

- 1) 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah..... 1**
1. Sounding of shofar on Rosh Hashanah (and Yom Kippur) similar to the sounding of the “great shofar” in the future redemption, spreading Judaism and Chassidus brings the future redemption.
 2. Self-sacrifice of those who help other Jews to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.
 3. Lesson from today’s Torah portion — mitzvah of Hakhel, Hakhel connected with Sefer Torah, the “thirteenth” Sefer Torah.
 4. Project to write a Sefer Torah for and in the merit of Jews over the age of Bar/Bas Mitzvah, to start with ‘Bnai Torah’, foremost participants to be students of Tomchei Temimim (Lubavitch).
- 2) Fast of Gedaliah..... 8**
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 2. Distinction of Tzom Gedaliah compared to other fasts is that it is in the Ten Days of Repentance.
 3. Tzom Gedaliah caused by act antithetical to Ahavas Yisroel, Tzom Gedaliah appropriate time to increase in Ahavas Yisroel.
 4. Ahavas Yisroel and unity of Jews achieved through participation in writing a Sefer Torah, more than one Sefer Torah should be written.
- 3) Shabbos Parshas Vayeilech, Shabbos Shuvah, 5th Day of Tishrei..... 14**
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 2. Lesson from 5th of Tishrei — birthday of Naphtali, all Jews have connection with all the tribes, service to G-d in mode of unbounded leap, special emphasis on above in this year, lesson from Haftorah.
 3. Explanation of Rashi on Devorim Chapter 31 verse 17 — “I will hide My face from them.”
- 4) Vov (6th) Tishrei, Yahrzeit of Rebbetzin Chana Schneerson..... 24**
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 2. Teshuvah as an individual and in a community, a Jew has no connection to sin, fulfilling G-d’s mission of “fill the earth and subdue it —
 3. Connection between a Yahrzeit and teshuvah, self-sacrifice of Rebbetzin Chana.
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- 6) The Letter sent by the Rebbe ‘On the Day of Shem Hashem’..... 35**
- 7) Shabbos Parshas Ha’azinu, 12th Day of Tishrei..... 38**
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 2. Teshuvah is relevant at all times. the higher the level, the greater the teshuvah demanded, teshuvah after Yom Kippur, everyone must involve themselves in dissemination of Judaism and Chassidus.
 3. Lesson from 12th of Tishrei — Bris of Naphtali and third day after Avraham’s circumcision, a Jew’s service unaffected by external circumstances.
 4. Explanation of Rashi on Devorim 32:3 — When does the commandment “When I will proclaim the name of the L-rd ascribe greatness to our G-d” apply?
- 8) Yud-Gimmel (13th) Tishrei, Yahrzeit of Rebbe Maharash..... 50**
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 2. Sefer Torah campaign, uniting through Torah, no set amount of money to purchase letter, lesson from weekly parshah.
- 9) 1st Night of Sukkos..... 54**
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 2. “Good for heaven and good for creatures”, two types of rejoicing, hospitality and “guests” on Sukkos.
 - 3 Lesson from today’s portion of weekly parshah — everyone can be included in the category of Levi.
- 10) 2nd Night of Sukkos..... 60**
1. Today’s portion of this week’s parshah stresses great joy, today’s joy greater even than yesterday’s, more pleasure is derived from something in which effort is invested than from an outright gift.
 2. Simchas Bais Hashoeva similar to concept of Zevulun, cessation of Torah study sometimes leads to greater involvement and enthusiasm; Simchas Bais Hashoeva applicable to all Jews.
 3. Sukkos has more joy than other festivals, Sukkos is revelation and celebration of blessings bestowed on Yom Kippur, hospitality effects increase in blessings.
- 11) 3rd Night of Sukkos..... 66**
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 2. Ya’akov’s service to spread holiness of Eretz Yisroel to outside, Alter Rebbe brought life to the intellect through Chassidus Chabad, intellect must be permeated with faith and self-sacrifice.
 3. ‘Cessation of Torah study is its fulfillment,’ descent into the ‘outside’ produces greater ascent.
 4. ‘Good for creatures’ is idea of elevating things outside the realm of holiness.

