



**Calendar of Torah and
Haftarah Readings
5785 – 5787
2024 – 2027**

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 RJ 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

		5785 2024-25	5786 2025-26	5787 2026-27
Erev Rosh Hashanah	1 Tishri	2 October	22 September	11 September
Rosh Hashanah – 1 st Day	1 Tishri	3 October	23 September	12 September
Rosh Hashanah – 2 nd Day	2 Tishri	4 October	24 September	13 September
Kol Nidrei	10 Tishri	11 October	1 October	20 September
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri	12 October	2 October	21 September
Erev Sukkot	15 Tishri	16 October	6 October	25 September
Sukkot – 1 st Day	15 Tishri	17 October	7 October	26 September
Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	22 Tishri	23 October	13 October	2 October
Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	22 Tishri	24 October	14 October	3 October
Chanukkah – 1 st Night	25 Kislev	25 December	14 December	4 December
Tu BiSh'vat	15 Sh'vat	2 October	2 February	23 January
Erev Purim	14 Adar	13 February	2 March	22 March
Purim	14 Adar	14 March	3 March	23 March
1 st Seder Night	15 Nisan	12 April	1 April	21 April
Pesach – 1 st Day	15 Nisan	13 April	2 April	22 April
Erev Pesach – 7 th Day	21 Nisan	18 April	7 April	27 April
Pesach – 7 th Day	21 Nisan	19 April	8 April	28 April
Erev Yom Ha-Shoah	27 Nisan*	23 April ⁽⁻¹⁾	13 April	3 May
Yom Ha-Shoah	27 Nisan*	24 April ⁽⁻¹⁾	14 April	4 May
Erev Yom Ha-Atzma'ut	5 Iyar*	4 May ⁽⁻²⁾	21 April	11 May
Yom Ha-Atzma'ut	5 Iyar*	1 May ⁽⁻²⁾	22 April	12 May
Lag Ba-Omer	18 Iyar	16 May	5 May	25 May
Erev Shavuot	6 Sivan	1 June	21 May	10 June
Shavuot	6 Sivan	2 June	22 May	11 June
Erev Tishah B'Av	9 Av*	2 August ⁽⁺¹⁾	22 July	11 August
Tishah B'Av	9 Av*	3 August ⁽⁺¹⁾	23 July	12 August

* In the years indicated, observance is brought forward ⁽⁻¹⁾ or deferred ⁽⁺¹⁾ 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.

04 October 2024

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

03 October 2024

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

05 October 2024

Ha'azinu

 Deuteronomy 32:30-43
 or Deuteronomy 32:40-52

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

12 October 2024

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

12 October 2024

 Deuteronomy 30:8-20
 Book of Jonah

17 October 2024

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

19 October 2024

 Deuteronomy 8:1-18

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

24 October 2024

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

26 October 2024

B'reishit

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

1 Tishri 5785

Rosh Hashanah

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

2 Tishri 5785

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 5785

Shabbat Shuvah

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

10 Tishri 5785

Yom Kippur

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

10 Tishri 5785

Yom Kippur - Afternoon

Choice between life and death
 Repentance and forgiveness

15 Tishri 5785

Sukkot 1st Day

The laws of Sukkot
 Blessings
 Solomon's prayer

17 Tishri 5785

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 5785

Sh'mini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah

The death of Moses
 Creation
 The succession of Joshua

24 Tishri 5785

Blessing for Cheshvan

Creation of man and woman

 God the Creator of the world

02 November 2024

Noach

 Genesis 6:9-7:5
or
  Genesis 6:9-7:24
 Genesis 1:14-19
or
 Isaiah 66:1-23
or
Isaiah 24:1-23

1 Cheshvan 5785

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Noah and the catastrophe of the flood

Creation of sun moon and stars
The eventual reward of the faithful
Catastrophe at Judgment Day

