

Torah Portions

Start Date(s) – 2018^a/Oct. 1-2 - 2019^b/Oct. 21-22 - 2020^c/Oct. 10-11 - 2021^d/Sept. 28-29

Portion	Week(s)	Biblical Feasts	Torah	Prophets	Gospels
B'reisheet	Week 1 (Part 2)		Genesis 1:1-6:8	Isaiah 42:5-43:10	John 1:1-18
Noach	Week 2		Genesis 6:9-11:32	Isaiah 54:1-55:5	1 Peter 3:8-22
Lech Lecha	Week 3		Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 40:27-41:16	Matthew 1:1-17
Vayera	Week 4		Genesis 18:1-22:24	2 Kings 4:1-37	Hebrews 11:1-40
Chayei Sarah	Week 5		Genesis 23:1-25:18	1 Kings 1:1-31	Matthew 2:1-23
Toldot	Week 6		Genesis 25:19-28:9	Malachi 1:1-2:7	Romans 9:6-29
Vayetze	Week 7		Genesis 28:10-32:2	Hosea 12:12-14:10	John 4:1-26
Vayishlach	Week 8		Genesis 32:3-36:43	Obadiah 1:1-21	Ephesians 4:1-32
Vayeshev	Week 9 ²⁰¹⁹⁻²¹	¹ Kislev 25 (7 days) Jesus is Conceived <i>December 6, 6 BCE - 3755</i> (beginning Feast of Hanukkah)	Genesis 37:1-40:23	Amos 2:6-3:8	Romans 8:18-39 (Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-5, Luke 1:26-38, John 10:22-39)
Miketz	Week 10	(end of Hanukkah)	Genesis 41:1-44:17	Zechariah 2:10(4)-4:7	John 1:1-18
Vayigash	Week 11		Genesis 44:18-47:27	Ezekiel 37:15-28	John 6:1-49
Vayechi	Week 12		Genesis 47:28-50:26	1 Kings 2:1-12	John 10:1-21
Shemot	Week 13		Exodus 1:1-6:1	Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23, Jer1:1-23	Romans 12:1-21
Va'era	Week 14		Exodus 6:2-9:35	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21	Revelation 15:1-16:20
Bo	Week 15		Exodus 10:1-13:16	Jeremiah 46:13-28	Revelation 9:1-21
Beshalach	Week 16		Exodus 13:17-17:16	Judges 4:4-5:31	2 Peter 1
Yitro	Week 17		Exodus 18:1-20:23	Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6	1 John 5:1-11
Mishpatim	Week 18		Exodus 21:1-24:18	Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26	Colossians 3:1-25
Terumah	Week 19		Exodus 25:1-27:19	1 Kings 5:26-6:13	Hebrews 9:1-28
Tetzaveh	Week 20 ²⁰²⁰⁻²¹	² Adar 14-15 (2 days) (Festival of Purim – read the Book of Ester)	Exodus 27:20-30:10	Ezekiel 43:10-27	1 Peter 2:1-25
Ki Tisa	Week 21		Exodus 30:11-34:35	1 Kings 18:1-39	Matthew 17:1-13
Vayak'hel/Pekudei	Week 22		Exodus 35:1-40:38	1 Ki 7:40-8:21, Nu 19:1-22, Ezek 36:16-38	Mark 6:14-29, John 6:1-71
Vayikra	Week 23		Leviticus 1:1-5:26	Isaiah 43:21-44:23, Ezk 45:16-46:18, Exodus 12:1-20	Mark 7:1-30
Tzav	Week 24 ^{3/42021}		Leviticus 6:1-8:36	Malachi 3:4-24	Mark 7:31-8:38
Shabbat Pesach (beginning of Passover)	Week 25 ^{2020/} ^{3/2020-4/2021} (VARIES)	³ Nisan/Aviv 14-15 (Feast of Passover) ⁴ (Feast of Firstfruits)	Exodus 12:21-51 (Numbers 28:16-25)	Joshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 27	John 1:20-31 (John 19:31-20:1)