- 12) 4th Night of Sukkos, 5742..... 72**
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 2. Sefer Torah campaign.
 3. Individual organizations can write their own Sefer Torahs, letters for victims of the Holocaust.
- 13) 5th Night of Sukkos..... 77**
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 2. Lesson from seventh portion of Parshas Berachah — "Moshe went up", levels of service of Moshe and Aharon, Aharon elevates Moshe, Ahavas Yisroel and project Sefer Torah.
- 14) 6th Night of Sukkos..... 85**
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 2. Today's joy greater than preceding days, the joy must be tangible
 3. Greatness of Jews compared to gentiles; all Jews inherit the Torah.
- 15) Hosha'ana Rabbah, 7th Night of Sukkos..... 90**
1. Extra joy on Hosha'ana Rabbah, connection between Hosha'ana Rabbah and King Dovid and Rebbe Rashab, joy connected with elucidation of Halachah.
 2. Joy associated with Levi, Simchas Bais Hashoeva and Chassidus illuminates darkness of exile, joy below produces joy above.
 3. Simchas Bais Hashoeva preparation to Simchas Torah, Sefer Torah to unite all Jews, more than one Sefer Torah should be written.
 4. All of Eretz Yisroel belongs to Jews, all schemes to the contrary will be foiled.
- 16) Shemini Atzeres, during Hakofos; Simchas Torah, during Hakofos..... 95**
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 2. Jews have dominion over the entire world, exile does not affect Jews' observance of Torah and mitzvos, Jews unite through purchasing letters in a Sefer Torah, G-d is 'Helper of the needy,' those who work for Sefer Torah campaign should be honored with sixth Hakofoh.
 3. Children, the 'Army of Hashem,' honored with fifth Hakofoh.
 4. 'A person is where his thoughts are,' those honored with sixth Hakofoh should consider themselves as celebrating the Hakofoh in Yerushalayim.
- 17) Night of Simchas Torah..... 102**
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 2. Concept of Sukkos and Shemini Atzeres in man's spiritual service, Sukkos is idea of the seven Midos, Shemini Atzeres idea of Ratzon (will) and Tannug (pleasure), unity among Jews produced by Sefer Torah.
 3. Verses recited before Hakofos.
- 18) Day of Simchas Torah..... 111**
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 2. Lesson from weekly parshah — "Rejoice Zevulun in your going out and Yissachar in your tents," one must 'go out' to work with and elevate the world.
 3. Difference between previous Rebbe and Rebbe Rashab, Rebbe Rashab spread Chassidus to Torah students, previous Rebbe spread Chassidus even to those removed from Torah, similarity of above to differences between King Dovid and King Shlomo.
 4. Service of "Ya'akov went on his way" applies mainly on Motzoei Simchas Torah, man's 'way' and 'G-d's' way.
 5. Women preceded men in receiving the Torah, the Two Tablets were square, not rounded at one end.
- 19) Shabbos Parshas Bereishis, 26th Day of Tishrei..... 120**
1. Shabbos Bereishis takes precedence over Shabbos Mevorchim MarCheshvan, distinction of Shabbos Bereishis is Torah.
 2. Shabbos Bereishis effects renewal of the world, two types of renewal of creation, two types of service, Shabbos Bereishis effects completely new creation; one's service must be in completely new fashion, and not fear any opposition, good resolutions in disseminating Judaism and Chassidus.
 3. Difference between two names of the eighth month —MarCheshvan and Bul, Halachah clarified in Aramaic, elevation of the world specifically through non-holy tongues, one must not be influenced by the winter months.
- 20) Rosh Chodesh MarCheshvan..... 129**
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 2. Mitzvah of writing a Sefer Torah can be fulfilled by checking a Sefer Torah — even if no mistakes are found, same principle applies in bedikas chometz and admonishing a fellow Jew
 3. Two separate concepts in writing a Sefer Torah to fulfill the mitzvah of "write for yourselves this Song" and to unite all Jews, all things associated with the individual letter that belongs to each Jew also apply to the Sefer Torah to unite all Jews, level of "Yechidah" must permeate all aspects of a Jew.
- 21) Shabbos Parshas Noach, 3rd Day of MarCheshvan..... 136**

