



**Calendar of Torah and  
Haftarah Readings  
5779 – 5781  
2018 – 2021**



## 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 accordingly need to include hallel, a second scroll reading (Genesis 1:14-19) and haftarah for rosh chodesh.

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.

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## DATES OF FESTIVALS




|                                     |           | <b>5779<br/>2018-19</b>   | <b>5780<br/>2019-20</b> | <b>5781<br/>2020-21</b>  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Erev Rosh Hashanah                  | 1 Tishri  | 9 September               | 29 September            | 18 September             |
| Rosh Hashanah – 1 <sup>st</sup> Day | 1 Tishri  | 10 September              | 30 September            | 19 September             |
| Rosh Hashanah – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day | 2 Tishri  | 11 September              | 1 October               | 20 September             |
| Kol Nidre                           | 10 Tishri | 18 September              | 8 October               | 27 September             |
| Yom Kippur                          | 10 Tishri | 19 September              | 9 October               | 28 September             |
| Erev Sukkot                         | 15 Tishri | 23 September              | 13 October              | 2 October                |
| Sukkot – 1 <sup>st</sup> Day        | 15 Tishri | 24 September              | 14 October              | 3 October                |
| Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah  | 22 Tishri | 30 September              | 20 October              | 9 October                |
| Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah       | 22 Tishri | 1 October                 | 21 October              | 10 October               |
| Chanukkah – 1 <sup>st</sup> Night   | 25 Kislev | 2 December                | 22 December             | 10 December              |
| Tu BiSh'vat                         | 15 Sh'vat | 21 January                | 10 February             | 28 January               |
| Erev Purim                          | 14 Adar   | 20 March                  | 9 March                 | 25 February              |
| Purim                               | 14 Adar   | 21 March                  | 10 March                | 26 February              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Seder Night         | 15 Nisan  | 19 April                  | 8 April                 | 27 March                 |
| Pesach – 1 <sup>st</sup> Day        | 15 Nisan  | 20 April                  | 9 April                 | 28 March                 |
| Erev Pesach – 7 <sup>th</sup> Day   | 21 Nisan  | 25 April                  | 14 April                | 2 April                  |
| Pesach – 7 <sup>th</sup> Day        | 21 Nisan  | 26 April                  | 15 April                | 3 April                  |
| Erev Yom Ha-Shoah                   | 27 Nisan* | 1 May                     | 20 April                | 7 April <sup>(-1)</sup>  |
| Yom Ha-Shoah                        | 27 Nisan* | 2 May                     | 21 April                | 8 April <sup>(-1)</sup>  |
| Erev Yom Ha-Atzma'ut                | 5 Iyar*   | 8 May <sup>(-1)</sup>     | 28 April                | 14 April <sup>(-2)</sup> |
| Yom Ha-Atzma'ut                     | 5 Iyar*   | 9 May <sup>(-1)</sup>     | 29 April                | 15 April <sup>(-2)</sup> |
| Lag Ba-Omer                         | 18 Iyar   | 23 May                    | 12 May                  | 30 April                 |
| Erev Shavuot                        | 6 Sivan   | 8 June                    | 28 May                  | 16 May                   |
| Shavuot                             | 6 Sivan   | 9 June                    | 29 May                  | 17 May                   |
| Erev Tishah B'Av                    | 9 Av*     | 10 August <sup>(+1)</sup> | 29 July                 | 17 July                  |
| Tishah B'Av                         | 9 Av*     | 11 August <sup>(+1)</sup> | 30 July                 | 18 July                  |

\* 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.

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**10 September 2018**

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




**11 September 2018**

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



**15 September 2018**

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



**19 September 2018**

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




**19 September 2018**

 Deuteronomy 30:8-20  
 Book of Jonah




**22 September 2018**

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




**24 September 2018**

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

**29 September 2018**

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

**01 October 2018**

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

**1 Tishri 5779 Rosh Hashanah**

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

**2 Tishri 5779 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 5779 Shabbat Shuvah**

Moses' last days  
 Moses' final warning  
 Call to repentance

**10 Tishri 5779 Yom Kippur**

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

**10 Tishri 5779 Yom Kippur - Afternoon**

Choice between life and death  
 Repentance and forgiveness

**13 Tishri 5779**

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

**15 Tishri 5779 Sukkot 1st Day**

The laws of Sukkot  
 Blessings  
 Solomon's prayer

**20 Tishri 5779 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 5779 Sh'mini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah**