Acharon Shel Pesach (end of Passover)	Week 25 ^{5/2021} (VARIES)	⁵ Nisan/Aviv 16-21 (Feast of Passover/Unleavened Bread/First Fruits)	Duet 14:22-16:17 (Numbers 28:19-25)	Isaiah 10:32-12:6	Acts 2:22-41 (John 20:15-20)
Sh'mini	Week 26 ^{5/2021}		Leviticus 9:1-11:47	Numbers 19:1-22, Ezekiel 36:16-38	2 Corinthians 5:11-21
Tazria/Metzora	Week 27		Leviticus 12:1-15:33	2 Kings 4:42-5:19, 7:3-20 (Ezekiel 45:16-46:18)	Matthew 8:1-4, 11:2-6, Mark 9:14-50
Acharei Mot	Week 28		Leviticus 16:1-18:30	1 Samuel 20:8-42 (Ezekiel 22:1-19)	John 7:1-52
Kedoshim	Week 29 ^{3/42019}		Leviticus 19:1-20:27	Amos 9:7-15	Hebrews 12:1-17
Emor	Week 30 ^{5/2019}		Leviticus 21:1-24:23	Ezekiel 44:15-31	Luke 14:12-24
Behar	Week 31		Leviticus 25:1-26:2	Jeremiah 32:6-23	Romans 6:1-23
Bechukotai	Week 32 ^{6/2020-21}	⁶ Sivan (Feast of Weeks/ 50 Days after First Fruits)	Leviticus 26:3-27:34	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14	Luke 22:7-20
Bamidbar	Week 33		Numbers 1:1-4:20	Hosea 1:10-2:22	Romans 15:1-7
Nasso	Week 34		Numbers 4:21-7:89	Judges 13:2-25	Ephesians 1:1-23
Beha'alotcha	Week 35		Numbers 8:1-12:15	Zechariah 2:14-4:7	Philippians 2:1-18
Shelach	Week 36 ^{6/2019}		Numbers 13:1-15:41	Joshua 2:1-24	Romans 4:1-25
Korach	Week 37		Numbers 16:1-18:32	1 Samuel 11:14-12:22	Acts 5:1-11
Chukat	Week 38		Numbers 19:1-22:1	Judges 11:1-33	Hebrews 9:1-28
Balak	Week 39		Numbers 22:2-25:9	Micah 5:6-6:8	2 Peter 2:1-22
Pinchas	Week 40		Numbers 25:10-30:1	Jeremiah 1:1-2:3	1 Peter 3:8-4:19
Mattot/Massei	Week 41		Numbers 30:2-36:13	Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4, 4:1-2	Matthew 23:1- 25:46
Devarim	Week 42		Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22	Isaiah 1:1-27	Mark 14:12-26
Va'etchanan	Week 43		Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11	Isaiah 40:1-26	John 10:1-42
Ekev	Week 44		Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25	Isaiah 49:14-51:3	John 14:1-31
Re'eh	Week 46		Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17	Nu 28:9-15, Isaiah 54:11-55:5, 66:1-24	Matthew 7:7-29
Shoftim	Week 47		Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	Isaiah 51:12-52:12	Matthew 14:53-64
Ki Tetze "When you go out"	Week 48 ^{7/2021}	Elul 9 Jesus is Born <i>September 9, 5 BCE - 3756</i> (40 weeks from Hanukkah)	Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	Isaiah 54:1-10	1 Corinthians 5:1-5
Ki Tavo "When you enter"	Week 49 ^{7/2019} ^{8/2020-21}	Elul 16 Jesus is Circumcised (8 Days after Birth)	Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8	Isaiah 60:1-22	1 Peter 2:1-25
Nitzavim/Vayelech	Week 50 ^{8/2019} ^{9/10/2020-21}	⁷ Tishri 1-2 (2 days) (Feast of Trumpets)	Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30	Isaiah 61:10-63:9, Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27	Romans 10:1-21