09 November 2024

Lech L'cha

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

8 Cheshvan 5785

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

16 November 2024

Va-yeira

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

15 Cheshvan 5785

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

23 November 2024

Chayyei Sarah

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

22 Cheshvan 5785

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

30 November 2024

Tol'dot

 Genesis 25:19-26:5

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

29 Cheshvan 5785

Blessing for Kislev

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

07 December 2024

Va-yeitzei

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

7 Kislev 5785

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

14 December 2024

Va-yishlach

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

14 Kislev 5785

Jacob wrestles with messenger of God

Israel's triumph over enemies prophesied

21 December 2024

Va-yeishev

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

26 December 2024

28 December 2024

Mikkeitz

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

04 January 2025

Va-yiggash

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

11 January 2025

Va-y'chi

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

18 January 2025

Sh'mot

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

25 January 2025

Va-eira

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

01 February 2025

Bo

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

08 February 2025

B'shallach

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

13 February 2025

21 Kislev 5785

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

28 Kislev 5785

Chanukkah (1st Day)

27 Kislev 5785

**Shabbat Chanukkah
Blessing for Tevet**

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

4 Tevet 5785

Joseph reveals true identity

Elijah reveals true identity

11 Tevet 5785

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

18 Tevet 5785

Oppression in Egypt
Infancy of Moses
Deliverance vouchsafed by God

25 Tevet 5785

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

3 Sh'vat 5785

Plague of locusts, plague of darkness

Prophecy against Egypt

10 Sh'vat 5785

Shabbat Shirah

Crossing of sea and victory over Egyptians

Victory over Canaanites

15 Sh'vat 5785

Tu BiSh'vat

15 February 2025

Yitro

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

17 Sh'vat 5785

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

22 February 2025

Mishpatim

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

24 Sh'vat 5785

Blessing for Adar

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

01 March 2025

T'rumah

 Exodus 25:1-22
or Exodus 25:1-30
  Genesis 1:14-19
  Exodus 30:11-16
 2 Kings 12:1-17

1 Adar 5785

Shabbat Sh'kalim

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Materials for tabernacle, ark and appurtenances
Creation of sun moon and stars
Law of half-shekel donation for the Temple
Jehoiada's chest for Temple funds

08 March 2025

T'tzavveh

 Exodus 27:20-28:21
or Exodus 27:20-28:30
  Deuteronomy 25:17-19
 1 Samuel 30:1-18

or 1 Samuel 23:1-13

8 Adar 5785

Shabbat Zachor

The eternal light, the ephod, the breastplate
Remembrance of Amalek
David saves his two wives and an Amalekite's servant
David consults the Ephod

14 March 2025

 The Book of Esther

14 Adar 5785

Purim

The Jews of Shushan are saved

15 March 2025

Ki Tissa

 Exodus 31:1-32:6

or Exodus 31:1-32:14
 Jeremiah 22:1-16

or Jeremiah 17:19-27

15 Adar 5785

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

22 March 2025

Va-yakhel

 Exodus 35:1-20
or Exodus 35:1-29
  Numbers 19:1-10
 Ezekiel 36:23-38

25 Adar 5785

Shabbat Parah

The Shabbat and gifts for the tabernacle

The Red Heifer
Moral purification of Israel

29 March 2025

P'kudei

 Exodus 38:21-39:1
or Exodus 38:21-39:7
  Exodus 12:1-11
 2 Kings 23:1-27
or Ezra 6:19-7:10

29 Adar 5785

Shabbat Ha-chodesh

Blessing for Nisan

Tabernacle inventory

Pesach instructions
Josiah revives Pesach
Exiles celebrate Pesach

05 April 2025

Va-yikra

 Leviticus 1:1-2:6
or Leviticus 1:1-2:16
 1 Samuel 2:11-21

7 Nisan 5785

The burnt offering and the meal offering

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

12 April 2025

Tzav

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

14 Nisan 5785

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

13 April 2025

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

15 Nisan 5785

Pesach, 1st Day

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

19 April 2025

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

21 Nisan 5785

Pesach, 7th Day

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

24 April 2025

26 Nisan 5785

Yom Ha-Shoah

26 April 2025

Sh'mini

 Leviticus 9:1-14
or Leviticus 9:1-24
 2 Samuel 7:1-17

28 Nisan 5785

Blessing for Iyyar

Aaron and his sons officiate in the tabernacle
David's desire to build a temple

01 May 2025

3 Iyyar 5785

Yom Ha-Atzma'ut

03 May 2025

Tazria - M'tzora

 Leviticus 12:1-8 / 14:1-20
  Deuteronomy 11:8-12
 Micah 4:1-13

5 Iyyar 5785

Shabbat Atzma'ut

Purification after childbirth / Purification from plague
The Land of Israel
Zion's restoration and future glory