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 2. Connection between MarCheshvan and third Bais Hamikdosh, third Bais Hamikdosh is forever.
 3. Jews united through Halachah, service of “Ya’akov went on his way,” each Jew has mission to fulfill specifically in his place.
- 22) Shabbos Parshas Lech Lecha, 10th Day of MarCheshvan..... 142**
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 3. Explanation of Rashi on Bereishis 12.3 — why does Rashi mention Aggadic interpretation?
- 23) Chof (20th) MarCheshvan, Birthday of the Rebbe Rashab..... 150**
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 2. Sefer Torah campaign, two ways of drawing G-dliness into the world, connection between above and Aharon.
 3. Connection of above with Rebbe Rashab’s name — Sholom DovBer, unity between the exoteric and esoteric in Torah.
- 24) Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sarah, 24th Day of MarCheshvan..... 157**
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 2. Explanation of Zohar I, 121a Why was it specifically the sea and not the earth which raged against Yonah when he did not fulfill his mission?
 3. Explanation of Bereishis 27:7. Why did Eliezer change Avraham’s words from “before you” to “with you?”
- 25) Conflict and Divisiveness or Unity and Peace..... 168**
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- 1) Shabbos Parshas Vayeitze, 9th Day of Kislev..... 1**
- 1... Mittler Rebbe born and passed away on same day, the 9th of Kislev, all things must be translated into practice, one must work “with all your might.”
 - 2... Yud Kislev preparation to Yud-Tes Kislev, increasing darkness requires greater light.
 - 3... Yud Kislev greater than Yud-Tes Kislev in some respects, purpose of descent is for ascent, person must make own efforts and then G-d helps.
 - 4... Explanation of Rashi on parshas Vayeitze Ch 31 Verse 17 —why Ya’akov put the males before the females, and Esav did the reverse.
 - 5... Lesson of Yud Kislev from weekly parshah, Ya’akov “went out” to reach greater heights, Ya’akov “sent angels” to convert Esav to good.
- 2) Shabbos Parshas Vayishlach, 16th Day of Kislev..... 12**
- 1... Quintessence of Yud-Tes Kislev is dissemination of Chassidus, Tanya is for all Jews, Tanya is “Written Law” of Chassidus, first and second editions of Tanya, second edition just printed.
 - 2... Differences between first and second editions of Tanya, first edition corresponds to simple submission of will to G-d, second edition corresponds to more advanced service.
 - 3... Explanation of Ch 32 verse 23 — why did Ya’akov ferry over his wives before his sons?
- 3) Yud-Tes (19th) Kislev..... 19**
- 1... Talking of an event helps the remembrance, purpose of remembrance is to “keep” the event, Alter Rebbe imprisoned because of his work in spreading Torah and Judaism, we must follow Alter Rebbe’s example.
 - 2... Yud-Tes Kislev associated with idea of ‘peace,’ first commandment is synthesis of two opposite concepts, purpose of soul’s descent is to effect peace, revelation of “I am the L-rd your G-d” permeated entire world.
 - 3... Chanukah connected with children Jewish children should be gathered together and told story of Chanukah, involvement in Chanukah and other Mitzvah campaigns, all Jews to unite through participation in a Sefer Torah.
- 4) After School Hours..... 29**
- 5) Shabbos Parshas Vayeishev, 23rd Day of Kislev..... 34**
- 1... Chanukah is miracle of the oil, oil corresponds to the esoteric part of Torah, water to the exoteric, connection between Yud Tes Kislev and Chanukah — both involve the dissemination of the esoteric.
 - 2... Effort must be invested in the propagation of Chassidus, proper effort is blessed with miraculous success, miracles because of human effort are loftier than those without.
 - 3... Special lesson from this year when Shabbos is between Yud Tes Kislev and Chanukah, disseminating Chassidus in manner of ‘work on Shabbos, opposition automatically eliminated.
 - 4... Explanation of Rashi on parshas Vayeishev Ch 37 verse 23 —why does Rashi interpret the verse to refer to two garments?
 - 5... Lesson from above Rashi — distinction acquired from one’s father’ to be applied to every facet of life.
- 6) Tzivos Hashem, 24th Day of Kislev..... 45**
- 1... Members of Tzivos Hashem carry out G-d’s mission of vanquishing the Yetzer, G-d is Commander-in-Chief, lesson from Chanukah.
 - 2... Sefer Torah is ‘register of Tzivos Hashem, lesson from Chanukah — to rededicate one’s Jewish heart, special directives for the days of Chanukah.
 - 3... Constitution of USSR guarantees freedom of religion, all children should buy a letter in Sefer Torah, unity through Torah.
- 7) 2nd Night of Chanukah..... 50**
- 1... Miracle of Chanukah result of first day, increase in tzedakah during Chanukah, “spiritual” tzedakah.
 - 2... Tzedakah is “good for creatures,” tzedakah giving to be in best way possible, to give more than a fifth, increase in Torah study.

3... Additional efforts in Jewish education, participation in Sefer Torah throws fear on non-Jews.

8) Shabbos Parshas Mikeitz, Rosh Chodesh Teves..... 56

- 1... Lesson from Chanukah lights in an eight-branched menorah, all Jews are on level of “menorah made completely of gold,” all Jewish souls must be illuminated with “mitzvos which are a lamp and Torah which is light.
- 2... Chanukah lights associated with Torah study, the Sefer Torah campaign, Torah helps stabilize the world, Torah changes world, Jews are free men.
- 3... Prophecy in Daniel lends urgency to Sefer Torah campaign — “*at that time your people shall be saved, everyone who is found written to the book.*”
- 4... Explanation of Rashi on parshas Mikeitz 41:56 — what does ‘shever’ mean?

9) Tzivos Hashem, Eve of Zos Chanukah..... 66

- 1... Chanukah lights defeat the Yetzer, victory over Yetzer is in miraculous fashion.
- 2... Zos Chanukah is major all-out attack against the Yetzer, Jewish soul is the “lamp of the L-rd.”
- 3... Jewish children have pride of place in war against the Yetzer.
- 4... Jews compared to moon, Jews shed more light each day.
- 5... Sefer Torah campaign, unity of Jews, Torah and G-d..

10) Zos Chanukah, 2nd Day of Teves..... 71

- 1... Chanukah lights “will never be abolished,” Chanukah corresponds to concept of “And the L-rd lightens my darkness.”
- 2... Three main points associated with Chanukah lights, increase in Torah, prayer, and mitzvos.

11) 10th Day of Teves (After Minchah)..... 75

- 1... Fast day is “a day desirable to G-d,” increase in Torah, prayer and tzedakah on fast day.
- 2... On 10th of Teves, Yerushalayim was besieged by Babylon, Yerushalayim represents fear of Heaven, Babylon the world, Yerushalayim and Babylon must be kept separate, beginning service of day is idea of fear of Heaven.
- 3... Daily portion of weekly parshah emphasizes humility.
- 4... Proper prayer conquers the seven emotions.
- 5... Sefer Torah campaign, fast days destined to be converted to days of joy and festivals, difference between Rambam and Scripture in order of events, ‘leaping’ over the normal order.

12) 24th Day of Teves, Yahrzeit of Alter Rebbe..... 83

- 1... A tzaddik’s Yahrzeit “effects salvations in the midst of the earth,” revelation of the “salvations” affects even the lowest levels.
- 2... Lesson from above in man’s service — even the lowest level of people are affected by the revelation of “the salvation in the midst of the earth.”
- 3... Differences between Alter Rebbe’s Siddur and the Arizal’s Siddur, Alter Rebbe includes only those things associated with man’s service, Arizal includes all those things effected in the upper realms, Alter Rebbe’s Siddur of equal relevance to all Jews.