The death of Moses  
 Creation  
 The succession of Joshua

**06 October 2018**

*B'reishit*

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



**27 Tishri 5779**

**Blessing for Cheshvan**

Creation of man and woman  
God the Creator of the world

**13 October 2018**

*Noach*



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

**4 Cheshvan 5779**

Noah and the catastrophe of the flood  
Catastrophe at Judgment Day

**20 October 2018**

*Lech L'cha*



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

**11 Cheshvan 5779**

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

**27 October 2018**

*Va-yeira*



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

**18 Cheshvan 5779**

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

**03 November 2018**

*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 5779**

**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

**10 November 2018**

*Tol'dot*



 Genesis 25:19-26:5  
or  
Genesis 25:19-26:12  
 1 Samuel 1:1-20

**2 Kislev 5779**

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

**17 November 2018**

*Va-yeitzei*



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

**9 Kislev 5779**

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

**24 November 2018**

*Va-yishlach*



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

**16 Kislev 5779**

Jacob wrestles with messenger of God  
Israel's triumph over enemies prophesied

**01 December 2018**

*Va-yeishev*

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





**23 Kislev 5779**

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

**03 December 2018**

**08 December 2018**

*Mikkeitz*

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



**25 Kislev 5779 Chanukkah (1st Day)**

**30 Kislev 5779 Shabbat Chanukkah  
Blessing for Tevet, Machar Chodesh**

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

**15 December 2018**

*Va-yiggash*



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

**7 Tevet 5779**

Joseph reveals true identity  
  
Elijah reveals true identity

**22 December 2018**

*Va-y'chi*



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

**14 Tevet 5779**

Jacob's death-bed blessing to Ephraim and Manasseh  
Father's advice to his son  
Blessing of the faithful

**29 December 2018**

*Sh'mot*



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

**21 Tevet 5779**

Oppression in Egypt  
Infancy of Moses  
Deliverance vouchsafed by God

**05 January 2019**

*Va-eira*



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

**28 Tevet 5779 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

**12 January 2019**

*Bo*



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

**6 Sh'vat 5779**

Plague of locusts, plague of darkness  
  
Prophecy against Egypt

**19 January 2019**

*B'shallach*

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

**13 Sh'vat 5779 Shabbat Shirah**



Crossing of sea and victory over Egyptians  
  
Victory over Canaanites

**21 January 2019**

**15 Sh'vat 5779 Tu BiSh'vat**

**26 January 2019**

*Yitro*



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

**20 Sh'vat 5779**

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

**02 February 2019**

*Mishpatim*



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

**27 Sh'vat 5779 Blessing for Adar I**

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

**09 February 2019**

*T'rumah*



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

**4 Adar I 5779**

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

**16 February 2019**

*T'tzavveh*



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

**11 Adar I 5779**

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

**23 February 2019**

*Ki Tissa*





 Exodus 31:1-32:6  
  
or Exodus 31:1-32:14  
 Jeremiah 22:1-16  
  
or Jeremiah 17:19-27

**18 Adar I 5779**

Craftsmen of the tabernacle. Observance of Shabbat  
Golden Calf  
Craftmanship still requires ethical behaviour  
Shabbat

**02 March 2019**

*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

**25 Adar I 5779 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

**09 March 2019**

*P'kudei*

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





**2 Adar II 5779**

Tabernacle inventory  
  
Completion of the Temple for God's presence.



**16 March 2019**

*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

**9 Adar II 5779 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.

**21 March 2019**



 The Book of Esther

**14 Adar II 5779 Purim**

The Jews of Shushan are saved

**23 March 2019**

*Tzav*





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

**16 Adar II 5779**

Further instructions concerning the sacrificial offerings  
 Sacrifices are no substitute for obeying God, practising kindness, justice and righteousness.

**30 March 2019**

*Sh'mini*








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

**23 Adar II 5779 Shabbat Parah  
 Blessing for Nisan**

Aaron and his sons officiate in the tabernacle  
 The Red Heifer  
 Moral purification of Israel

**06 April 2019**

*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

**1 Nisan 5779 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

**13 April 2019**





*M'tzora*

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

**8 Nisan 5779 Shabbat Ha-gadol**

Purification from plague  
 Approach of the Day of Judgment

**20 April 2019**




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

**15 Nisan 5779 Pesach, 1st Day**

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

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**26 April 2019**

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




**27 April 2019**

*Acharei Mot*

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

**04 May 2019**



*K'doshim*

 Leviticus 19:1-18  
 Deuteronomy 11:8-12  
 Micah 4:1-13

**09 May 2019**



**11 May 2019**

*Emor*

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

**18 May 2019**



*B'har*

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

**23 May 2019**



**25 May 2019**

*B'chukkotai*

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



**01 June 2019**

*B'midbar*

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

**08 June 2019**

*Naso*

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

**21 Nisan 5779**

**Pesach, 7th Day**

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

**22 Nisan 5779**

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

**29 Nisan 5779**

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

Laws of holiness  
 The Land of Israel  
 Zion's restoration and future glory

**4 Iyyar 5779**

**Yom Ha-Atzma'ut**

**6 Iyyar 5779**

Laws concerning priests  
 Laws concerning priests

**13 Iyyar 5779**

Sabbatical and Jubilee

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

**18 Iyyar 5779**

**Lag Ba-Omer**

**20 Iyyar 5779**

Blessings and curses  
 Choice between blessings and curses

**27 Iyyar 5779**

**Blessing for Sivan**





Moses numbers Israelites  
 Details of the census  
 David numbers the Israelites