Ha'azinu	Week 51 ⁹ 2019 _{10/20/21}	Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52	2 Samuel 22:1-51	Romans 11:1-36
Yom Kippur	Week (VARIES)	⁸ Tishri 10 (1 days) (Feast of Atonement)	Leviticus 16	Isaiah 57:14-58:14
		⁹ Tishri 15 (8 days) (Feast of Tabernacles)		
Simchat Torah	Week 52 ¹⁰ 2019	Tishri/Ethanim 21 Jesus Presented at the Temple <i>October 23, 5 BCE - 3756</i> (<i>"The Great Day of Salvation"</i>)	Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12	(<i>Luke 2:22-38</i>)
Chol HaMo'ed Sukkot	Week 1 (Part 1)	¹⁰ Tishri 22 (Eight Day of Assembly)	Exodus 33:12-34:26	Ezekiel 38:18-39:16
				Revelation 21:1-22:21

Holidays

1st-2nd Tishri – Leviticus 23:23-25

2019: Rosh Hashana/Feast of Trumpets: Start Date(s) - 2019/Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – Week 49

2020: Rosh Hashana/Feast of Trumpets: Start Date(s) - 2020/Sept. 19-20 – Week 48

2021: Rosh Hashana/Feast of Trumpets: Start Date(s) - 2021/Sept. 7-8 – Week 48

10th Tishri – Leviticus 23:26-32

2019: Yom Kippur/Feast of Atonement: Start Date(s) - 2019/Oct. 9 – Week 50

2020: Yom Kippur/Feast of Atonement: Start Date(s) - 2020/Sept. 28 – Week 49

2021: Yom Kippur/Feast of Atonement: Start Date(s) - 2021/Sept. 16 – Week 49

15th-21st Tishri – Leviticus 23:33-44

2019: Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles: Start Date(s) - 2019/Oct. 14-20 – Week 51

2020: Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles: Start Date(s) - 2020/Oct. 3-9 – Week 50

2021: Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles: Start Date(s) - 2021/Sept. 21-27 – Week 50

22nd Tishri (Last Day of Sukkot – "The Great Day of Salvation")

(Mary waited the prescribed 40 days for her purification (Lev. 12:1-4) from the blood of childbirth before presenting her son, Jesus at the Temple – Luke 2:22-38)

2019: Shmini Atzeret/Eighth Day of Assembly: Start Date(s) - 2019/Oct. 20-21 – Week 52

2020: Shmini Atzeret/Eighth Day of Assembly: Start Date(s) - 2020/Oct. 9-10 – Week 51

2021: Shmini Atzeret/Eighth Day of Assembly: Start Date(s) - 2021/Sept. 27-28 – Week 51

22nd-23rd Tishri (celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle)

2018: Simchat Torah/Day of Celebrating the Torah: Start Date(s) - 2018/Oct. 1-2

2019: Simchat Torah/Day of Celebrating the Torah: Start Date(s) - 2019/Oct. 21-22 – Week 1

2020: Simchat Torah/Day of Celebrating the Torah: Start Date(s) - 2020/Oct. 10-11 – Week 52/1

2021: Simchat Torah/Day of Celebrating the Torah: Start Date(s) - 2021/Sept. 28-29 – Week 52/1

25th Kislev – 1 & 2 Maccabees (John 10:22-42)

2018: Chanukah/Feast of Lights: Start Date(s) - 2018/Dec. 3-10 – Week 9

2019: Chanukah/Feast of Lights: Start Date(s) - 2019/Dec. 23-30 – Week 9

2020: Chanukah/Feast of Lights: Start Date(s) - 2020/Dec. 11-18 – Week 9

2021: Chanukah/Feast of Lights: Start Date(s) - 2021/Nov. 29-Dec. 6 – Week 9

14th-15th Adar (reading of the book of Esther) – Esther 9:31

2019: Purim/Festival of Lots: Start Date(s) - 2019/Mar. 21 – Week 25

2020: Purim/Festival of Lots: Start Date(s) - 2020/Mar. 10 – Week 20

2021: Purim/Festival of Lots: Start Date(s) - 2021/Feb. 26 – Week 20

14th-15th Nisan/Aviv – Leviticus 23:4-8

2019: Pesach/Feast of Passover: Start Date(s) - 2019/Apr. 19-21 – Week 29

2020: Pesach/Feast of Passover: Start Date(s) - 2020/Apr. 8-10 – Week 25

2021: Pesach/Feast of Passover: Start Date(s) - 2021/Mar. 27-29 – Week 24

(varies - the day following the weekly Sabbath during the week of Chag HaMatzot/Unleavened Bread) Nisan/Aviv – Leviticus 23:9-14