10 May 2025

*Acharei Mot -
K'doshim*

 Leviticus 16:1-17 / 19:1-18

 Zechariah 3:1-10

or Isaiah 5:1-16

12 Iyyar 5785

Atonement ritual of the High Priest in the Holy of Holies / Laws of holiness
Vision of the Atonement of Joshua the High Priest
Holiness instead of oppression

16 May 2025

17 May 2025

Emor

 Leviticus 21:1-15

or Leviticus 21:1-22:9

 Ezekiel 44:15-31

18 Iyyar 5785

Lag ba-Omer

Laws concerning priests

19 Iyyar 5785

Laws concerning priests

24 May 2025

B'har - B'chukkotai

 Leviticus 25:1-13 / 26:3-13

or Leviticus 25:1-18 / 26:3-20

 Jeremiah 34:6-15

or Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

26 Iyyar 5785

Blessing for Sivan

Sabbatical and Jubilee / Blessings

Proclaiming release for slaves in the time of Zedekiah, as in the seventh year
Choice between blessings and curses

31 May 2025

B'midbar

 Numbers 1:1-19

or Numbers 1:1-47

 2 Samuel 24:1-14

4 Sivan 5785

Moses numbers Israelites

Details of the census

David numbers the Israelites

02 June 2025

 Exodus 19:16-20:17

 Deuteronomy 16:9-12

 Ruth 1:1-22

or Isaiah 6:1-13

6 Sivan 5785

Shavuot

The Ten Commandments

The laws of Shavuot

Covenant of Abraham

God's revelation to Isaiah

07 June 2025

Naso

 Numbers 5:1-16

or Numbers 5:1-31

 Ezekiel 18:1-23

11 Sivan 5785

Expulsion of lepers; the Restitution of wrongs; Ordeal of jealousy

Retribution, repentance and forgiveness

14 June 2025

B'ha'alot'cha

 Numbers 9:15-10:13

or Numbers 9:1-10:13

 Joshua 6:1-20

18 Sivan 5785

Cloud over the tabernacle; the silver trumpets

The second Passover

The fall of Jericho

21 June 2025

Sh'lach L'cha

 Numbers 13:25-14:10

or Numbers 13:1-14:10

 Joshua 2:1-24

25 Sivan 5785

Blessing for Tammuz

Report of the spies on the land of Israel

The spies at Jericho

28 June 2025

Korach

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

2 Tammuz 5785

Korach challenges Moses' leadership

The people rebel against God in asking for an earthly king

05 July 2025

Chukkat

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

9 Tammuz 5785

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

12 July 2025

Balak

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

16 Tammuz 5785

Hiring of Balaam to curse Israel

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

19 July 2025

Pinchas

 Numbers 25:10-26:4
or
Numbers 25:10-26:11
 Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

or
1 Kings 19:1-21

23 Tammuz 5785

Blessing for Av

Zeal of Pinchas; second census

First of three haftarot of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av
The zeal of Elijah

26 July 2025

Mattot - Mas'ei

 Numbers 30:2-17 / 33:1-10 (or -39)
 Genesis 1:14-19
 Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2 & Isaiah 66:23

or
1 Samuel 1:1-20 & Isaiah 66:23

or
Judges 11:16-22

1 Av 5785

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Women's vows / Review of wanderings in stages
Creation of sun moon and stars
Eventual reward of the faithful; second of three haftarot of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av (on Rosh Chodesh)
Hannah makes a vow (+ Rosh Chodesh)

Review of Israel's route (+ Rosh Chodesh)