**5 Sivan 5779**



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

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**09 June 2019**

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



**15 June 2019**

*B'ha'alot'cha*  
 Numbers 9:15-10:13  
 or  
 Numbers 9:1-10:13  
 Joshua 6:1-20



**22 June 2019**

*Sh'lach L'cha*  
 Numbers 13:25-14:10  
 or  
 Numbers 13:1-14:10  
 Joshua 2:1-24



**29 June 2019**

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



**06 July 2019**

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



**13 July 2019**

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

**20 July 2019**

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

**27 July 2019**

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

**6 Sivan 5779 Shavuot**

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

**12 Sivan 5779**

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

**19 Sivan 5779**

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

**26 Sivan 5779**

**Blessing for Tammuz**

Korach challenges Moses' leadership  
 The people rebel against God in asking for an earthly king

**3 Tammuz 5779**

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

**10 Tammuz 5779**

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

**17 Tammuz 5779**

Zeal of Pinchas; second census  
 The zeal of Elijah

**24 Tammuz 5779**



**Blessing for Av**

Women's vows  
 Hannah makes a vow  
 First of three haftarot of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

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**03 August 2019**

*Mas'ei*



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

**2 Av 5779**

Review of wanderings in stages  
  
Eventual reward of the faithful; second of three haftarot of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

**10 August 2019**

*D'varim*

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

**9 Av 5779 Shabbat Chazon**

Moses reviews the journey from Sinai to Kadesh  
The vision of Isaiah.  
Third haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av`



**10 August 2019**

 Lamentations - a selection

**10 Av 5779 Tishah B'Av - Evening Service**

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

**11 August 2019**



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

**10 Av 5779 Tishah B'Av**

Faith on the day of distress  
Saul and Jonathan

**17 August 2019**

*Va-etchannan*



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

**16 Av 5779 Shabbat Nachamu**

Moses' prayer and its rejection; appeal for obedience  
Words of consolation

**24 August 2019**

*Eikev*



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

**23 Av 5779**

Review of the Golden Calf episode  
  
God's compassion for Israel despite her sins

**31 August 2019**

*R'eih*



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

**30 Av 5779 Blessing for Elul  
Machar 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

**07 September 2019**

*Shof'tim*

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



**7 Elul 5779**

Position of judges and kings  
  
Israelites demand a king to rule over them

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**14 September 2019**

*Ki Teitzei*



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

**14 Elul 5779**

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

**21 September 2019**

*Ki Tavo*



 Deuteronomy 26:1-19  
or Deuteronomy 26:1-27:8  
 Nehemiah 8:1-12  
  
or Isaiah 60:1-22

**21 Elul 5779**

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 September 2019**





*Nitzavim*

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

**28 Elul 5779**

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

**30 September 2019**





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

**1 Tishri 5780**

**Rosh Hashanah**

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

**01 October 2019**

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



**2 Tishri 5780**

**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

**05 October 2019**

*Va-yeilech*





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

**6 Tishri 5780**

**Shabbat Shuvah**

Moses prepares for death  
  
Call for repentance

**09 October 2019**



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

**10 Tishri 5780**

**Yom Kippur**

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

**09 October 2019**

 Deuteronomy 30:8-20  
 Book of Jonah



**10 Tishri 5780**

**Yom Kippur - Afternoon**

Choice between life and death  
Repentance and forgiveness

**12 October 2019**

*Ha'azinu*




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

**13 Tishri 5780**




Song of Moses  
  
Song of David

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**14 October 2019**

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

**19 October 2019**



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

**21 October 2019**

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



**26 October 2019**

*B'reishit*

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



**02 November 2019**

*Noach*

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



**09 November 2019**

*Lech L'cha*

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



**16 November 2019**

*Va-yeira*

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



**23 November 2019**

*Chayyei Sarah*

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

**30 November 2019**

*To'dot*

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

**15 Tishri 5780 Sukkot 1st Day**

The laws of Sukkot  
 Blessings  
 Solomon's prayer

**20 Tishri 5780 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 5780 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah**