13) Shabbos Parshas Va’eira, 28th Day of Teves..... 92

- 1... A Tzaddik is found in this world even after passing away, strength given on Shabbos Mevorchim for coming month.
- 2... Previous Rebbe stressed Torah study and dissemination of Torah in all languages, service carried out in manner of Shabbos, descent of exile for purpose of ascent in redemption.
- 3... Intervening day between Shabbos Mevorchim and Rosh Chodesh allows for proper preparation.
- 4... Explanation of Rashi on verse 9 24 of parshas Va’eira — the miracle of the hail was a — miracle within a miracle.
- 5... Explanation of Zohar on Parshas Va’eira.

14) Rosh Chodesh Shevat..... 103

- 1... Central theme of today’s Chitas is unity of all Jews, Rosh Chodesh Shevat and completion of writing of Sefer Torah emphasizes the above.
- 2... Every Jew has dominion over world to fulfill G-d’s mission, Jews have “light in their dwelling places,” faith and self-sacrifice higher than comprehension.
- 3... Sefer Torah of a congregation emphasizes unity of Jews, every Jew has a letter in Sefer Torah.
- 4... Help for Jews behind the Iron Curtain by purchasing letters on their behalf, nothing can separate a Jew from Torah.

15) Yud (10th) Shevat, Yahrzeit of Previous Rebbe..... 110

- 1... Yud Shevat relevant today, matters of previous Rebbe have increased.
- 2... All of a person’s matters must be for the sake of heaven, duty to influence others, Seven Noachide Laws.
- 3... 32 years since Yud Shevat 5710, leader is “heart” of all Jewry, Torah is similar to king, who is “heart, — Sefer Torah campaign.
- 4... Joy in service — in Torah, prayer, and tzedakah.
- 5... Meaning of “to Him,” Baal Shem Tov’s and Alter Rebbe’s interpretation, Alter Rebbe’s interpretation relevant to all Jews, “deed is the essential thing,” service of Jews is to reveal G-dliness.
- 6... Jews are the “one nation” on the “one earth.”

16) Shabbos Parshas Beshallah, 13th Day of Shevat..... 123

- 1... Two meanings of “Vayechulu, — man elevates creation on Shabbos, Jews add delight to Shabbos, Jews elevate Torah.
- 2... Prayers are addressed to the very Essence of G-d, a child addresses G-d directly, self-nullification before G-d.
- 3... The battle against Amalek, learning Torah with the public, the mitzvah campaigns, Sefer Torah campaign.
- 4... Explanation of Rashi on Shemos 15 3 — what is the meaning of “The L-rd is His Name?”

17) 15th Day of Shevat, Rosh Hashanah for Trees..... 134

- 1... Distinction of farbrengen on Tu B’Shevat, Tu B’Shevat relevant to every Jew.

- 2... Custom to eat fruit on Tu B'Shevat, Tu B'Shevat is not a "festival," but a "Jewish custom," difference between grain and fruit, reason for eating fruit and not grain on Tu B'Shevat.
- 3... Lesson from above in man's service to G-d, "one always ascends in holy matters."
- 4... Spreading Chassidus (especially Tanya) through radio.
- 5... Wanting Moshiach now, Jew need but do his task, and G-d will do the rest.
- 6... Lesson from the weekly parshah and the daily portion.

18) Tzivos Hashem, 21st Day of Shevat..... 142

- 1... The three pillars on which the world stands, children are the guarantors for the giving of the Torah.
- 2... Jews are compared to trees, a Jewish child must constantly grow and produce fruit, bond between Jews and Eretz Yisroel.
- 3... Miracle of Purim brought about by gatherings of Jewish children, preparation for Purim, lesson from the weekly parshah.

19) Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim, 27th Day of Shevat..... 146

- 1... Connection between month of Adar and parshas Shekalim, payment of half-shekel has effect on past, present and future.
- 2... Lesson from above in man's service to G-d, man's service must be constantly renewed, rectification of the past, conversion of darkness to light.
- 3... Service of "Song of Ascents," lesson from Ya'akov, "good for heaven and good for creatures."
- 4... Explanation of Rash' on Shemos 24 4 — What were the "words of the L-rd" which Moshe wrote?

20) Tzivos Hashem, 12th Day of Adar..... 156

- 1... Preparation to Purim is instrumental in victory of Purim, preparations associated with Jewish children.
- 2... Task of Tzivos Hashem is to achieve victory over the Yetzer, a Jew must not "bow or prostrate himself" to non-Jewishness, the place of each Jewish child is the "capital city" of G-d.
- 3... Victory of Purim is through unity of Jews, unity of Jews emphasized in daily portion of weekly parshah, all Jews can belong to the "legions of the King," Sefer Torah campaign, building of the third Bais Hamikdosh.

21) Ta'anis Esther, 13th Day of Adar..... 162

- 1... Mazal of Jews strong in month of Adar, teshuvah on Ta'anis Esther is loftier than on other fasts, teshuvah *meahavah*.
- 2... Distinction of tzedakah on Ta'anis Esther, association of the half-shekel with Purim, the sanctuary within each Jew, Jews are termed "Yehudim," fasts destined to be converted into holidays.