02 August 2025

D'varim

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

8 Av 5785

Shabbat Chazon

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

02 August 2025

 Lamentations - a selection

9 Av 5785

Erev Tishah b'Av

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

03 August 2025

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

09 August 2025

Va-etchannan

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

16 August 2025

Eikev

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

23 August 2025

R'eh

 Deuteronomy 11:26-12:10
 or Deuteronomy 11:26-12:28
 Isaiah 54:11-55:5

30 August 2025

Shof'tim

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

06 September 2025

Ki Teitzei

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

13 September 2025

Ki Tavo

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

or Isaiah 60:1-22

20 September 2025

Nitzavim

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

23 September 2025

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

9 Av 5785 Tishah b'Av

Faith on the day of distress
 Saul and Jonathan

15 Av 5785 Shabbat Nachamu

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

22 Av 5785

Review of the Golden Calf episode

God's compassion for Israel despite her sins

**29 Av 5785 Blessing for Elul
 Mochoratayim Chodesh**

Way in which God is to be worshipped

Consolation in the everlasting covenant

6 Elul 5785

Position of judges and kings

Israelites demand a king to rule over them

13 Elul 5785

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

20 Elul 5785

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

27 Elul 5785

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

1 Tishri 5786 Rosh Hashanah

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

24 September 2025

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

27 September 2025

Va-yeilech

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

02 October 2025

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

02 October 2025

 Deuteronomy 30:8-20
 Book of Jonah

04 October 2025

Ha'azinu

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

07 October 2025

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

11 October 2025

 Deuteronomy 8:1-18

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

14 October 2025

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

18 October 2025

B'reishit

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

2 Tishri 5786

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

5 Tishri 5786

Shabbat Shuvah

Moses prepares for death

 Call for repentance

10 Tishri 5786

Yom Kippur

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

10 Tishri 5786

Yom Kippur - Afternoon

Choice between life and death
 Repentance and forgiveness

12 Tishri 5786

Song of Moses

 Song of David

15 Tishri 5786

Sukkot 1st Day

The laws of Sukkot
 Blessings
 Solomon's prayer

19 Tishri 5786

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 5786

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

The death of Moses
 Creation
 The succession of Joshua

26 Tishri 5786

Blessing for Cheshvan

Adam and Eve; Expulsion from Eden

 God clothes humankind in righteousness

25 October 2025

3 Cheshvan 5786

Noach

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

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

01 November 2025

10 Cheshvan 5786

Lech L'cha

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

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

08 November 2025

17 Cheshvan 5786

Va-yeira

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

Sodom and Gomorrah
Power of repentance

15 November 2025

24 Cheshvan 5786

Chayyei Sarah

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

Blessing for Kislev

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

22 November 2025

2 Kislev 5786

Tol'dot

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

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

29 November 2025

9 Kislev 5786

Va-yeitzei

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

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

06 December 2025

16 Kislev 5786

Va-yishlach

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

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

13 December 2025

23 Kislev 5786

Va-yeishev

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

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

15 December 2025

25 Kislev 5786

Chanukkah (1st Day)

20 December 2025

Mikkeitz

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

30 Kislev 5786

Shabbat Chanukkah

Blessing for Tevet, Machar Chodesh

Joseph tests his brothers

Dedication of the altar
Vision of the candlestick

27 December 2025

Va-yiggash

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

7 Tevet 5786

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

03 January 2026

Va-y'chi

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

14 Tevet 5786

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

10 January 2026

Sh'mot

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

21 Tevet 5786

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

17 January 2026

Va-eira

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

28 Tevet 5786

Blessing for Sh'vat

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

24 January 2026

Bo

 Exodus 11:1-12:11
or
 Exodus 11:1-12:28
 Isaiah 19:19-25
or
2 Samuel 24:15-25

6 Sh'vat 5786

Passover
Warning of the tenth plague
God will be known to the Egyptians
David averts plague afflicting Israelites