The death of Moses  
 Creation  
 The succession of Joshua

**27 Tishri 5780 Blessing for Cheshvan**

Adam and Eve; Expulsion from Eden  
  
 God clothes humankind in righteousness

**4 Cheshvan 5780**

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

**11 Cheshvan 5780**

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

**18 Cheshvan 5780**

Sodom and Gomorrah  
  
 Power of repentance

**25 Cheshvan 5780 Blessing for Kislev**

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



**2 Kislev 5780**

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

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**07 December 2019**

*Va-yeitzei*



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

**9 Kislev 5780**

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

**14 December 2019**

*Va-yishlach*



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

**16 Kislev 5780**

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

**21 December 2019**

*Va-yeishev*

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

**23 Kislev 5780**

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




**23 December 2019**

**25 Kislev 5780**

**Chanukkah (1st Day)**

**28 December 2019**

*Mikkeitz*

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



**30 Kislev 5780**

**Shabbat Chanukkah  
Blessing for Tevet, Machar Chodesh**

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

**04 January 2020**

*Va-yiggash*



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

**7 Tevet 5780**

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

**11 January 2020**

*Va-y'chi*



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

**14 Tevet 5780**

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

**18 January 2020**

*Sh'mot*



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

**21 Tevet 5780**

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

**25 January 2020**

*Va-eira*

 Exodus 6:29-7:18  
or  
Exodus 7:19-8:6  
 Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

**28 Tevet 5780**



**Blessing for Sh'vat**

Moses and the magicians; the plagues of blood and frogs  
Prophecy against Pharaoh

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**01 February 2020**

*Bo*



 Exodus 11:1-12:11  
or  
Exodus 11:1-12:28  
 I Samuel 6:1-15  
or  
2 Samuel 24:15-25

**6 Sh'vat 5780**

Passover  
Warning of the tenth plague  
The plague upon the Philistines  
David averts plague afflicting Israelites

**08 February 2020**

*B'shallach*

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

**13 Sh'vat 5780**



**Shabbat Shirah**

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

**10 February 2020**

**15 February 2020**

*Yitro*

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

**15 Sh'vat 5780**





**Tu BiSh'vat**

**20 Sh'vat 5780**

The Revelation at Sinai  
  
Jehoshaphat instructs the judges  
Ratification of the Covenant by Joshua

**22 February 2020**

*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



**27 Sh'vat 5780**

**Shabbat Sh'kalim  
Blessing for Adar**

Laws: civil, criminal, ritual and ethical  
  
Law of half-shekel donation for the Temple  
Jehoiada's chest for Temple funds  
The supremacy of justice

**29 February 2020**

*T'rumah*





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

**4 Adar 5780**

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

**07 March 2020**

*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

**11 Adar 5780**

**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

**10 March 2020**

 The Book of Esther

**14 Adar 5780**





**Purim**

The Jews of Shushan are saved







**14 March 2020**

*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



**21 March 2020**

*Va-yakhel - P'kudei*

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



**28 March 2020**

*Va-yikra*





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

**04 April 2020**





*Tzav*

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





**09 April 2020**

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

**11 April 2020**

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

**15 April 2020**

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

**18 Adar 5780 Shabbat Parah**

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

**25 Adar 5780 Shabbat Ha-chodesh  
 Blessing for Nisan**

Wisdom in craftsmanship  
  
 Pesach instructions  
 Josiah revives Pesach  
 Exiles celebrate Pesach  
 Ethical wisdom

**5 Nisan 5780**

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

**12 Nisan 5780 Shabbat Ha-gadol**

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

**15 Nisan 5780 Pesach, 1st Day**

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

**17 Nisan 5780 Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Pesach**



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

**21 Nisan 5780 Pesach, 7th Day**

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


**18 April 2020**

*Sh'mini*

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

**25 April 2020**



*Tazria - M'tzora*

 Leviticus 13:47-59 / 14:1-20  
or Leviticus 13:38-59 / 14:1-32  
  Genesis 1:14-19  
  Deuteronomy 11:8-12  
 Micah 4:1-13  
or 2 Kings 7: 3-20

**29 April 2020**



**02 May 2020**

*Acharei Mot - K'doshim*

 Leviticus 16:29-17:7  
or Leviticus 19:23-37  
 Isaiah 5:1-16  
or Zechariah 3:1-10

**09 May 2020**



*Emor*

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

**12 May 2020**

**16 May 2020**

*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 Nisan 5780 Blessing for Iyyar**

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

**1 Iyyar 5780 Shabbat Atzma'ut  
Shabbat Rosh Chodesh**

Plague affecting persons and garments / Purification from plague  
  
Creation of the sun, moon and stars  
The Land of Israel  
Zion's restoration and future glory  
Elisha heals during siege

**5 Iyyar 5780 Yom Ha-Atzma'ut**

**8 Iyyar 5780**

Atonement ritual of the priests / Laws of holiness and prohibition of superstition  
Laws of holiness and prohibition of superstition  
Holiness instead of oppression  
Vision of the Atonement of Joshua the High Priest

**15 Iyyar 5780**

Sacrifices, Shabbat and festivals  
Pesach and Shavuot  
Shabbat



**18 Iyyar 5780 Lag Ba-Omer**

**22 Iyyar 5780**





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

**23 May 2020**

*B'midbar*



 Numbers 1:44-54  
 or Numbers 1:44-2:4  
 1 Samuel 20:18-42  
 or 2 Samuel 24:1-14

