mochoratayim
Chodesh**

Laws of holiness

The Land of Israel
Zion's restoration and future glory

4 Iyar 5776 Yom Ha-Atzma'ut

6 Iyar 5776

Laws concerning priests

Laws concerning priests

13 Iyar 5776



Sabbatical and Jubilee

Proclaiming release for slaves in the time of Zedekiah, as in the seventh year

18 Iyar 5776 Lag Ba-Omer



28 May 2016

B'chukkotai

 Leviticus 26:3-13
 or Leviticus 26:3-20
 Jeremiah 16:19-17:14



04 June 2016

B'midbar





 Numbers 1:1-19
 or Numbers 1:1-47
 2 Samuel 24:1-14

11 June 2016

Naso


 Numbers 5:1-16
 or Numbers 5:1-31
 Ezekiel 18:1-23


12 June 2016

 Exodus 19:16-20:17
  Deuteronomy 16:9-12
 Ruth 1:1-22
 or Isaiah 6:1-13

18 June 2016



B'ha'alot'cha

 Numbers 9:15-10:13

 or Numbers 9:1-10:13
 Joshua 6:1-20



25 June 2016

Sh'lach L'cha

 Numbers 13:25-14:10
 or Numbers 13:1-14:10
 Joshua 2:1-24



02 July 2016

Korach

 Numbers 16:1-19
 or Numbers 16:1-17:5
 1 Samuel 11:14-12:22

09 July 2016

Chukkat

 Numbers 20:1-21
 or Numbers 20:1-29
 1 Kings 11:1-13
 or Isaiah 41:1-20

20 Iyar 5776

Blessings
 and curses
 Choice between blessings and curses

27 Iyar 5776 Blessing for Sivan

Moses numbers Israelites
 Details of the census
 David numbers the Israelites

5 Sivan 5776

Expulsion of lepers; the Restitution of wrongs; Ordeal of jealousy
 Retribution, repentance and forgiveness

6 Sivan 5776 Shavuot

The Ten Commandments
 The laws of Shavuot
 Covenant of Abraham
 God's revelation to Isaiah

12 Sivan 5776

Cloud over the tabernacle; the silver trumpets
 The second Passover
 The fall of Jericho

19 Sivan 5776

Report of the spies on the land of Israel
 The spies at Jericho

26 Sivan 5776 Blessing for Tammuz

Korach challenges Moses' leadership



 The people rebel against God in asking for an earthly king

3 Tammuz 5776

Moses is punished at Meribah, conflict with Edomites; death of Aaron
 Solomon is punished for lapses
 God will quench the thirst of poor and needy

16 July 2016

Balak

 Numbers 22:2-20
or
Numbers 22:2-31
 Micah 5:6-6:8



10 Tammuz 5776

Hiring of Balaam to curse Israel

God's protection of Israel against Balaam and others in the past and the duties God now requires

23 July 2016

Pinchas

 Numbers 25:10-26:4
or
Numbers 25:10-26:11
 1 Kings 19:1-21



17 Tammuz 5776

Zeal of Pinchas; second census

The zeal of Elijah

30 July 2016

Mattot

 Numbers 30:2-17
 1 Samuel 1:1-20
or
Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

24 Tammuz 5776 Blessing for Av



Women's vows

Hannah makes a vow

First of three haftarot of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

06 August 2016

Mas'ei

 Numbers 33:1-10
or
Numbers 33:1-39
 Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2



2 Av 5776

Review of wanderings in stages

Eventual reward of the faithful; second of three haftarot of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

13 August 2016

D'varim

 Deuteronomy 1:1-21
or
Deuteronomy 1:1-33
 Isaiah 1:1-27

9 Av 5776 Shabbat Chazon

Moses reviews the journey from Sinai to Kadesh

The vision of Isaiah.

Third haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av`

13 August 2016

 Lamentations - a selection

10 Av 5776 Tishah B'Av - Evening Service

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

14 August 2016

 Deuteronomy 4:25-40
 2 Samuel 1:17-27



10 Av 5776 Tishah B'Av

Faith in the day of distress

Saul and Jonathan

20 August 2016

Va-etchannan

 Deuteronomy 3:23-4:14
or
Deuteronomy 3:23-4:31
 Isaiah 40:1-26



16 Av 5776 Shabbat Nachamu

Moses' prayer and its rejection; appeal for obedience

Words of consolation



27 August 2016

Eikev

 Deuteronomy 9:1-19
or Deuteronomy 9:1-29
 Isaiah 50:1-51:3



03 September 2016

R'eih

 Deuteronomy 11:26-12:10
or Deuteronomy 11:26-12:28
 Isaiah 54:11-55:5
or 1 Samuel 20:18-42



10 September 2016

Shof'tim

 Deuteronomy 16:18-17:13
or Deuteronomy 16:18-17:20
 1 Samuel 8:1-22



17 September 2016

Ki Teitzei

 Deuteronomy 21:10-22:7
or Deuteronomy 21:10-22:12
 Proverbs 23:15-26
or Amos 5:6-24

24 September 2016



Ki Tavo

 Deuteronomy 26:1-19
or Deuteronomy 26:1-27:8
 Nehemiah 8:1-12





or Isaiah 60:1-22

01 October 2016





Nitzavim

 Deuteronomy 29:9-28
 Isaiah 61:10-62:12, 63:1-9

03 October 2016

 Genesis 22:1-19
  Deuteronomy 29:9-14
 Isaiah 55:1-13

04 October 2016

 Genesis 21:1-21
  Leviticus 23:23-32
 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10