31 January 2026

B'shallach

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

13 Sh'vat 5786

Shabbat Shirah

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

02 February 2026

15 Sh'vat 5786

Tu BiSh'vat

07 February 2026

Yitro

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

20 Sh'vat 5786

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

14 February 2026

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 5786

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

21 February 2026

T'rumah

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

4 Adar 5786

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

28 February 2026

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 5786

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

03 March 2026

 The Book of Esther

14 Adar 5786

Purim

The Jews of Shushan are saved

07 March 2026

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

18 Adar 5786

Shabbat Parah

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

14 March 2026

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

25 Adar 5786

Shabbat Ha-chodesh

Blessing for Nisan

Wisdom in craftsmanship

Pesach instructions
Josiah revives Pesach
Exiles celebrate Pesach
Ethical wisdom

21 March 2026

Va-yikra

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

3 Nisan 5786

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

28 March 2026

Tzav

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

10 Nisan 5786

Shabbat Ha-gadol

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

02 April 2026

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

15 Nisan 5786

Pesach, 1st Day

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

04 April 2026

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

17 Nisan 5786

Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Pesach

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

08 April 2026

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

21 Nisan 5786

Pesach, 7th Day

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

11 April 2026

Sh'mini

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

24 Nisan 5786

Blessing for Iyyar

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

14 April 2026

27 Nisan 5786

Yom Ha-Shoah

18 April 2026

Tazria - M'tzora

 Leviticus 13:38-46 / 14:21-32
or
Leviticus 13:38-59 / 14:21-32
  Genesis 1:14-19
   Deuteronomy 11:8-12
 Micah 4:1-13
or
2 Kings 7: 3-20

1 Iyyar 5786

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

22 April 2026

5 Iyyar 5786

Yom Ha-Atzma'ut

25 April 2026

*Acharei Mot -
K'doshim*

 Leviticus 16:29-17:7

or Leviticus 19:23-37

 Isaiah 5:1-16

or Zechariah 3:1-10

8 Iyyar 5786

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

02 May 2026

Emor

 Leviticus 22:26-23:16

or Leviticus 22:26-23:22

 Jeremiah 17:19-27

15 Iyyar 5786

Sacrifices, Shabbat and festivals

Pesach and Shavuot

Shabbat

05 May 2026

18 Iyyar 5786

Lag ba-Omer

09 May 2026

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

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

16 May 2026

B'midbar

 Numbers 1:44-54

or Numbers 1:44-2:4

 1 Samuel 20:18-42

or 2 Samuel 24:1-14

29 Iyyar 5786

**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

22 May 2026

 Exodus 19:16-20:17

  Deuteronomy 16:9-12

 Ruth 1:1-22

or Isaiah 6:1-13

6 Sivan 5786

Shavuot

The Ten Commandments

The laws of Shavuot

Covenant of Abraham

God's revelation to Isaiah

23 May 2026

Naso

 Numbers 6:1-21

or Numbers 6:1-27

 Judges 13:2-25

7 Sivan 5786

Laws of the Nazirite

Priestly blessing

Birth of Samson

30 May 2026

B'ha'alot'cha

 Numbers 11:1-18

or Numbers 11:1-29

 2 Kings 2:1-15

14 Sivan 5786

Leadership of Israel in the wilderness

Yearning for Egypt; elders prophesy

Elijah's spirit rests upon Elisha

06 June 2026

Sh'lach L'cha

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

21 Sivan 5786

Moses pleads with God to spare Israel

God will save Israel despite their provocations

13 June 2026

Korach

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

28 Sivan 5786

Blessing for Tammuz

Aaron's position is vindicated following the rebellion of Korach

New covenant to be made with Israel

20 June 2026

Chukkat

 Numbers 20:1-21

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

5 Tammuz 5786

Death of Miriam; Moses is punished for striking the rock

Conflict with Edomites; death of Aaron
Solomon is punished for lapses

27 June 2026

Balak

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

12 Tammuz 5786

Balaam prophesies pre-eminence of Israel

God's power over Balaam

God's power over Israel and her enemies.
Prime human virtues.