**29 May 2020**

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



**30 May 2020**

*Naso*

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



**06 June 2020**

*B'ha'alot'cha*

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



**13 June 2020**

*Sh'lach L'cha*

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



**20 June 2020**

*Korach*

 Numbers 17:6-26  
 or Numbers 17:1-28  
 Jeremiah 31:27-40



**27 June 2020**

*Chukkat*

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

**04 July 2020**

*Balak*

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

**29 Iyyar 5780**

**Blessing for Sivan  
Machar Chodesh**

The census; Levites excluded  
 Encampment of the tribes  
 New Moon sets the scene for Covenant  
 between David and Jonathan  
 David's census

**6 Sivan 5780**

**Shavuot**

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

**7 Sivan 5780**

Laws of the Nazirite  
 Priestly blessing  
 Birth of Samson

**14 Sivan 5780**

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

**21 Sivan 5780**

Moses pleads with God to spare Israel  
 God will save Israel despite their  
 provocations

**28 Sivan 5780**

**Blessing for Tammuz**

Aaron's position is vindicated following the  
 rebellion of Korach  
 New covenant to be made with Israel

**5 Tammuz 5780**

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


**12 Tammuz 5780**

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

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**11 July 2020**

*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

**19 Tammuz 5780**


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

**18 July 2020**

*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

**26 Tammuz 5780**

**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

**25 July 2020**

*D'varim*

 Deuteronomy 1:21-38

or Deuteronomy 1:21-46

 Isaiah 1:1-27

**4 Av 5780**

**Shabbat Chazon**

Incident of the spies reviewed

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

**29 July 2020**

 Lamentations - a selection

**9 Av 5780**

**Tishah B'Av - Evening Service**

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

**30 July 2020**

 Deuteronomy 4:25-40

**9 Av 5780**

**Tishah B'Av**

Faith on the day of distress

**01 August 2020**

*Va-etchannan*

 Deuteronomy 5:1-24

or Deuteronomy 5:1-30

 Isaiah 40:1-26

**11 Av 5780**

**Shabbat Nachamu**

Review of the Revelation at Mt. Sinai

First Haftarah of consolation

**08 August 2020**

*Eikev*

 Deuteronomy 10:1-22

or Deuteronomy 10:1-11:9

 1 Kings 8:1-9

or Isaiah 49:14-51:3

**18 Av 5780**

Review of the second set of the tablets of stone

The tablets remain in the Ark in the Temple

Consolation for Zion

**15 August 2020**

*R'ei*

 Deuteronomy 12:29-13:12

or Deuteronomy 12:29-13:19

 Jeremiah 23:15-29

or Isaiah 54:11-55:5

**25 Av 5780**

**Blessing for Elul**

Warnings against false prophets and idolatrous worship


Denunciation of false prophets. Return to Zion and to God

Third Haftarah of consolation

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**22 August 2020**

*Shof'tim*

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

 Isaiah 51:12-52:12


**2 Elul 5780**

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

Consolation for Israel, redemption for humanity

**29 August 2020**

*Ki Teitzei*

 Deuteronomy 23:22-24:18  
or Deuteronomy 23:16-24:22

 Malachi 2:10-3:7

**9 Elul 5780**


Miscellaneous laws; divorce

Social justice

Protest against Israel's divorce from God and her injustice

**05 September 2020**

*Ki Tavo*

 Deuteronomy 27:9-26  
or Deuteronomy 27:9-28:14

 Isaiah 61:1-10


**16 Elul 5780**


The curses for transgression and the blessings for faithfulness

End of retribution, beginning of blessings

**12 September 2020**

*Nitzavim - Va-yeilech*

 Deuteronomy 30:1-20  
or Deuteronomy 30:1-31:9

 Isaiah 61:10-62:12, 63:1-9

**23 Elul 5780**

Value of repentance

Moses appoints Joshua his successor

Israel's joy in God's salvation

**19 September 2020**

 Genesis 22:1-19

or Deuteronomy 29:9-14

 Isaiah 55:1-13

**1 Tishri 5781**

**Rosh Hashanah**

Binding of Isaac

All Israel stands before God

The call to return to God

**20 September 2020**

 Genesis 21:1-21

or Leviticus 23:23-32

 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10

**2 Tishri 5781**

**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

**26 September 2020**

*Ha'azinu*

 Deuteronomy 32:19-29  
or Deuteronomy 32:13-29

 Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20 & Joel 2:15-16


**8 Tishri 5781**

**Shabbat Shuvah**

Song of Moses

Call to repentance

**28 September 2020**

 Exodus 33:12-34:9

  Leviticus 19:1-18

 Isaiah 57:14-58:14

**10 Tishri 5781**

**Yom Kippur**

Moses encounters the divine presence

The holiness code

What God requires as true penitence

**28 September 2020**

 Deuteronomy 30:8-20

 Book of Jonah

**10 Tishri 5781**




**Yom Kippur - Afternoon**

Choice between life and death




Repentance and forgiveness

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**03 October 2020**