23 Av 5776 (some - Blessing for 'Elul')

Review of the Golden Calf episode

God's compassion for Israel despite her sins

**30 Av 5776 Blessing for Elul
Machar Chodesh (or Shabbat 'Rosh Chodesh')**

Way in which God is to be worshipped

Consolation in the everlasting covenant
New Moon sets the scene for Covenant between David and Jonathan

7 Elul 5776

Position of judges and kings

Israelites demand a king to rule over them

14 Elul 5776

Family laws, rebellious son; laws of kindness and miscellaneous laws
A wise and righteous son
Condemnation of wrong-doing

21 Elul 5776

Tithes and regard for the needy Covenant between God and Israel
Exiles re-gather in Jerusalem in the seventh month
Jerusalem rejoices in God's glory

28 Elul 5776

Covenant and failure to follow it
The joy that springs from loyalty

1 Tishri 5777 Rosh Hashanah



Binding of Isaac
All Israel stands before God
The call to return to God

2 Tishri 5777 Rosh Hashanah (2nd Day)





Birth of Isaac and expulsion of Ishmael
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
Birth of Samuel and Hannah's Song of Praise

08 October 2016



Va-yeilech

 Deuteronomy 31:1-9
or Deuteronomy 31:1-13
 Hosea 14:2-10, Micah
7:18-20 Joel 2:15-16



12 October 2016

 Exodus 33:12-34:9
  Leviticus 19:1-18
 Isaiah 57:14-58:14





12 October 2016

 Deuteronomy 30:8-20
 Book of Jonah


15 October 2016


 Deuteronomy 32:1-12
or Deuteronomy 32:1-18
 2 Samuel 22:1-51

17 October 2016





 Leviticus 23:39-44
  Deuteronomy 28:1-6
 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

22 October 2016

 Deuteronomy 8:1-18



or Deuteronomy 16:13-17
 Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
or Ecclesiastes 2:1-26
or Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

24 October 2016

 Deuteronomy 34:1-12
  Genesis 1:1-2:3
 Joshua 1:1-9



29 October 2016

B'reishit

 Genesis 3:1-21
or Genesis 3:1-24
 Isaiah 61:1-11

05 November 2016

Noach

 Genesis 9:1-17
or Genesis 8:1-9:17
 Isaiah 54:1-55:5

6 Tishri 5777 Shabbat Shuvah

Moses prepares for death

Call for repentance

10 Tishri 5777 Yom Kippur

Moses encounters the divine presence
The holiness code
What God requires as true penitence

10 Tishri 5777 Yom Kippur - Afternoon

Choice between life and death
Repentance and forgiveness

13 Tishri 5777 Ha'azinu

Song of Moses

Song of David

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20 Tishri 5777 Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Sukkot

God's protection of Israel throughout her wanderings
The laws of Sukkot
The achievement of wisdom

Restoration of Israel in Messianic Days

22 Tishri 5777 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

The death of Moses
Creation
The succession of Joshua

27 Tishri 5777 Blessing for Cheshvan

Adam and Eve; Expulsion from Eden



God clothes humankind in righteousness

4 Cheshvan 5777

God's covenant with Noah at the end of the flood
God's covenant with Israel

12 November 2016

Lech L'cha



 Genesis 15:1-21
or
Genesis 14:1-15:6
 Isaiah 40:27-41:10

11 Cheshvan 5777

Covenant of the pieces Melchizedek's pact with Abram
God's constant support of Israel

19 November 2016

Va-yeira



 Genesis 19:1-21
or
Genesis 19:1-29
 Ezekiel 18:1-23

18 Cheshvan 5777

Sodom and Gomorrah
Power of repentance

26 November 2016

Chayyei Sarah



 Genesis 24:1-26
or
Genesis 24:1-38
 1 Kings 1:1-31

25 Cheshvan 5777 Blessing for Kislev

Abraham looks to the future and seeks a wife for Isaac
David looks to the future and appoints Solomon his heir

03 December 2016

Tol'dot



 Genesis 26:12-29
or
Genesis 26:12-35
 2 Samuel 23:1-17

3 Kislev 5777

Isaac's problems with the Philistines; their peace treaty
David's men gain water from the Philistines

10 December 2016

Va-yeitzei



 Genesis 29:12-30
or
Genesis 29:31-30:24
 Hosea 12:13-13:8; 14:9-10

10 Kislev 5777

Jacob's service for Rachel
Rachel, Leah and their children
Sins of Israel, mention of Jacob's service

17 December 2016

Va-yishlach

 Genesis 33:1-20
or
Genesis 33:1-34:31
 Hosea 12:1-11

17 Kislev 5777

Jacob's reconciliation with Esau
The rape of Dinah
Comparison of history of Israel with life of Jacob

24 December 2016

Va-yeishev

 Genesis 39:1-18
or
Genesis 39:1-23
 Amos 2:6-3:8

24 Kislev 5777 Blessing for Tevet





Joseph resists seduction by Potiphar's wife
Prophet warns against injustice and immorality

25 December 2016

25 Kislev 5777 Chanukkah (1st Day)



31 December 2016

Mikkeitz

 Genesis 42:1-23
 or Genesis 42:1-38
  Numbers 7:84-86
 Zechariah 4:1-14



07 January 2017

Va-yiggash

 Genesis 45:8-28
 or Genesis 45:8-46:7
 Ezekiel 37:1-28



14 January 2017

Va-y'chi

 Genesis 49:33-50:13
 or Genesis 49:1-33
 1 Kings 2:1-12





21 January 2017

Sh'mot

 Exodus 3:1-22
 or Exodus 2:11-3:15
 Jeremiah 1:1-19



28 January 2017

Va-eira

 Exodus 6:29-7:18
 or Exodus 7:19-8:6
  Genesis 1:14-19
 Isaiah 66:1-23
 or Ezekiel 28:25-29:21



