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- 3... Rashi's explanation of the "streaked" ("birudim") sheep of Ya'akov (Bereishis 31:10); the esoteric explanation and the lesson for us.
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- 2... Lesson from the Parshah and Haftorah — one must also work to elevate the world; difference between "to judge the mount of Esav" and "dominion will be the L-rd's."
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- 2... The weekly parshah provides counter to the Yetzer's arguments.
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- 3... Lesson from parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei — idea of Vayakhel and idea of Pekudei must be synthesized together.
- 4... Lesson from parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei and parshas Hachodesh coinciding on same Shabbos.
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- 2... Lessons from the above; service in the world, within nature.
- 3... Lesson from parshas Tzav and 12th of Nissan — service in all aspects of a Jew’s life must be performed with zealotry.
- 4... Humility and pride; explanation of Rashi on ch. 8, verse 8 of parshas Tzav — why does Rashi repeat his explanation of the Urim.

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3. The plague of Jewish ignorance. Enrolling children in Jewish schools. Studying *Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim*.
4. The Rebbe Maharash; *Lechat’chilah ariber* but not of *Tohu*.
5. Giving charity at night and on *Motzaei Shabbos*. Special importance of charity in this generation and in America. Why the fundraising *Melaveh Malkah* began in America.

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4. Adult participation in the above. Distribution of 4 coins for *tzedakah*.

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2. Non-recital of *Shehecheyanu* on last days awakens longing for redemption — and thereby breaks the exile.
3. Why we can celebrate “Mashiach’s banquet” in exile; “Mashiach’s banquet” preparation to redemption; every Jew has a spark of Mashiach within him.
4. Difference between the four cups of wine drunk on the first days and last days of Pesach.
5. Each period in Pesach has its own unique service and distinction.
6. Lesson from a story teaching how a Jew can influence non-Jews to think of G-d.

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3. Lesson from Shemini — service transcending world and nature; service loftier even than Shabbos; difference between “eight” and “eighth.”
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 4. Connection between Pesach Sheni and Lag BaOmer; why Rashbi says a congregation cannot observe Pesach Sheni.
 5. Lesson from the day of the week and daily portion of Chumash.
- 6) Lag BaOmer — At Parade — 18th Day of Iyar..... 55**
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 2. Lesson from Rabbi Akiva's disciples — "Keep away from bad"; "G-d stands in the assembly of G-d."
 3. Three pillars of Torah, prayer and good deeds.
- 7) Shabbos Parshas Behar-Bechukosai, 24th Day of Iyar..... 60**
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 2. Two levels in reciting "Av Harachamim"; higher level (transformation of evil) is on Shabbos Mevarchim Sivan; above specially emphasized with the revelation of Chassidus by previous Rebbe.
 3. Connection of above with parshas Behar-Bechukosai, and Lag BaOmer.
 4. Explanation of Rashi on ch. 25, verse 10 of parshas Behar — proclamation of liberty on Yovel.
- 8) Convention of N'shei uBnos Chabad, 25th Day of Iyar..... 70**
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 2. Jewish women: Pesach (redemption in their merit) and Shavuot (spoken to first).
 3. Importance of having children; rejecting the idea of "family planning." Jewish education, camps, Moment of Silence.
 4. Parshas Bechukosai: peace in the land, in the home, and in the world. Bringing children to *Shul* on Shavuot.
- 9) Shabbos Parshas Bamidbar, 2nd Day of Sivan..... 75**
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 2. The reason why Moshe spoke to the Jews about Mattan Torah only on the second of Sivan, not on Rosh Chodesh; the true meaning of "the weakness of the way."
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- 10) Erev Shavuot..... 84**
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 3. The *Omer* offering from barley, not wheat. Parshas Nasso. Tractate *Sotah* and "fear of sin."
 4. *Erev Shavuot* and Moshe's construction of an altar.
 5. Charity for the needy before *Shavuot*. Bringing children to hear the Ten Commandments. Letters in the *Sefer Torah*. The *Mivtzoim* and *Shavuot*.
 6. *Shavuot* and *lechat'chilah ariber*.
 7. Torah, *tefillah*, and *tzedakah*. Not giving away settlements, and peace in Eretz Yisrael.
- 11) Shavuot, 7th Day of Sivan..... 90**
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 2. Difference between Shavuot and other festivals is in the idea of free choice; above expressed in the "days of compensation."
 3. Shavuot associated with Moshe Rabbeinu, Dovid HaMelech, and the Baal Shem Tov.
- 12) Shabbos Parshas Nasso, 9th Day of Sivan..... 101**
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 3. A Sichah of the Rebbe Shlita in Russian to "Tzivos Hashem" in U.S.S.R. Their performance of Torah and mitzvos, despite all difficulties, hastens the exodus of all Jews from exile.
- 14) Eve of the 12th Day of Sivan..... 113**
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 2. The connection between the 12th of Sivan and a) Psalm 68 (from the portion for the 12th day of the month) and its connection with *Mattan Torah*; b) the third day of the week; c) *Parshas Bahaaloscha*; and d) the third Chumash portion, Pesach Sheni. The necessity for each individual to innovate in Torah.