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

**10 October 2020**

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



**17 October 2020**

*B'reishit*

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



**24 October 2020**

*Noach*

 Genesis 11:1-9  
 or Genesis 11:1-32  
 1 Kings 12:1-24



**31 October 2020**

*Lech L'cha*

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



**07 November 2020**

*Va-yeira*

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



**14 November 2020**

*Chayyei Sarah*

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



**21 November 2020**

*Tol'dot*

 Genesis 27:1-29  
 or Genesis 27:1-40  
 Judges 8:22-28

**28 November 2020**

*Va-yeitzei*

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

**15 Tishri 5781 Sukkot 1st Day**

The laws of Sukkot  
 Blessings  
 Solomon's prayer

**22 Tishri 5781 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah**

The death of Moses  
 Creation  
 The succession of Joshua

**29 Tishri 5781 Blessing for Cheshvan Mochoratayim Chodesh**

Cain and Abel  
 Cain's descendants  
 Do not do evil against one another

**6 Cheshvan 5781**

Babel and the division of the nations  
 Genealogy up to Abraham  
 Division between kingdoms of Judah and Israel

**13 Cheshvan 5781**

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

**20 Cheshvan 5781**

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

**27 Cheshvan 5781 Blessing for Kislev**

Rebekah comforts her husband Isaac  
 Michal saves her husband David

**5 Kislev 5781**

Jacob's deception to gain Isaac's blessing;  
 Esau is blessed  
 Gideon, gold earrings and idolatry



**12 Kislev 5781**

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

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**05 December 2020**

*Va-yishlach*

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




**19 Kislev 5781**

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

**11 December 2020**

**12 December 2020**

*Va-yeishev*

 Genesis 40:1-23  
or Genesis 39:20-40:23  
 Numbers 7:87-89  
 Zechariah 4:1-14



**25 Kislev 5781 Chanukkah (1st Day)**

**26 Kislev 5781 Shabbat Chanukkah Blessing for Tevet**

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's servants' dreams  
Dedication of the altar  
Vision of the candlestick

**19 December 2020**

*Mikkeitz*



 Genesis 44:1-17  
or Genesis 43:15-44:17  
 Joshua 7:16-24

**4 Tevet 5781**

Joseph's wisdom in dealing with his brothers  
Achan of the tribe of Judah steals from Jericho

**26 December 2020**

*Va-yiggash*


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

**11 Tevet 5781**

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

**02 January 2021**

*Va-y'chi*



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

**18 Tevet 5781**

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

**09 January 2021**

*Sh'mot*



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

**25 Tevet 5781 Blessing for Sh'vat**

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

**16 January 2021**

*Va-eira*

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




**3 Sh'vat 5781**

Plagues of gnats, beasts  
Plagues of lice, insects, cattle disease, boils  
Prophecy against Egypt

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**23 January 2021**

*Bo*

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



**10 Sh'vat 5781**

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

**28 January 2021**

**30 January 2021**

*B'shallach*

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



**15 Sh'vat 5781 Tu BiSh'vat**

**17 Sh'vat 5781 Shabbat Shirah**

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

**06 February 2021**

*Yitro*








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

**24 Sh'vat 5781 Blessing for Adar**

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

**13 February 2021**

*Mishpatim*





 Exodus 24:1-18  
or  
Exodus 23:14-24:18  
  Genesis 1:14-19  
   Exodus 30:11-16  
 2 Kings 12:1-17  
or  
Isaiah 66:1-23

**1 Adar 5781 Shabbat Sh'kalim  
Shabbat Rosh Chodesh**

Festivals; Ratification of the Covenant  
  
Creation of sun moon and stars  
Law of half-shekel donation for the Temple  
Jehoiada's chest for Temple funds  
The eventual reward of the faithful

**20 February 2021**


*T'rumah*

 Exodus 27:1-19  
  
  Deuteronomy 25:17-19  
 1 Samuel 30:1-18  
  
or  
1 Kings 8:31-43

**8 Adar 5781 Shabbat Zachor**

The altar and other appurtenances of the tabernacle  
Remembrance of Amalek  
David saves his two wives and an Amalekite's servant  
Solomon's prayer on completion of the Temple



**26 February 2021**

 The Book of Esther

**14 Adar 5781 Purim**  
The Jews of Shushan are saved

**27 February 2021**

*T'tzavveh*





 Exodus 29:38-30:10  
or  
Exodus 29:29-30:10  
 Ezekiel 43:10-27

**15 Adar 5781**  
  
Consecration of the priests; daily sacrifices  
  
Ezekiel's vision of the restored Temple







**06 March 2021**

*Ki Tissa*

 Exodus 34:10-32  
or Exodus 34:10-35  
  Numbers 19:1-10  
 Ezekiel 36:23-38  
or Joshua 23:1-14