04 February 2017

Bo

 Exodus 11:1-12:11
 or Exodus 11:1-12:28
 I Samuel 6:1-15

11 February 2017

B'shallach

 Exodus 14:26-15:27
 or Exodus 15:19-16:10
 Judges 5:1-31

2 Tevet 5777 Shabbat Chanukkah

Joseph tests his brothers
 Dedication of the altar
 Vision of the candlestick

9 Tevet 5777

The twelve brothers are reunited in harmony
 Jacob journeys to Egypt
 Return and reunification of the tribes

16 Tevet 5777

Deaths of Jacob and Joseph
 Blessing of the tribes of Israel
 Death of King David

23 Tevet 5777 Blessing for Sh'vat

Moses encounters his kinsfolk, marries Zipporah
 The call of Moses at burning bush
 The call of Jeremiah

1 Sh'vat 5777 Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Moses and the magicians; The plagues of blood and frogs
 Creation of sun, moon and stars
 Reward of the faithful
 Prophecy against Pharaoh

8 Sh'vat 5777



Passover
 Warning of the tenth plague
 The plague upon the Philistines

**15 Sh'vat 5777 Shabbat Shirah
 Tu BiSh'vat**

Pursuit of Egyptians; Song of the Sea
 Song of Miriam; Journey to Sinai
 Song of Deborah





18 February 2017

Yitro

-  Exodus 18:24-19:13
- or Exodus 19:1-25
-  2 Chronicles 19:4-11
- or Joshua 24:1-24



25 February 2017

Mishpatim

-  Exodus 22:20-23:13
- or Exodus 22:1-30
-   Exodus 30:11-16
-  2 Kings 12:1-17
- or Amos 5:1-24





04 March 2017

T'rumah

-  Exodus 25:23-40
- or Exodus 25:23-26:14
-  Isaiah 49:1-13

11 March 2017

T'tzavveh





-  Exodus 28:29-29:9
- or Exodus 28:31-29:18
-   Deuteronomy 25:17-19
-  1 Samuel 30:1-18
- or 1 Samuel 23:1-13

12 March 2017

 The Book of Esther





18 March 2017

Ki Tissa

-  Exodus 32:7-20
- or Exodus 32:15-35
-   Numbers 19:1-10
-  Ezekiel 36:23-38
- or 1 Kings 12:25-13:10

25 March 2017

Va-yakhel - P'kudei

-  Exodus 35:20-35 / 39:1-20
- or Exodus 35:20-36:7 / 39:1-32
-   Exodus 12:1-11
-  2 Kings 23:1-27
- or Ezra 6:19-7:10
- or Jeremiah 9:22-10:16

22 Sh'vat 5777

The Revelation at Sinai

Jehoshaphat instructs the judges
Ratification of the Covenant by Joshua

29 Sh'vat 5777

**Shabbat Sh'kalim
Blessing for Adar, Mochoratayim
Chodesh**

Laws: civil, criminal, ritual and ethical

Law of half-shekel donation for the Temple
Jehoiada's chest for Temple funds
The supremacy of justice

6 Adar 5777

The sanctuary - the table and menorah
Curtains and covering of the tabernacle
Israel as a light to the nations

13 Adar 5777

Shabbat Zachor

The breastplate of judgment;
Priests' garments and investiture
Remembrance of Amalek
David saves his two wives and an
Amalekite's servant
David consults the Ephod

14 Adar 5777

Purim

The Jews of Shushan are saved

20 Adar 5777

Shabbat Parah

The Golden Calf
The reaction of Moses
The Red Heifer
Moral purification of Israel
Jereboam's idolatry

22 Adar 5777



**Shabbat Ha-chodesh
Blessing for Nisan**

Wisdom in craftsmanship

Pesach instructions
Josiah revives Pesach
Exiles celebrate Pesach
Ethical wisdom

01 April 2017

Va-yikra



 Leviticus 2:7-3:18
or Leviticus 3:1-4:5
 Isaiah 44:6-23

5 Nisan 5777

Meal offering; first fruits
Peace offering; sin-offering
God's greatness contrasted with the sin of idolatry

08 April 2017




Tzav

 Leviticus 7:22-38
or Leviticus 7:22 - 8:13
 Malachi 3:4-24 (note verse 23 is repeated after verse 24)

12 Nisan 5777 Shabbat Ha-gadol

Prohibition of fat and blood
Peace offering; Consecration of priests
Approach of the Day of Judgment




11 April 2017

 Exodus 12:37-51
 Deuteronomy 8:10-18
 Ezekiel 37:1-14

15 Nisan 5777 Pesach, 1st Day

Exodus from Egypt
Danger of forgetting God in times of prosperity
Vision of the valley of dry bones




15 April 2017

 Exodus 13:3-10
 Deuteronomy 10:12-19
 Isaiah 11:1-12:6
or Song of Songs 2:1-17

19 Nisan 5777 Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Pesach

The Pesach laws
The requirements of God
Future Liberation
An allegory of God's relationship with Israel

17 April 2017



 Exodus 14:30-15:18
 Deuteronomy 4:32-39
 2 Samuel 22:1-7, 17-31

21 Nisan 5777 Pesach, 7th Day

The Song at the Red Sea
Uniqueness of the God of Israel
David's song of thanksgiving