1) Purim..... 1

- 1... All matters of Torah must be "new;" "Achashverosh" — past, present and future are one.
- 2... Lesson from Megillah "according to every man's desire" — a Jew must display his identity, especially when in the "king's gate;" Jewish child must be raised to have pride in his Jewishness
- 3... Events in the story of Purim arranged by G-d to provide lessons for service to G-d.
- 4... Necessity for repetition of commandment to wipe out Amalek; binding force of Torah, Prophets and Writings.
- 5... Every Person can bring salvation to the world since every Jew is in "capital city" of G-d.

2) Shabbos Parshas Ki Sissa, Parshas Parah, 18th Day of Adar..... 14

- 1... Entire week connected with Purim; service of Purim transcends all limits; Purim associated with Shabbos; Torah and mitzvos are the greatest of pleasures.
- 2... Lesson from parshas Parah; lesson from parshas Ki Sissa.
- 3... Lesson from daily portion of Tehillim.
- 4... Explanation of Rashi on Ch. 30, verse 20 — When is a kohen obligated to wash his hands and feet?

3) Shabbos Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei, Parshas Hachodesh, 25th Day of Adar..... 26

- 1... Dichotomy in Shabbos, Torah, service to G-d, and parshas Hachodesh; lesson from parshas Hachodesh — service in new manner.
- 2... A Jew must also rectify past service.
- 3... Lesson from parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei.
- 4... Explanation of Rashi on Ch. 35, verse 5 — why does it state "Take" and not "Give?"

4) The Letter sent by the Rebbe, 25th Day of Adar..... 36

5) Tzivos Hashem, Rosh Chodesh Nissan..... 42

- 1... Importance of children on Purim and Pesach; preparations to Pesach; all children should be in category of the "wise."
- 2... Lesson from Rosh Chodesh — Jews must ascend in matters of Judaism; connection of above with redemption; lesson from Rosh Chodesh Nissan — notification of the redemption, and unity of all Jews.
- 3... Directives for children before Pesach.

6) Shabbos Parshas Vayikra, 3rd Day of Nissan..... 46

- 1... Lesson from Rebbe Rashab's name, Sholom DovBer; joining and elevation of the secular to the sacred; bear is "fleshy" and "has no rest;" Torah brings peace to the world; lesson from Shabbos.
- 2... Explanation of sacrifices; explanation of Rashi on Vayikra 1:9 — the sacrifice is a "pleasant odor before the L-rd."
- 3... A girl kindling Shabbos lights for first time should make the blessing Shehecheyanu.
- 4... Lesson from Zevulun; distinction of service of businessmen on Shabbos; service with joy.

7) Shabbos Parshas Tzav, Shabbos Hagadol, 10th Day of Nissan..... 57

- 1... Shabbos Hagadol is miracle of "Who struck Egypt through its first-born;" miracle of Shabbos Hagadol was through the Egyptians themselves; non-Jews help Jews to leave exile.

- 2... Lesson from above; rising above limitations; everything utilized for service to G-d.
- 3... Lesson from events of the “tenth of the month;” service of “draw away from idolatry and take mitzvos;” lesson from “the people went up from the Jordan” — one must always rise to higher levels.
- 4... Explanation of this week’s parshah — why are these sacrifices different from others?
- 5... Explanation of Zohar on this parshah — difference in atonements procured by Torah study and sacrifices.
- 6... “Eightieth year.”

8) The Letter sent by the Rebbe, 11th Day of Nissan..... 66

9) Yud-Aleph (11th) Nissan..... 73

- 1... Vessels of illumination; each person can influence entire world; Pesach is time of freedom; G-d gives blessings for redemption.
- 2... Gratitude for good done; education is mainly moral and ethical training; reflection on purpose of existence is preparation to education; Yud-Aleph Nissan proclaimed as National Day of Reflection; thought superior to deed or speech.
- 3... Growth in years must bring growth in deeds; G-d gives strength to fulfill mission in life; deed is the essential thing.

10) 13th Day of Nissan..... 84

- 1... Yartzeit “effects salvations in the midst of the earth;” Jews must make “vessel” to receive revelations.
- 2... Mission to spread Chassidus to all Jews; success comes from G-d.
- 3... Special nature of Tzemach Tzedek’s yartzeit; one must actually “go down to Egypt” to help a fellow Jew; parable of Mezritcher Maggid.
- 4... Proclamation of Day of Reflection.

11) Acharon Shel (8th) Pesach, 22nd Day of Nissan..... 91

- 1... Acharon Shel Pesach is the “gatherer for all the camps” of the days of Pesach; Acharon Shel Pesach has special connection to Moshiach’s coming.
- 2... Future redemption has special significance in this generation.
- 3... Difference between above and “reckoning dates.”
- 4... Helping Jews after Pesach.
- 5... Lessons derived from today’s portions of Chumash, Tehillim, and Tanya.

12) Shabbos Parshas Shemini, 24th Day of Nissan..... 101

- 1... Elevation of Acharon Shel Pesach on following Shabbos; greatness of Shevi’i Shel Pesach and Acharon Shel Pesach; “wonders” in the future redemption; two eras in time of Moshiach.
- 2... “Open your mouth wide and I will fill it;” “elevation” of Jews; self-sacrifice of Jews behind the Iron Curtain; increase in Torah study and mitzvos helps Jews behind the Iron Curtain.
- 3... Explanation of different terms in parshah; explanation of Rashi on Ch. 9 verse 12.
- 4... Lesson from Rashi on Ch. 10 verse 19 regarding education.