**13 March 2021**

*Va-yakhel - P'kudei*

 Exodus 38:1-20 / 40:17-38  
or Exodus 38:1-23 / 40:1-38  
  Exodus 12:1-11  
 Isaiah 66:1-23  
or 2 Kings 23:21-27  
or Ezra 6:19-7:10



**20 March 2021**

*Va-yikra*





 Leviticus 5:1-23  
or Leviticus 4:27-5:26  
 Isaiah 43:21-44:23

**27 March 2021**





*Tzav*

 Leviticus 8:1-21  
or Leviticus 8:14-36  
 Malachi 3:4-24 (note verse 23 is repeated after verse 24)

**28 March 2021**



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

**03 April 2021**

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

**10 April 2021**

*Sh'mini*

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

**15 April 2021**

**22 Adar 5781 Shabbat Parah**

Expulsion of idolatrous nations  
Covenant with Israel  
The Red Heifer  
Moral purification of Israel  
Faithfulness, and resistance to the ways of the nations

**29 Adar 5781 Shabbat Ha-chodesh  
Blessing for Nisan, Machar Chodesh**

Completion of the altar and Accounts of the erection of the tabernacle / Conclusion Pesach Instructions  
The eventual reward of the faithful  
Josiah revives Pesach  
Exiles celebrate Pesach

**7 Nisan 5781**

Sin and guilt offerings  
Offering for breach of trust  
Forgiveness for betraying God's service.

**14 Nisan 5781 Shabbat Ha-gadol**

Consecration of Aaron and his sons  
Sacrifices of inauguration  
Approach of the Day of Judgment

**15 Nisan 5781 Pesach, 1st Day**

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

**21 Nisan 5781 Pesach, 7th Day**

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

**28 Nisan 5781 Blessing for Iyyar**





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

**3 Iyyar 5781 Yom Ha'Atzma'ut**

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**17 April 2021**

*Tazria - M'tzora*



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

**5 Iyyar 5781 Shabbat Atzma'ut**

- Plague in a garment
- Plague on garments and people
- The Land of Israel
- Zion's restoration and future glory

**24 April 2021**

*Acharei Mot - K'doshim*

-  Leviticus 17:10 - 18:5
- or Leviticus 20:1-8 or 9
-  Jeremiah 32:26-41
- or I Samuel 14:20-35



**12 Iyyar 5781**

- Prohibition of blood
- Prohibition of Molech-worship
- The abomination of Molech-worship
- Saul's famished troops eat meat with the blood

**30 April 2021**

**01 May 2021**

*Emor*

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



**18 Iyyar 5781 Lag Ba-Omer**

**19 Iyyar 5781**

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

**08 May 2021**

*B'har - B'chukkotai*



-  Leviticus 25:39-26:2 / 27:14-34
- or Leviticus 25:29-26:2 / 27:1-34
-  Ecclesiastes 5:1-19
- or Isaiah 52:1-10
- or Jeremiah 32:6-27

**26 Iyyar 5781 Blessing for Sivan**

- Redeeming enslaved kinsmen / Valuation of vows; redemption of people and things devoted to God
- Caution against rash vows to God
- Redemption of Israel
- Jeremiah redeems his cousin's field

**15 May 2021**



*B'midbar*

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

**4 Sivan 5781**

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

**17 May 2021**

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



**6 Sivan 5781 Shavuot**

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

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**22 May 2021**

*Naso*

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



**29 May 2021**

*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



**05 June 2021**

*Sh'lach L'cha*

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



**12 June 2021**

*Korach*

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



**19 June 2021**

*Chukkat*

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



**26 June 2021**

*Balak*

 Numbers 24:1-25  
or  
Numbers 24:1-25:9  
 Micah 5:6-6:8  
  
or  
1 Samuel 10:1-27

**03 July 2021**

*Pinchas*

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

**11 Sivan 5781**

Priestly blessing; princes' gifts for the tabernacle  
Gifts from Babylon for temple  
Blessing of tribes