22 April 2017

Sh'mini




 Leviticus 10:1-15
or Leviticus 10:1-20
 2 Samuel 6:1-12

26 Nisan 5777 Blessing for Iyar

Deaths of Nadav and Avihu
Ritual restrictions on priests
Death of Uzzah

29 April 2017

Tazria - M'tzora

 Leviticus 13:47-59 / 14:1-20
or Leviticus 13:38-59 / 14:1-32
 Deuteronomy 11:8-12
 Micah 4:1-13
or 2 Kings 7: 3-20

3 Iyar 5777 Shabbat Atzma'ut

Plague affecting persons and garments / Purification from plague



02 May 2017

6 Iyar 5777 Yom Ha-Atzma'ut

The Land of Israel
Zion's restoration and future glory
Elisha heals during siege

06 May 2017

*Acharei Mot -
K'doshim*

-  Leviticus 16:1-17 / 19:23-37
- or Leviticus 16:1-24 / 19:23-20:7
-  Isaiah 5:1-16



10 Iyar 5777

Atonement ritual of the priests / Laws of holiness and prohibition of superstition

Holiness instead of oppression

13 May 2017

Emor

-  Leviticus 22:26-23:16
- or Leviticus 22:26-23:22
-  Jeremiah 17:19-27

17 Iyar 5777

Sacrifices, Shabbat and festivals
Pesach and Shavuot
Shabbat



14 May 2017

18 Iyar 5777

Lag Ba-Omer

20 May 2017

B'har - B'chukkotai

-  Leviticus 25:19-38 / 26:30-46
- or Leviticus 25:19-46 / 26:30-27:15
-  Jeremiah 32:6-27
- or Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

24 Iyar 5777



Blessing for Sivan

Redemption of land and regard for the poor / Punishment and atonement / Redemption of vows and tithes

Redemption of family land and faith in the future
Hope of redemption

27 May 2017





B'midbar

-  Numbers 1:44-54
- or Numbers 1:44-2:4
-  2 Samuel 24:1-14

2 Sivan 5777

The census; Levites excluded
Encampment of the tribes
David's census

31 May 2017

-  Exodus 19:16-20:17
-   Deuteronomy 16:9-12
-  Ruth 1:1-22
- or Isaiah 6:1-13



6 Sivan 5777

Shavuot

The Ten Commandments
The laws of Shavuot
Covenant of Abraham
God's revelation to Isaiah

03 June 2017

Naso



-  Numbers 6:1-21
- or Numbers 6:1-27
-  Judges 13:2-25

9 Sivan 5777

Laws of the Nazirite
Priestly blessing
Birth of Samson

10 June 2017

B'ha'alot'cha



-  Numbers 11:1-18
- or Numbers 11:1-29
-  2 Kings 2:1-15

16 Sivan 5777

Leadership of Israel in the wilderness
Yearning for Egypt; elders prophesy
Elijah's spirit rests upon Elisha



17 June 2017

Sh'lach L'cha

 Numbers 14:1-19
or
Numbers 14:1-30
 Zechariah 8:3-23

24 June 2017


Korach


 Numbers 17:6-26
or
Numbers 17:1-28
 1 Samuel 20:18-42

or
Jeremiah 31:27-40

01 July 2017



Chukkat

 Numbers 20:1-21

or
Numbers 20:1-29
 1 Kings 11:1-13


08 July 2017


Balak

 Numbers 23:1-23
or
Numbers 23:1-30
 Micah 5:6-6:8

15 July 2017

Pinchas


 Numbers 27:1-20
or
Numbers 27:1-23


 Jeremiah 1:1-2:3
or
Joshua 17:1-13

or
Proverbs 31:10-31

22 July 2017

Mattot - Mas'ei

 Numbers 32:1-19 / 35:9-34
or
Numbers 32:1-32 / 35:9-36:13

 Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2

23 Sivan 5777 (some - Blessing for 'Tammuz')

Moses pleads with God to spare Israel

God will save Israel despite their provocations

30 Sivan 5777 Blessing for Tammuz Machar Chodesh (or Shabbat 'Rosh Chodesh')

Aaron's position is vindicated following the rebellion of Korach
New Moon sets the scene for Covenant between David and Jonathan
New covenant to be made with Israel

7 Tammuz 5777

Death of Miriam; Moses is punished for striking the rock
Conflict with Edomites; death of Aaron
Solomon is punished for lapses

14 Tammuz 5777

Balaam prophesies pre-eminence of Israel
God's power over Balaam
God's power over Israel and her enemies.
Prime human virtues.

21 Tammuz 5777

Daughters of Zelophechad claim inheritance; Joshua appointed successor to Moses
Haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av
Daughters of Zelophechad receive their inheritance
A woman of worth



28 Tammuz 5777 Blessing for Av

Two and a half tribes are allowed to settle East of Jordan / The six cities of refuge for accidental homicide

Eventual reward of the faithful: Second haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

29 July 2017

D'varim

 Deuteronomy 1:21-38
or Deuteronomy 1:21-46
 Isaiah 1:1-27

31 July 2017



 Lamentations - a selection

01 August 2017

 Deuteronomy 4:25-40



05 August 2017

Va-etchannan

 Deuteronomy 5:1-24
or Deuteronomy 5:1-30
 Isaiah 40:1-26

12 August 2017



Eikev

 Deuteronomy 10:1-22
or Deuteronomy 10:1-11:9
 1 Kings 8:1-9

or Isaiah 49:14-51:3

19 August 2017


R'eh

 Deuteronomy 12:29-13:12
or Deuteronomy 12:29-13:19
 Jeremiah 23:15-29

or Isaiah 54:11-55:5

26 August 2017



Shoftim

 Deuteronomy 18:1-22
or Deuteronomy 18:9-19:14

 Isaiah 51:12-52:12

02 September 2017

Ki Teitzei

 Deuteronomy 23:22-24:18
or Deuteronomy 23:16-24:22
 Malachi 2:10-3:7

6 Av 5777 Shabbat Chazon

Incident of the spies reviewed

The vision of Isaiah; Third haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