13) Shabbos Parshas Tazria-Metzora, 2nd Day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar..... 114

- 1... Although Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh are regular occurrences, lessons must still be derived from them; Shabbos is regular, routine service; Rosh Chodesh is new service.
- 2... Lesson from Shabbos Rosh Chodesh — Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh must influence each other.
- 3... Explanation of laws of leprosy in our parshah.

14) Tzivos Hashem, 6th Day of Iyar..... 122

- 1... Mitzvah of Sefiras HaOmer every day of month of Iyar, lesson from above — to increase in Torah and mitzvos; G-d pays measure for measure.
- 2... Lesson from daily portion of Chumash — “You shall love your fellow as yourself;” lesson from daily portion of Tehillim — G-d is with every Jew and helps in the battle against the Yetzer; victory comes quickly.
- 3... Sixth of Iyar begins preparation to the “Season of the Giving of our Torah.”

15) Shabbos Parshas Emor, 15th Day of Iyar..... 125

- 1... Coincidence of number of events on this Shabbos; combination of holy matters gives greater strength.
- 2... Lesson from Shabbos — person’s service permeated with delight; lesson from parshas Emor — to speak to others with “soft words;” “judge every person meritoriously.”
- 3... Lesson from Pesach Sheni — “it is never too late;” “why should we be deprived;” lesson from Lag B’Omer — Ahavas Yisroel.
- 4... Lesson from 15th of Iyar — “moon is at its fullness;” service of being a “chariot.”
- 5... Lesson from 15th of Iyar — “the provisions they brought from Egypt were finished;” revelation of level of “King of kings, the Holy One blessed be He;” revelations affect also the physical; mission to spread Chassidus.
- 6... Special activities on Lag B’Omer.

16) Tzivos Hashem, Lag B’Omer, 18th Day of Iyar..... 135

- 1... Great joy of Lag B’Omer; main task of Tzivos Hashem to learn Torah and fulfill mitzvos; special lesson from Lag B’omer — love of Jews, G-d and Torah; redemption through children.
- 2... “Good for heaven and good for creatures;” preparations for receiving the Torah; to be present for reading of Ten Commandments.
- 3... Children uphold the world; Torah, prayer, and deeds of loving kindness; going to the fields.

17) To the N’shei uBnos Chabad Convention..... 140

- 1... Sefiras HaOmer — longing for the Giving of the Torah; every Jew is member of “kingdom of priests;” a Jew must constantly serve G-d.
- 2... Lesson from weekly parshah – receiving G-d’s statutes at Mt. Sinai; transforming “wilderness” into “Sinai;” merit to bring children into world.

- 3... Third partner in child; transforming world into dwelling place for G-d; one good deed can bring Moshiach.
- 4... Lesson from today's portion of Tehillim — Jew must praise G-d every day.

18) Shabbos Parshas Bamidbar, 29th Day of Iyar..... 147

- 1... Distinction of Sivan — the “third month;” unity of Jews “as one man with one heart;” two types of unity; unity applies especially to Jews on a low spiritual level; “deed is the essential thing;” unity through Torah.
- 2... Lesson from Shabbos Mevorchim Sivan this year — good resolutions must be fulfilled immediately; unity of Jews through Sefer Torah.
- 3... Explanation of Rashi on Ch. 3 verse 4 of parshas Bamidbar — what is the meaning of “in the presence of?”
- 4... Differences in titles given to Alter Rebbe by his sons in their approbation to Tanya.
- 5... Not all of Rabbi Akiva's disciples died.

19) Tzivos Hashem, 3rd Day of Sivan..... 159

- 1... Task of Tzivos Hashem to ensure that all recognize G-d; Jewish children first to recognize G-d.
- 2... Lesson from third of Sivan — “set bounds around the mountain.”
- 3... “Good for heaven and good for creatures;” encouraging others to come close to Torah and mitzvos.
- 4... Abundance of Torah and mitzvos is merit for Jews.

20) Erev Shavuos..... 163

- 1... Connection between the Sefirah days and study of tractate Sotah.
- 2... Explanation of conclusion of tractate Sotah in Talmuds Bavli and Yerushalmi, and the differences between them; different levels of humility.

21) 2nd Day of Shavuos, 7th Day of Sivan..... 171

- 1... Common point between Moshe Rabbeinu, King Dovid, and the Baal Shem Tov — all were shepherds; lesson from above to all Jews.
- 2... Lesson from Shavuos falling on Shabbos; bringing Jews closer to Torah; work in manner of “delight.”
- 3... Individual distinctions of Moshe, Dovid, and Baal Shem Tov; “ascending in holiness;” unity of all Jews.
- 4... Common point in the Torah of Moshe, Dovid and Baal Shem Tov; Baal Shem Tov's teaching especially relevant to simple Jews; service associated with worldly dealings; greatness of deed.
- 5... Publication of collections of original Torah thoughts.
- 6... Allusion to year of Moshiach's coming in beginning word of Torah.
- 7... Gatherings of Jewish children to be held in days following Shavuos.

1) Tzivos Hashem, 10th Day of Sivan..... 1

- 1... Ten Commandments give renewed strength; service with joy; G-d takes Jews out of exile.
- 2... Lesson from Tuesday — “good for heaven and good for creatures;” lesson from 10th of Sivan — Yetzer is automatically eliminated through joy.
- 3... Torah, prayer and good deeds hasten redemption.