**18 Sivan 5781**

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

**25 Sivan 5781**

**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

**2 Tammuz 5781**

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

**9 Tammuz 5781**

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

**16 Tammuz 5781**

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

**23 Tammuz 5781**

**Blessing for Av**

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


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**10 July 2021**

*Mattot - Mas'ei*

 Numbers 36:1-13

or Numbers 35:9-36:13

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

**1 Av 5781**

Daughters of Zelophchad granted inheritance

Cities of refuge for accidental homicide

Second haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

**17 July 2021**

*D'varim*

 Deuteronomy 2:1-19

or Deuteronomy 2:1-30

 Isaiah 1:1-27

**8 Av 5781 Shabbat Chazon**

Truce with Edom and Moab, Ammonites and others

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

**18 July 2021**

 Lamentations - a selection

**9 Av 5781 Tishah B'Av - Evening Service**

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

**18 July 2021**

 Deuteronomy 4:25-40

**9 Av 5781 Tishah B'Av**

Faith on the day of distress

**24 July 2021**

*Va-etchannan*

 Deuteronomy 6:1-21

or Deuteronomy 6:1-7:11

 Isaiah 40:1-26

**15 Av 5781 Shabbat Nachamu**


The Shema; the Exodus

Separation from heathen nations

Message of comfort for Zion

**31 July 2021**

*Eikev*

 Deuteronomy 11:10-25

or Deuteronomy 11:1-25

 Proverbs 3:1-24

or Isaiah 49:14-51:3

**22 Av 5781**

Love, obedience and education of children

A father's teaching

Haftarah of consolation - the servant of God

**07 August 2021**

*R'eih*

 Deuteronomy 14:22-15:11

or Deuteronomy 14:22-15:18

 Isaiah 54:11-55:5

**29 Av 5781 Blessing for Elul Mochoratayim Chodesh**

Tithes, sabbatical year release of land, debts, slaves

Haftarah of consolation. Return to Zion and to God

**14 August 2021**

*Shof'tim*

 Deuteronomy 20:10-21:9

or Deuteronomy 20:1-21:9

 Isaiah 51:22-52:12

**6 Elul 5781**

Capture of heathen cities




Expiation of untraced murder

God will forgive Israel's sins and elevate her status

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### 21 August 2021

*Ki Teitzei*




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

### 13 Elul 5781

Miscellaneous laws  
God's unshakeable love for Israel

### 28 August 2021

*Ki Tavo*




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

### 20 Elul 5781

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

### 04 September 2021

*Nitzavim*

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

### 27 Elul 5781

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

## GLOSSARY

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>CHANUKKAH</b>                    | Festival of Dedication  |
| <b>LAG BA-OMER</b>                  | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Day of Counting of Omer (from Pesach to Shavuot)   |
| <b>MACHAR CHODESH</b>               | (Tomorrow is the New Moon)<br>The Shabbat occurring the day before a New Moon, signifying a new month                                     |
| <b>PESACH</b>                       | The Festival of Passover  |
| <b>PURIM</b>                        | The Feast of Lots   |
| <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b>                | The New Year  |
| <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>                 | Day of the New Moon signifying a new month  |
| <b>SHABBAT ATZMA'UT</b>             | (Sabbath of Independence)<br>The Shabbat preceding Israel Independence Day<br>(unless Israel Independence Day has moved to avoid Shabbat) |
| <b>SHABBAT HA-GADOL</b>             | (The Great Sabbath)<br>The Shabbat preceding the Festival of Passover   |
| <b>SHABBAT HA-CHODESH</b>           | (The Sabbath of this month)<br>A special reading in the month of Adar or Nisan  |
| <b>SHABBAT CHANUKKAH</b>            | The Shabbat occurring during the Festival of Dedication   |
| <b>SHABBAT CHAZON</b>               | (The Sabbath of the Vision)<br>A special reading for the Shabbat preceding the Fast of 9th of Av  |
| <b>SHABBAT CHOL HA-MO'ED PESACH</b> | The Shabbat occurring during the Festival of Passover   |
| <b>SHABBAT CHOL HA-MO'ED SUKKOT</b> | The Shabbat occurring during the Festival of Tabernacles  |
| <b>SHABBAT NACHAMU</b>              | (Sabbath of "Comfort")<br>The Shabbat following the Fast of 9th of Av (with a special Haftarah reading)                                   |
| <b>SHABBAT PARAH</b>                | (Sabbath of "The Red Heifer")<br>Shabbat with a special, additional scroll reading in the month of Adar                                   |
| <b>SHABBAT SH'KALIM</b>             | (Sabbath of "The Shekels")<br>Shabbat with a special, additional scroll reading in the month of Shevat or Adar                            |
| <b>SHABBAT SHUVAH</b>               | (Sabbath of "Return") The Shabbat occurring between the New Year and the Day of Atonement (with a special Haftarah reading)               |
| <b>SHABBAT ZACHOR</b>               | (Sabbath of "Remember")<br>Shabbat with a special, additional scroll reading in the month of Adar   |
| <b>SHAVUOT</b>                      | The Festival of Weeks   |
| <b>SH'MINI ATZERET</b>              | The 8 <sup>th</sup> Day of Assembly (the day after the seven days of Sukkot)...   |
| <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b>                | ...which is combined with the Festival of the Rejoicing of the Law  |
| <b>SUKKOT</b>                       | The Festival of Tabernacles   |
| <b>TISHAH B'AV</b>                  | The Fast of the 9 <sup>th</sup> of Av   |
| <b>TU BISH'VAT</b>                  | 15 <sup>th</sup> of Shevat, New Year for Trees  |
| <b>YOM HA-ATZMA'UT</b>              | Israel Independence Day   |
| <b>YOM KIPPUR</b>                   | Day of Atonement  |



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