9 Av 5777 Tishah B'Av - Evening Service

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

9 Av 5777 Tishah B'Av

Faith in the day of distress

13 Av 5777 Shabbat Nachamu

Review of the Revelation at Mt. Sinai

First Haftarah of consolation

20 Av 5777

Review of the second set of the tablets of stone

The tablets remain in the Ark in the Temple

Consolation for Zion

27 Av 5777 Blessing for Elul

Warnings against false prophets and idolatrous worship

Denunciation of false prophets. Return to Zion and to God

Third Haftarah of consolation

4 Elul 5777

Against sorcery, false prophecy cities of refuge; against moving neighbour's landmark

Consolation for Israel, redemption for mankind

11 Elul 5777



Miscellaneous laws; divorce

Social justice

Protest against Israel's divorce from God and her injustice



09 September 2017

Ki Tavo



 Deuteronomy 27:9-26
or Deuteronomy 27:9-28:14
 Isaiah 61:1-10

16 September 2017



Nitzavim - Va-yeilech

 Deuteronomy 30:1-20
or Deuteronomy 30:1-31:9
 Isaiah 61:10-62:12, 63:1-9

21 September 2017



 Genesis 22:1-19
or Deuteronomy 29:9-14
 Isaiah 55:1-13

22 September 2017





 Genesis 21:1-21
or Leviticus 23:23-32
 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10

23 September 2017



Ha'azinu

 Deuteronomy 32:19-29
or Deuteronomy 32:13-29
 Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20 & Joel 2:15-16





30 September 2017

 Exodus 33:12-34:9
  Leviticus 19:1-18
 Isaiah 57:14-58:14


30 September 2017




 Deuteronomy 30:8-20
 Book of Jonah

05 October 2017

 Leviticus 23:39-44
  Deuteronomy 28:1-6
 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

07 October 2017

 Deuteronomy 8:1-18

  Deuteronomy 16:13-17
 Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
or Ecclesiastes 2:1-26
or Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

18 Elul 5777

The curses for transgression and the blessings for faithfulness
End of retribution, beginning of blessings

25 Elul 5777

Value of repentance
Moses appoints Joshua his successor
Israel's joy in God's salvation

1 Tishri 5778 Rosh Hashanah

Binding of Isaac
All Israel stands before God
The call to return to God

2 Tishri 5778 Rosh Hashanah (2nd Day)

Birth of Isaac and expulsion of Ishmael
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
Birth of Samuel and Hannah's Song of Praise

3 Tishri 5778 Shabbat Shuvah

Song of Moses
Call to repentance

10 Tishri 5778 Yom Kippur

Moses encounters the divine presence
The holiness code
What God requires as true penitence

10 Tishri 5778 Yom Kippur - Afternoon

Choice between life and death
Repentance and forgiveness

15 Tishri 5778 Sukkot 1st Day





The laws of Sukkot
Blessings
Solomon's prayer

17 Tishri 5778 Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Sukkot

God's protection of Israel throughout her wanderings
The laws of Sukkot
The achievement of wisdom



Restoration of Israel in Messianic Days

12 October 2017

 Deuteronomy 34:1-12
  Genesis 1:1-2:3
 Joshua 1:1-9





14 October 2017

B'reishit

 Genesis 4:1-16
 or Genesis 4:1-5:1
 Zechariah 7:8-8:15



21 October 2017

Noach

 Genesis 11:1-9
 or Genesis 11:1-32
  Genesis 1:14-19
 Isaiah 66:1-23
 or 1 Kings 12:1-24



28 October 2017

Lech L'cha

 Genesis 17:1-21
 or Genesis 17:1-27
 Isaiah 59:1-22



04 November 2017

Va-yeira

 Genesis 21:1-21
 or Genesis 21:1-34
 Isaiah 51:1-8



11 November 2017

Chayyei Sarah

 Genesis 24:53-67
 or Genesis 24:34-67
 1 Samuel 19:1-18

18 November 2017

Tol'dot

 Genesis 27:1-29
 or Genesis 27:1-40
 Judges 8:22-28
 or 1 Samuel 20:18-42

22 Tishri 5778 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

The death of Moses
 Creation
 The succession of Joshua

24 Tishri 5778 Blessing for Cheshvan

Cain and Abel
 Cain's descendants
 Brotherly love

1 Cheshvan 5778 Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Babel and the division of the nations
 Genealogy up to Abraham
 Creation of sun, moon and stars
 The eventual reward of the faithful
 Division between kingdoms of Judah and Israel

8 Cheshvan 5778

Covenant of circumcision with Isaac and Ishmael
 Ethical covenant with Israel overcomes injustice

15 Cheshvan 5778

Birth of Isaac and expulsion of Ishmael
 Abraham's treaty with Avimelech
 Salvation for the children of Abraham and Sarah

22 Cheshvan 5778



Rebekah comforts her husband Isaac
 Michal saves her husband David

**29 Cheshvan 5778 Blessing for Kislev
 Machar Chodesh**

Jacob's deception to gain Isaac's blessing;
 Esau is blessed
 Gideon, gold earrings and idolatry
 New Moon sets the scene for Covenant between David and Jonathan