3. Psalm 60 (from the portion for the 11th day of the month): “You have given a banner to those who fear You, to elevate them.”
4. Mitzvah Campaigns, summer camps, *tzedakah*, songs of joy.

15) Shabbos Parshas Shelach, 23rd Day of Sivan..... 119

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2. Lesson from parshas Shelach — dissemination of Judaism in far off places.
3. Explanation of Rashi on ch. 15, verse 30 of parshas Shelach.
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3. Lesson from parshas Chukas — spreading Torah and mitzvos with *mesirus nefesh*.
4. Rashi’s commentary on regarding Sichon and Cheshbon.
5. Lesson from the Zohar — using *chesed* and *gevurah* in spreading Torah and mitzvos.
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3. The necessity of instituting a “Moment of Silence” in the public schools.
4. Public protest against the attack on a Jew and the shaving of his beard; the need to bring the offender to justice.
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3. Lessons from parshas “Mattos” — firmness in the service of “keep away from evil,” and in the service of “sanctify yourself in that which is permitted to you”; Lessons from today portion of Tehillim.
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3. Lesson from a) parshas Eikev: Torah and mitzvos with the intention of uniting yourself with G-d; b) the boundaries of Eretz Yisrael: spreading Torah and mitzvos to every possible location.

4. Lesson from the fact that *maftir* corresponds to the 7th *aliyah*: added enthusiasm in the mission of the Previous Rebbe.
5. a) Rashi, Devarim 9:11; b) Pirkei Avos, Chapter 5, Mishnah 5; c) Conference of *Shluchim* in Jerusalem.
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3. The Rashi from last Shabbos (Devarim 9:11) — when does Rashi explain a variant spelling?
4. Rashi on Devarim 15:8 and 15:10 — “opening your hand” and “giving” charity.
5. Commentary on the Zohar — Elul for itself stresses Torah study; as the month of preparation for Tishrei, it stresses prayer.
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3. The “order of the day”: complete honesty in spite of the attempts of the *yetzer hora*.
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3. The birthday of “our luminaries” or “the luminaries.”
4. Allusions to the Baal Shem Tov and the Alter Rebbe in this week's: a) Parshah — “Listen Yisrael”, “Eyes to see”; b) Pirkei Avos Ch. 3 — “Beloved are the people Israel”; c) Pirkei Avos Ch. 4 — Rabbi Meir: “Minimize your business activities”, “A new vessel filled with aged wine”.

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On Shabbos Mevarchim Tishrei, G-d Himself blesses the coming month — and with this strength, Jews bless the other months of the year. This teaches that every Jew has the ability, on this Shabbos, to prepare not just for Tishrei, but for the entire year. A simple application of this is the idea of making a pledge to give *tzedakah* throughout the year.

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3. Parshas Haazinu — how every Jew can control the world. On Rosh Hashanah, the Tzemach Tzedek would “arrange things in Petersburg.”
4. Selections from two newly printed books, one from the Tzemach Tzedek (Or HaTorah, *Maamarei Razal* and *Inyanim*) and one from the Previous Rebbe (Igros Vol. 5). *Ashrei* in Psalms. Unity in the words “Agudas Chabad.”
5. Tzemach Tzedek — the third Rebbe. The three pillars of Torah, prayer, and charity. Pledges to charity should be made *bli neder*.