2019: Yom Habikkurim/Feast of Firstfruits: Start Date(s) - 2019/Apr. 20-21 – Week 29

2020: Yom Habikkurim/Feast of Firstfruits: Start Date(s) - 2020/Apr. 11-12 – Week 25

2021: Yom Habikkurim/Feast of Firstfruits: Start Date(s) - 2021/Apr. 3-4 – Week 24

16th-21st Nisan/Aviv – Leviticus 23:4-8

2019: Pesach/Chag HaMatzot/Feast of Unleavened Bread: Start Date(s) - 2019/Apr. 22-27 – Week 30

2020: Pesach/Chag HaMatzot/Feast of Unleavened Bread: Start Date(s) - 2020/Apr. 11-16 – Week 26

2021: Pesach/Chag HaMatzot/Feast of Unleavened Bread: Start Date(s) - 2021/Mar. 30-Apr. 4 – Week 25

(varies - 50 days after Pesach/Passover) **Sivan** – Leviticus 23:15-22

2019: Shavuot/Feast of Weeks/Pentecost: Start Date(s) - 2019/Jun. 9-10* (Jun. 9-10) – Week 36

2020: Shavuot/Feast of Weeks/Pentecost: Start Date(s) - 2020/May 31-Jun. 1* (May 29-30) – Week 32

2021: Shavuot/Feast of Weeks/Pentecost: Start Date(s) - 2021/May 23-24* (May 17-18) – Week 32

* (<http://www.tedmontgomery.com/bblorvw/GoodThursday/Shavuot.Pentecost.html>)

<https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/2018> • <http://www.tedmontgomery.com/holydays/> • <http://torahportions.foz.org/torah-portions/thisyear/>

- * The first issue we need to deal with is time. We in Western cultures base our time on the Gregorian calendar. This calendar was derived from the Julian calendar developed by Julius Caesar in 46 BC and modified by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 AD. The Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar, basing its calculations on the earth's movement around the sun, which makes a complete cycle about every 365 days. The calendar consists of twelve months: 7 of 31 days, 4 of 30 days and 1 of 28 days. An extra day is added to the 28-day month every 4th year and every 100th year to keep it accurate. **The Gregorian calendar does not have a recurring cycle of dates.**
- * The Hebrew or Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar. It is based on the movement of the moon around the earth, which makes a complete cycle about every 29-1/2 days. This calendar also consists of twelve months, but the beginning of each month is determined by visual observation of a new moon. In order to maintain accuracy with the solar year, an extra (13th) month is added seven times within a nineteen-year period. This extra month follows the twelfth month, Adar and is called Ve Adar or "second" Adar. **The Biblical calendar (some call it the Hebrew or Jewish calendar) has a recurring cycle of dates "every nineteen years".**

THE BIBLICAL CALENDAR

Civil Calendar	Religious Calendar
1. Tishrei	1. Nisan (Aviv)
2. Cheshvan	2. Iyar
3. Kislev	3. Sivan
4. Tevet	4. Tammuz
5. Shevat	5. Av
6. Adar	6. Elul
7. Nisan (Aviv)	7. Tishrei
8. Iyar	8. Cheshvan
9. Sivan	9. Kislev
10. Tammuz	10. Tevet
11. Av	11. Shevat
12. Elul	12. Adar

Acts 15:12-21

For he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues

¹² And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.¹³ After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. ¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

¹⁶ "After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins,
and I will restore it,

¹⁷ that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,
says the Lord, who makes these things ¹⁸ known from of old."

¹⁹ Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰ but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. ²¹ For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."