04 July 2026

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 5786

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

11 July 2026

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 5786

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

18 July 2026

D'varim

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

4 Av 5786

Shabbat Chazon

Incident of the spies reviewed

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

22 July 2026



Lamentations - a selection

23 July 2026



Deuteronomy 4:25-40

25 July 2026

Va-etchannan



Deuteronomy 5:1-24

or Deuteronomy 5:1-30



Isaiah 40:1-26

01 August 2026

Eikev



Deuteronomy 10:1-22

or Deuteronomy 10:1-11:9



1 Kings 8:1-9

or Isaiah 49:14-51:3

08 August 2026

R'eih



Deuteronomy 12:29-13:12

or Deuteronomy 12:29-13:19



Jeremiah 23:15-29

or Isaiah 54:11-55:5

15 August 2026

Shof'tim



Deuteronomy 18:1-22

or Deuteronomy 18:9-19:14



Isaiah 51:12-52:12

22 August 2026

Ki Teitzei



Deuteronomy 23:22-24:18

or Deuteronomy 23:16-24:22



Malachi 2:10-3:7

29 August 2026

Ki Tavo



Deuteronomy 27:9-26

or Deuteronomy 27:9-28:14



Isaiah 61:1-10

05 September 2026

Nitzavim - Va-yeilech



Deuteronomy 30:1-20

or Deuteronomy 30:1-31:9



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

9 Av 5786

Erev Tishah b'Av

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

9 Av 5786

Tishah b'Av

Faith on the day of distress

11 Av 5786

Shabbat Nachamu

Review of the Revelation at Mt. Sinai

First Haftarah of consolation

18 Av 5786

Review of the second set of the tablets of stone

The tablets remain in the Ark in the Temple

Consolation for Zion

25 Av 5786

Blessing for Elul

Warnings against false prophets and idolatrous worship

Denunciation of false prophets. Return to Zion and to God

Third Haftarah of consolation

2 Elul 5786

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

Consolation for Israel, redemption for humanity

9 Elul 5786

Miscellaneous laws; divorce

Social justice

Protest against Israel's divorce from God and her injustice

16 Elul 5786

The curses for transgression and the blessings for faithfulness

End of retribution, beginning of blessings

23 Elul 5786

Value of repentance

Moses appoints Joshua his successor

Israel's joy in God's salvation

12 September 2026

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

13 September 2026

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

19 September 2026

Ha'azinu

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

21 September 2026

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

21 September 2026

 Deuteronomy 30:8-20
 Book of Jonah

26 September 2026

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

03 October 2026

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

10 October 2026

B'reishit

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

17 October 2026

Noach

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

1 Tishri 5787

Rosh Hashanah

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

2 Tishri 5787

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

8 Tishri 5787

Shabbat Shuvah

Song of Moses

Call to repentance

10 Tishri 5787

Yom Kippur

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

10 Tishri 5787

Yom Kippur - Afternoon

Choice between life and death
Repentance and forgiveness

15 Tishri 5787

Sukkot 1st Day

The laws of Sukkot
Blessings
Solomon's prayer

22 Tishri 5787

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

The death of Moses
Creation
The succession of Joshua

29 Tishri 5787

**Blessing for Cheshvan
Mochoratayim Chodesh**

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

6 Cheshvan 5787

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

24 October 2026

Lech L'cha

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

13 Cheshvan 5787

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

31 October 2026

Va-yeira

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

20 Cheshvan 5787

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

07 November 2026

Chayyei Sarah

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

27 Cheshvan 5787

Blessing for Kislev

Rebekah comforts her husband Isaac
Michal saves her husband David

14 November 2026

Tol'dot

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

4 Kislev 5787

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

21 November 2026

Va-yeitzei

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

11 Kislev 5787

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

28 November 2026

Va-yishlach

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

18 Kislev 5787

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

05 December 2026

Va-yeishev

 Genesis 40:1-23
or
Genesis 39:20-40:23
 Numbers 7:84-86
 Zechariah 4:1-14

25 Kislev 5787

**Shabbat Chanukkah (1st Day)
Blessing for Tevet**

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

12 December 2026

Mikkeitz

 Genesis 44:1-17
or
Genesis 43:15-44:17
 Numbers 7:87-89
 1 Kings 7:40-50

2 Tevet 5787

Shabbat Chanukkah (8th Day)

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

19 December 2026

Va-yiggash

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

9 Tevet 5787

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

26 December 2026

Va-y'chi

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

16 Tevet 5787

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

02 January 2027

Sh'mot

 Exodus 4:1-21
or
Exodus 4:1-5:5

 Job 40:1-14
or
Isaiah 51:9-16

23 Tevet 5787

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

09 January 2027

Va-eira

 Exodus 8:12-28
or
Exodus 8:12-9:21

  Genesis 1:14-19
 Isaiah 66:1-23
or
Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

1 Sh'vat 5787

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Plagues of gnats, beasts
Plagues of lice, insects, cattle disease, boils
Creation of sun moon and stars
The eventual reward of the faithful
Prophecy against Egypt

16 January 2027

Bo

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

8 Sh'vat 5787

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

23 January 2027

B'shallach

 Exodus 16:11-30

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

15 Sh'vat 5787

Shabbat Shirah

Tu BiSh'vat

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

30 January 2027

Yitro

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

22 Sh'vat 5787

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

06 February 2027

Mishpatim

 Exodus 24:1-18
or
 Exodus 23:14-24:18
 Jeremiah 36:1-13

29 Sh'vat 5787

**Blessing for Adar I
Mochoratayim Chodesh**

Festivals; Moses records God's words to read aloud
Jeremiah and Baruch record God's words to read aloud