2) Eve of 12th of Sivan..... 4

- 1... Explanation of why there are “seven days of completion;” lesson from above — each Jew must continually perfect his service.
- 2... Concept of rattan Torah expressed in today's portions of Tehillim and Torah
- 3... Distinction of offerings on first day compared to last day; explanation of why the princes only donated six wagons; lesson from above — a person must utilize all his abilities and time for service to G-d.

3) Shabbos Parshas Nasso, 14th Day of Sivan..... 11

- 1... Connection between Shabbos and Torah — elevation of world; revelation of truth on weekdays through Torah; extra emphasis on above on this Shabbos.
- 2... Shavuos can fall out on same day of week as originally; added enthusiasm to concept of “these days are remembered and kept.”
- 3... Explanation of Rashi on Ch. 7, verses 84-88 — why are the sum totals of the princes' offerings noted?
- 4... Explanation of Zohar on parshas Nasso — “as for us, the matter is dependent on love.”

4) Graduates of Bais Rivkah, 22nd Day of Sivan..... 21

- 1... Reckoning in “doing” first and “understanding” later; women are mainstay of the house; one must always rise in education; illumination of all the days of the week.
- 2... Lesson from this week's parshah — “Send for yourselves;” entering the land (spiritually and physically); women's love for the land.
- 3... True “equal rights” are when each person uses his G-d-given abilities in his/her particular area.

5) Shabbos Parshas Shelach, Mevorchim Chodesh Tammuz, 28th Day of Sivan..... 27

- 1... Synthesis of service transcending limits with service within limits; limitations of holiness and limitations of evil; lesson from Yud-Bais Tammuz.
- 2... Lesson from first day of Tammuz on Tuesday; lesson from name “Tammuz.”
- 3... Explanation of Rashi on Chapter 13 verse 33 — who were the Nefillim?

6) 3rd Day of Tammuz..... 38

- 1... Third of Tammuz marks beginning of liberation of previous Rebbe; Chassidus must be spread everywhere.
- 2... Exile is only a “secondary” matter; Lesson from the third of Tammuz to increase in education of Jewish children.
- 3... Enrollment of children in Torah-true summer camps.
- 4... Every Jew must be “raised.”

5... “You shall not add to nor detract from Torah;” separation between thought and deed.

7) Half-Day Fast, 7th Day of Tammuz..... 48

- 1... A fast is a “desirable day;” today’s portion of Chumash teaches the greatness of Jews.
- 2... Open miracles shown recently; miracles can be through any agency; necessity to fully conclude present campaign to assure safety of Jews in Eretz Yisroel.
- 3... Promise in today’s portion of Tehillim; education of Jewish children; Ahavas Yisroel, Sefer Torah, and all other mitzvah campaigns.
- 4... Giving tzedakah before ending fast.

8) Shabbos Parshas Balak, 12th Day of Tammuz..... 54

- 1... Distinction of Yud-Bais Tammuz being on Shabbos; quantity affects quality.
- 2... Change of name; service of Yud-Bais Tammuz this year must be with “ta’anug;” physical body delights in spreading Judaism and Chassidus.
- 3... Explanation of Rashi on Ch. 22, verse 21 — “hatred causes disregard of proper conduct.”

9) 13th Day of Tammuz..... 64

- 1... “Ascend in holiness;” meaning of “Ten who sit and engage in Torah.”
- 2... Education of children during the summer; even secular disciplines must be used for holy purposes.

10) 15th Day of Tammuz..... 68

- 1... Yud-Bais Tammuz is preparation to conversion of 17th of Tammuz to day of joy.
- 2... Lesson from today’s portion of Chumash — “lottery” corresponds to service with self-sacrifice; rational, ordered service must follow self-sacrifice.
- 3... “Good for heaven and good for creatures” — connection to above; dissemination of Chassidus based on Ahavas Yisroel.
- 4... Importance of 55th commemoration of Yud-Bais Tammuz; lesson from the daughters of Tzelofchod; distinction of women.

11) 17th Day of Tammuz..... 74

- 1... Fast is a “desirable day to G-d;” conversion of undesirable events of a fast to good; example of above in breaking of the tablets.
- 2... “Wall of the city was breached” on the 17th of Tammuz; “wall is Torah;” conversion of the breach of the wall to good by increase in Torah study.
- 3... 12th and 13th of Tammuz add to conversion of tragic events of 17th of Tammuz; lesson from 103rd year of previous Rebbe and the 103rd chapter of Tehillim; obeying first, listening later.

12) Shabbos Parshas Mattos-Massai, 26th Day of Tammuz..... 80

- 1... The meaning of “Menachem Av” — we are somehow able to “comfort” G-d — our Father.
- 2... Our two sedras Mattos and Massai; an explanation of their order.
- 3... An explanation of the opening and closing verses of today’s Tehillim portion.
- 4... Why the Rambam calls the Laws of the Temple “The Laws of Beis Habechirah” — the Chosen House.
- 5... Why in a dispute such as one between Rashi and Rabbeinu Tam both views can be equally valid.
- 6... Explanation of Rashi 31:19.

13) Shabbos Parshas Devarim, 4th Day of Menachem-Av..... 93

- 1... Shabbos Chazon — the Shabbos of Vision — when we see a vision of the third Bais Hamikdosh — why the third Bais Hamikdosh will last forever.
- 2... Each of us must endeavor to see the third Bais Hamikdosh in the literal sense.
- 3... Link between Shabbos Chazon and the Arizal.
- 4... Explanation of Rashi’s commentary on the eighth verse of our sedra.
- 5... An explanation of a law in Rambam’s Hilchos Bais Habechirah.