25 November 2017

Va-yeitzei



 Genesis 31:36-32:3
or Genesis 31:17-32:3
 Hosea 11:7-12:12

7 Kislev 5778

Jacob's departure from Haran
Laban's farewell to his children
God's paternal love for Israel

02 December 2017

Va-yishlach



 Genesis 35:9-29
or Genesis 35:1-29
 Jeremiah 31:1-17

14 Kislev 5778

Jacob becomes Israel
Rachel dies in childbirth
Return from exile prophesied as comfort
for Rachel weeping for her children

09 December 2017

Va-yeishev

 Genesis 40:1-23
or Genesis 39:20-40:23
 Joel 2:21-3:5





21 Kislev 5778

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's servants' dreams
A vision of hope

13 December 2017

16 December 2017

Mikkeitz

 Genesis 44:1-17
or Genesis 43:15-44:17
  Numbers 7:87-89
 Zechariah 4:1-14



25 Kislev 5778 Chanukkah (1st Day)

**28 Kislev 5778 Shabbat Chanukkah
Blessing for Tevet**

Joseph's wisdom in dealing with his brothers
Dedication of the altar
Vision of the candlestick

23 December 2017

Va-yiggash



 Genesis 47:1-22
or Genesis 46:26-47:27
 Jeremiah 29:1-14

5 Tevet 5778

Jacob and his sons are settled in Goshen
Message of hope to the exiles

30 December 2017

Va-y'chi



 Genesis 50:7-26
or Genesis 50:1-26
 Joshua 24:14-32

12 Tevet 5778

Deaths of Jacob and Joseph
Death of Joshua and the burial of Joseph's bones

06 January 2018

Sh'mot



 Exodus 4:1-21
or Exodus 4:1-5:5
 Job 40:1-14
or Isaiah 51:9-16

19 Tevet 5778

Moses' doubts answered by God
Unsuccessful plea to Pharaoh; increased oppression
Job's doubts are answered by God
God puts his words in prophet's mouth, to pursue relief from oppression



13 January 2018

Va-eira

 Exodus 8:12-28
or Exodus 8:12-9:21
 Ezekiel 28:25-29:21



20 January 2018

Bo

 Exodus 12:15-36
or Exodus 12:29-13:16
 2 Chronicles 30:1-12
or Joshua 5:1-15

27 January 2018



B'shallach

 Exodus 16:11-30
or Exodus 16:11-17:16
 Judges 6:1-24

31 January 2018





03 February 2018

Yitro

 Exodus 20:1-18
or Exodus 19:14-20:23
 Isaiah 6:1-13



10 February 2018

Mishpatim

 Exodus 24:1-18
or Exodus 23:14-24:18
  Exodus 30:11-16
 2 Kings 12:1-17





17 February 2018

T'rumah

 Exodus 27:1-19
 1 Kings 8:31-43

24 February 2018

T'tzavveh

 Exodus 29:38-30:10
or Exodus 29:29-30:10
  Deuteronomy 25:17-19
 1 Samuel 30:1-18

26 Tevet 5778 Blessing for Sh'vat

Plagues of gnats, beasts
Plagues of cattle murrain, boils, hail
Prophecy against Egypt

4 Shevat 5778

Pesach regulations
The tenth plague; Israel's departure
Pesach of King Hezekiah
Joshua's circumcision of the Israelites and celebration of Pesach

11 Shevat 5778 Shabbat Shirah

Manna, breach of the Sabbath, water from the rock
Defeat of Amalekites
Gideon's miracles against Israel's enemies

15 Shevat 5778 Tu BiSh'vat

18 Shevat 5778

The Ten Commandments
Revelation and the stone altar
God's revelation to Isaiah

25 Shevat 5778 Blessing for Adar

Shabbat Sh'kalim
Festivals; Ratification of the Covenant
Law of half-shekel donation for the Temple
Jehoiada's chest for Temple funds

2 Adar 5778

The altar and other appurtenances of the tabernacle
Solomon's prayer on completion of the Temple

9 Adar 5778 Shabbat Zachor

Consecration of the priests; daily sacrifices
remembrance of Amalek
David saves his two wives and an Amalekite's servant

01 March 2018

 The Book of Esther

03 March 2018

Ki Tissa


 Exodus 34:10-32

or Exodus 34:10-35



 Joshua 23:1-14

10 March 2018

Va-yakhel - P'kudei

 Exodus 38:1-20 / 40:17-38

or Exodus 38:1-23 / 40:1-38

  Numbers 19:1-10

 Ezekiel 36:23-38

17 March 2018

Va-yikra

 Leviticus 5:1-23

or Leviticus 4:27-5:26

  Genesis 1:14-19

   Exodus 12:1-11

 Isaiah 66:1-23

or 2 Kings 23:21-27


or Ezra 6:19-7:10

24 March 2018

Tzav

 Leviticus 8:1-21

or Leviticus 8:14-36

 Malachi 3:4-24 (note verse 23 is repeated after verse 24)

31 March 2018

 Exodus 12:37-51

  Deuteronomy 8:10-18

 Ezekiel 37:1-14

06 April 2018

 Exodus 14:30-15:18

or Deuteronomy 4:32-39

 2 Samuel 22:1-7, 17-31

14 Adar 5778 Purim

The Jews of Shushan are saved

16 Adar 5778

Expulsion of idolatrous nations

Covenant with Israel

Faithfulness and resistance of the ways of the nations

23 Adar 5778 Shabbat Parah

Blessing for Nisan

Completion of the altar and Accounts of the erection of the tabernacle / Conclusion