13 February 2027

T'rumah

 Exodus 27:1-19

 1 Kings 8:31-43

6 Adar I 5787

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

20 February 2027

T'tzavveh

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

15 Adar I 5787

Consecration of the priests; daily sacrifices

Ezekiel's vision of the restored Temple

27 February 2027

Ki Tissa

 Exodus 34:10-32
or
Exodus 34:10-35
 Joshua 23:1-14

22 Adar I 5787

Expulsion of idolatrous nations
Covenant with Israel
Faithfulness, and resistance to the ways of the nations

06 March 2027

Va-yakhel

 Exodus 38:1-20
  Exodus 30:11-16
 2 Kings 12:1-17
or
1 Kings 7:40-50

29 Adar I 5787

**Shabbat Sh'kalim
Blessing for Adar II**
Completion of the altar and enclosure
Law of half-shekel donation for the Temple
Jehoiada's chest for Temple funds
The altar and furnishings of the inner sanctuary

13 March 2027

P'kudei

 Exodus 40:17-38
or
Exodus 40:1-38
 1 Kings 7:51-8:21

4 Adar II 5787

Completion of the tabernacle

Completion of the Temple for God's presence

20 March 2027

Va-yikra

 Leviticus 5:1-23
or
Leviticus 4:27-5:26
  Deuteronomy 25:17-19
 1 Samuel 30:1-18

or
Isaiah 43:21-44:23

11 Adar II 5787

Shabbat Zachor

Sin and guilt offerings
Offering for breach of trust
Remembrance of Amalek
David saves his two wives and an Amalekite's servant
Forgiveness for betraying God's service

23 March 2027

 The Book of Esther

14 Adar II 5787

Purim

The Jews of Shushan are saved

27 March 2027

Tzav

 Leviticus 8:1-21
or
  Leviticus 8:14-36
  Numbers 19:1-10
 Ezekiel 36:23-38

18 Adar II 5787 Shabbat Parah

Consecration of Aaron and his sons
Sacrifices of inauguration
The Red Heifer
Moral purification of Israel

03 April 2027

Sh'mini

 Leviticus 11:1-20
or
  Leviticus 11:1-32
  Exodus 12:1-11
 2 Kings 23:21-27
or
Ezra 6:19-7:10
or
Daniel 1:1-21

**25 Adar II 5787 Shabbat Ha-chodesh
Blessing for Nisan**

The dietary laws

Pesach Instructions
Josiah revives Pesach
Exiles celebrate Pesach
Daniel abstains from forbidden foods

10 April 2027

Tazria

 Leviticus 13:47-59
or
Leviticus 13:40-59
 2 Kings 5:1-19

3 Nisan 5787

Plague affecting persons and garments

Treatment of Na'aman's skin disease

17 April 2027

M'tzora

 Leviticus 14:33-42
or
Leviticus 14:33-55
 Malachi 3:4-24 (note verse 23 is repeated after verse 24)

10 Nisan 5787 Shabbat Ha-gadol

Plague affecting houses

Approach of the Day of Judgment

22 April 2027

 Exodus 12:37-51
  Deuteronomy 8:10-18

 Ezekiel 37:1-14

15 Nisan 5787 Pesach, 1st Day

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

24 April 2027

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

17 Nisan 5787 Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Pesach

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

28 April 2027

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

21 Nisan 5787 Pesach, 7th Day

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

01 May 2027

Acharei Mot

 Leviticus 17:10 - 18:5
or
Leviticus 18
 I Samuel 14:20-35

24 Nisan 5787 Blessing for Iyyar

Prohibition of blood
Forbidden relations
Saul's famished troops eat meat with the blood

04 May 2027

08 May 2027

K'doshim

 Leviticus 20:1-8 or 9
or Leviticus 20:1-27
  Genesis 1:14-19
  Deuteronomy 11:8-12
 Micah 4:1-13
or Jeremiah 32:26-41