The Red Heifer

Moral purification of Israel

1 Nisan 5778 Rosh Chodesh and Shabbat Ha-chodesh

Sin and guilt offerings

Offering for breach of trust

Creation of sun moon and stars

Pesach Instructions

The eventual reward of the faithful

Josiah revives Pesach

Exiles celebrate Pesach

8 Nisan 5778 Shabbat Ha-gadol

Consecration of Aaron and his sons

Sacrifices of inauguration

Approach of the Day of Judgment

15 Nisan 5778 Pesach, 1st Day

Exodus from Egypt

Danger of forgetting God in times of prosperity

Vision of the valley of dry bones

21 Nisan 5778 Pesach, 7th Day



The Song at the Red Sea

Uniqueness of the God of Israel

David's song of thanksgiving





07 April 2018

Sh'mini

 Leviticus 11:1-20
 or Leviticus 11:1-32
 Daniel 1:1-21
 or Isaiah 34:1-35:2

14 April 2018



Tazria - M'tzora

 Leviticus 14:33-48
 or Leviticus 13:47-14:12
  Deuteronomy 11:8-12
 Micah 4:1-13
 or 1 Samuel 20:18-42

19 April 2018



21 April 2018

*Acharei Mot -
K'doshim*

 Leviticus 19:23-37
 or Leviticus 19:23-20:7
 Isaiah 5:1-16

28 April 2018

Emor

 Leviticus 24:10-23
 or Leviticus 24:1-23
 Job 1:1-22
 or Ezekiel 20:27-41

03 May 2018



05 May 2018

B'har

 Leviticus 25:39-26:2
 or Leviticus 25:29-26:2
 Jeremiah 32:6-27

12 May 2018

B'chukkotai

 Leviticus 27:14-34
 or Leviticus 27:1-34
 Ecclesiastes 5:1-19
 or Isaiah 52:1-10

22 Nisan 5778

The dietary laws

Daniel abstains from forbidden foods
 Animals represent desolation, but redemption will come

29 Nisan 5778

**Shabbat Atzma'ut
Blessing for Iyar, Mochoratayim
Chodesh**

Plague in a garment
 Plague on garments and people
 The Land of Israel
 Zion's restoration and future glory
 New Moon sets the scene for covenant between Jonathan & David

4 Iyar 5778

Yom Ha'Atzma'ut

6 Iyar 5778

Laws of holiness

Holiness instead of oppression and injustice.

13 Iyar 5778

The blasphemers
 The lamps and the shewbread
 Job desists from blasphemy and trust in God
 God forgives unfaithfulness

18 Iyar 5778

Lag Ba-Omer

20 Iyar 5778

Redeeming enslaved kinsmen
 Jeremiah redeems his cousin's field



27 Iyar 5778

Blessing for Sivan



Valuation of vows; redemption of people and things devolved to God
 Caution against rash vows to God
 Redemption of Israel

19 May 2018

B'midbar



 Numbers 3:40-4:9
or Numbers 3:40-4:20
 Jeremiah 31:1-20

20 May 2018

 Exodus 19:16-20:17
or Deuteronomy 16:9-12
 Ruth 1:1-22
or Isaiah 6:1-13


26 May 2018


Naso

 Numbers 6:22-7:11
or Numbers 6:22-7:17
 Ezra 1:1-11
or Joshua 22:1-34

02 June 2018



B'ha'alot'cha

 Numbers 11:30-12:16
or Numbers 11:23-12:16

 2 Chronicles 26:11-23
or Habbakuk 3:1-18



09 June 2018

Sh'lach L'cha

 Numbers 15:22-41
or Numbers 15:14-41
 Nehemiah 13:10-22
or Ezekiel 18:23-32



16 June 2018

Korach

 Numbers 18:20-32
or Numbers 18:1-32
 Nehemiah 10:29-40
or Ezekiel 45:1-9

23 June 2018

Chukkat

 Numbers 21:1-20
or Numbers 21:1-22:1
 2 Kings 18:1-8

5 Sivan 5778

Redemption of the first-born
Service of the Kohatites
God will redeem his first-born, Israel

6 Sivan 5778 Shavuot

The Ten Commandments
The laws of Shavuot
Covenant of Abraham
God's revelation to Isaiah

12 Sivan 5778

Priestly blessing; prince's gift for the tabernacle
Gifts from Babylon for temple
Blessing of tribes

19 Sivan 5778

Quails for food in the wilderness
Miriam suffers leprosy; Moses prays to heal her
Uzziah's leprosy
Habbakuk's prayer

26 Sivan 5778 Blessing for Tammuz

Offerings for unintentional sins
Shabbat-breakers; law of the fringes
Enforcement of Shabbat observance
God desires repentance not the death of the wicked

3 Tammuz 5778



Tithes due to Levites and Priests
Maintaining Temple services
Inheritance of Levites, ethics of leadership

10 Tammuz 5778

Israelites speak against God. Serpents punish and cure. Song at the well.
Hezekiah destroys the bronze serpent.