12 May 2027

15 May 2027

Emor

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

22 May 2027

B'har

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

25 May 2027

29 May 2027

B'chukkotai

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

05 June 2027

B'midbar

 Numbers 3:40-4:9
or Numbers 3:40-4:20
 1 Samuel 20:18-42
or Jeremiah 31:16-20

11 June 2027

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

27 Nisan 5787 Yom Ha-Shoah

1 Iyyar 5787

Shabbat Atzma'ut

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Prohibition of Molech-worship
Punishment for forbidden relations
Creation of the sun, moon and stars
The Land of Israel
Zion's restoration and future glory
The abomination of Molech-worship

5 Iyyar 5787

Yom Ha'Atzma'ut

10 Iyyar 5787

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

17 Iyyar 5787

Redeeming enslaved kinsmen
Jeremiah redeems his cousin's field

18 Iyyar 5787

Lag ba-Omer

22 Iyyar 5787

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

29 Iyyar 5787

Blessing for Sivan

Machar Chodesh

Redemption of the first-born
Service of the Kohatites
New Moon sets the scene for Covenant between David and Jonathan
God will redeem first-born Israel

6 Sivan 5787

Shavuot

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

12 June 2027

Naso

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

7 Sivan 5787

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

19 June 2027

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

14 Sivan 5787

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

26 June 2027

Sh'lach L'cha

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

21 Sivan 5787

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

03 July 2027

Korach

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

28 Sivan 5787

Blessing for Tammuz

Tithes due to Levites and Priests

Inheritance of Levites, ethics of leadership
Maintaining Temple services

10 July 2027

Chukkat

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

5 Tammuz 5787

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

17 July 2027

Balak

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

12 Tammuz 5787

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 July 2027

Pinchas

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

19 Tammuz 5787

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

31 July 2027

Mattot - Mas'ei

 Numbers 36:1-13

or Numbers 35:9-36:13

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

26 Tammuz 5787

Blessing for Av

Daughters of Zelophchad granted inheritance

Cities of refuge for accidental homicide

Second haftarah of rebuke preceding Ninth of Av

07 August 2027

D'varim

 Deuteronomy 2:1-19

or Deuteronomy 2:1-30

 Isaiah 1:1-27

4 Av 5787

Shabbat Chazon

Truce with Edom and Moab, Ammonites and others

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

11 August 2027

 Lamentations - a selection

9 Av 5787

Erev Tishah b'Av

Jeremiah laments destruction of First Temple

12 August 2027

 Deuteronomy 4:25-40

9 Av 5787

Tishah b'Av

Faith on the day of distress

14 August 2027

Va-etchannan

 Deuteronomy 6:1-21

or Deuteronomy 6:1-7:11

 Isaiah 40:1-26

11 Av 5787

Shabbat Nachamu

The Shema; the Exodus

Separation from heathen nations

Message of comfort for Zion

21 August 2027

Eikev

 Deuteronomy 11:10-25

or Deuteronomy 11:1-25

 Proverbs 3:1-24

or Isaiah 49:14-51:3

18 Av 5787

Love, obedience and education of children

A father's teaching

Haftarah of consolation - the servant of God

28 August 2027

R'eh

 Deuteronomy 14:22-15:11

or Deuteronomy 14:22-15:18

 Isaiah 54:11-55:5

25 Av 5787

Blessing for Elul

Tithes, sabbatical year release of land, debts, slaves

Haftarah of consolation. Return to Zion and to God

04 September 2027

Shof'tim

 Deuteronomy 20:10-21:9

or Deuteronomy 20:1-21:9

 Isaiah 51:22-52:12

2 Elul 5787

Capture of heathen cities

Expiation of untraced murder

God will forgive Israel's sins and elevate her status

11 September 2027

Ki Teitzei

 Deuteronomy 24:10-25:4

or Deuteronomy 24:10-25:19

 Isaiah 54:1-10

9 Elul 5787

Miscellaneous laws

God's unshakeable love for Israel

The Movement for Reform Judaism Calendar of Torah & Haftarah Readings

18 September 2027

Ki Tavo

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

16 Elul 5787

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

25 September 2027

Nitzavim - Va-yeilech

 Deuteronomy 31:1-19
or Deuteronomy 31:1-30
 Isaiah 61:10-63:9

23 Elul 5787

Farewell speech of Moses
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
MOCHORATAYIM	(The day after tomorrow)
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
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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