30 June 2018



Balak

 Numbers 24:1-25
or
Numbers 24:1-25:9
 Micah 5:6-6:8

or 1 Samuel 10:1-27


07 July 2018


Pinchas

 Numbers 28:1-15
or
Numbers 28:1-31
 Jeremiah 6:16-7:7
or
Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

14 July 2018



Mattot - Mas'ei

 Numbers 36:1-13

or
Numbers 35:9-36:13
 Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2

21 July 2018

D'varim

 Deuteronomy 2:1-19
or
Deuteronomy 2:1-30
 Isaiah 1:1-27

21 July 2018



 Lamentations - a selection

22 July 2018

 Deuteronomy 4:25-40



28 July 2018

Va-etchannan

 Deuteronomy 6:1-21
or
Deuteronomy 6:1-7:11
 Isaiah 40:1-26

04 August 2018

Eikev

 Deuteronomy 11:10-25
or
Deuteronomy 11:1-25
 Proverbs 3:1-24
or
Isaiah 49:14-51:3

17 Tammuz 5778

Defeat of Amorites; Moabite King hires Balaam as soothsayer to curse Israel
God's protection of Israel against Balaam and others in the past and the duties God now requires
Samuel prophesies kingship of Saul

24 Tammuz 5778 Blessing for Av

Daily, Sabbath and New Moon offerings;
Pilgrim Festivals
Punishment of hypocrisy
First of three haftarot of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

2 Av 5778

Daughters of Zelophchad granted inheritance
Cities of refuge for accidental homicide
Second haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

9 Av 5778 Shabbat Chazon

Truce with Edom and Moab, Ammonites and others
The vision of Isaiah; third haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

10 Av 5778 Tishah B'Av - Evening Service

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

10 Av 5778 Tishah B'Av

Faith in the day of distress

16 Av 5778 Shabbat Nachamu

The Shema; the Exodus
Separation from heathen nations
Message of comfort for Zion



23 Av 5778 (some - Blessing for 'Elul')

Love, obedience and education of children

A father's teaching
Haftarah of consolation - the servant of God



11 August 2018

R'eih

 Deuteronomy 14:22-15:11
or Deuteronomy 14:22-15:18
 Isaiah 54:11-55:5



18 August 2018

Shof'tim

 Deuteronomy 20:10-21:9
or Deuteronomy 20:1-21:9
 Isaiah 51:22-52:12



25 August 2018

Ki Teitzei

 Deuteronomy 24:10-25:4
or Deuteronomy 24:10-25:19
 Isaiah 54:1-10



01 September 2018

Ki Tavo

 Deuteronomy 28:58-29:5
or Deuteronomy 28:58-29:8
 Isaiah 60:1-22

08 September 2018

Nitzavim

 Deuteronomy 30:1-14
or Deuteronomy 30:1-20
 Isaiah 61:10-63:9

30 Av 5778

Blessing for Elul

Machar Chodesh (or Shabbat 'Rosh Chodesh')

Tithes, sabbatical year release of land, debts, slaves
Haftarah of consolation. Return to Zion and to God

7 Elul 5778

Capture of heathen cities
Expiation of untraced murder
God will forgive Israel's sins and elevate her status

14 Elul 5778

Miscellaneous laws
God's unshakeable love for Israel

21 Elul 5778

Penalties for disobedience
Summary of wilderness journey
Glories that divine favour will bring upon Israel

29 Elul 5778

Value of Repentance
Choice between Life and Death
Israel's joy in God's salvation

GLOSSARY

CHANUKKAH	Festival of Dedication
LAG BA-OMER	33 rd Day of Counting of Omer (from Pesach to Shavuot)
MACHAR CHODESH	(Tomorrow is the New Moon) The Shabbat occurring the day before a New Moon, signifying a new month
PESACH	The Festival of Passover
PURIM	The Feast of Lots
ROSH HASHANAH	The New Year
ROSH CHODESH	Day of the New Moon signifying a new month
SHABBAT ATZMA'UT	(Sabbath of Independence) The Shabbat preceding Israel Independence Day (unless Israel Independence Day has moved to avoid Shabbat)
SHABBAT HA-GADOL	(The Great Sabbath) The Shabbat preceding the Festival of Passover
SHABBAT HA-CHODESH	(The Sabbath of this month) A special reading in the month of Adar or Nisan
SHABBAT CHANUKKAH	The Shabbat occurring during the Festival of Dedication
SHABBAT CHAZON	(The Sabbath of the Vision) A special reading for the Shabbat preceding the Fast of 9th of Av
SHABBAT CHOL HA-MO'ED PESACH	The Shabbat occurring during the Festival of Passover
SHABBAT CHOL HA-MO'ED SUKKOT	The Shabbat occurring during the Festival of Tabernacles
SHABBAT NACHAMU	(Sabbath of "Comfort") The Shabbat following the Fast of 9th of Av (with a special Haftarah reading)
SHABBAT PARAH	(Sabbath of "The Red Heifer") Shabbat with a special, additional scroll reading in the month of Adar
SHABBAT SH'KALIM	(Sabbath of "The Shekels") Shabbat with a special, additional scroll reading in the month of Shevat or Adar
SHABBAT SHUVAH	(Sabbath of "Return") The Shabbat occurring between the New Year and the Day of Atonement (with a special Haftarah reading)
SHABBAT ZACHOR	(Sabbath of "Remember") Shabbat with a special, additional scroll reading in the month of Adar

GLOSSARY (Continued)

SHAVUOT	The Festival of Weeks
SH'MINI ATZERET	The 8 th Day of Assembly (the day after the seven days of Sukkot)...
SIMCHAT TORAH	...which is combined with the Festival of the Rejoicing of the Law
SUKKOT	The Festival of Tabernacles
TISHAH B'AV	The Fast of the 9 th of Av
TU BISH'VAT	15 th of Shevat, New Year for Trees
YOM HA-ATZMA'UT	Israel Independence Day
YOM KIPPUR	Day of Atonement

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