14) 15th Day of Menachem-Av..... 103

- 1... Greatness of the 15th of Av follows descent of Tisha B’Av; 15th of Av emphasizes Ahavas Yisroel.
- 2... Different reasons for distinction of 15th of Av; all reasons are connected with Ahavas Yisroel.
- 3... Increase in Torah study from 15th of Av on; “stealing” time for Torah study.
- 4... Lesson from weekday parshah — two interpretations of “Ekev;” connection of above to daily portion.

15) Chof Menachem-Av..... 110

- 1... Yahrzeit is occasion to increase in Torah and mitzvos — thereby helping the soul of the departed and oneself.
- 2... Lesson from Rabbi Levi Yitzchok — education with self-sacrifice; children should sing of wanting Moshiach.
- 3... Unity with Jewish children behind the Iron Curtain.
- 4... Bar Mitzvah celebration of war-orphan in Eretz Yisroel.
- 5... Distinction of Jewish women; convention of N’shei uBnos Chabad.

16) Shabbos Parshas Re’eh, 25th Day of Menachem-Av..... 118

- 1... Torah prayer and good deeds, teshuvah and redemption — all alluded to in Elul.
- 2... Animal soul does not taint service of G-dly soul; parable to above; distinction of Shabbos Mevorchim Elul.
- 3... Different levels in teshuvah.

17) Tzivos Hashem, 27th Day of Menachem-Av..... 126

- 1... Common theme of gatherings of Tzivos Hashem; unique lesson from today's gathering — the King is in the field.
- 2... Lesson from parshas Shoftim; lesson from daily portion of Tehillim.

18) 1st Day of Rosh Chodesh Elul..... 130

- 1... General and specialized elements in Rosh Chodesh; service of teshuvah — with ta'anug.
- 2... Parable of "king in the field;" "city-dwellers" in the field.
- 3... Dwelling place for G-d in this world; difference between the two days of Rosh Chodesh Elul.
- 4... Sermons to Jews must be with love, not anger; lesson from Yeshayahu.
- 5... Explanation of Rambam — why does he depict the cups on the Menorah upside down.

19) Gan Yisroel & Menucha Camps, 12th Day of Elul..... 139

- 1... Conclusion of summer camp is not an end, but a preparation to a higher Level; Elul is when the "king is in the field."
- 2... Lesson from weekday parshah — to make every place into a spiritual Eretz Yisroel; lesson from daily portion — "You have set apart;" above must be consonant with directive of "good for creatures."
- 3... Immediate implementation of increase in Torah, prayer and good deeds (tzedakah).

20) 13th Day of Elul..... 144

- 1... Distinction of Jews gathered together; distinction of Elul; 13th of Elul is 85th anniversary of previous Rebbe's wedding — ultimate in kindness.
- 2... 14th of Elul begins time to learn laws of Sukkos; helping Jews in their Yomtov needs.
- 3... 15th of Elul marks founding of Yeshivas Tomchei Tmimim; synthesis of the exoteric and the esoteric.
- 4... Lesson from parshas Sova — pride in being a Jew.
- 5... Resolution to give extra tzedakah until Hoshanah Rabbah.

21) Letter sent by the Rebbe, 18th Day of Elul..... 152

22) 18th Day of Elul..... 158

- 1... The significance of a birthday since the fetus is seemingly better off in the womb — nevertheless, independence is gained by being born — the practical lesson for us.
- 2... On the same theme — only upon being born can one make a real impact in the world — why the Alter Rebbe and the Baal Shem Tov are called the "Two Great Luminaries" — the lesson for us in educating our children.
- 3... Comparing the teachings of the Alter Rebbe and Baal Shem Tov — Chassidus Chabad and General Chassidus
- 4... The importance of ensuring that everyone is properly supplied for the Yomim Tovim.

23) Shabbos Parshas Netzavim-Vayeilech, 23rd Day of Elul..... 169

- 1... Tishrei blessed by G-d; Jews derive strength to bless other months from G-d's blessings.
- 2... Lesson from "Netzavim-Vayeilech" being joined together this year; synthesis of the infinite and the finite.
- 3... Explanation of Rashi on Ch. 31 verse 28 — Why were the trumpets not blown on the last day of Moshe's Life?

24) Tzivos Hashem, 26th Day of Elul..... 177

- 1... Gathering of Tzivos Hashem expresses idea of "You are all standing steadfast today before the L-rd your G-d ... that you should enter into the covenant of the L-rd your G-d;" preparations for Rosh Hashanah.
- 2... Lesson from third day of week — "good for heaven and good for creatures;" Lesson from parshas Ha'azinu.

25) N'shei uBnos Chabad, 27th Day of Elul..... 180

- 1... Ahavas Yisroel emphasized especially before Rosh Hashanah; distinction of Wednesday this year; unity merits blessings.
- 2... Special mission of women — to make the world a "Sanctuary" and illuminate the world; mission of making world fit dwelling place for G-d fulfilled with strength from G-d.
- 3... Three special mitzvos for women; good resolutions for dissemination of Judaism.

26) Erev Rosh Hashanah..... 185

- 1... Distinction of farbrengen on erev Rosh Hashanah; unity of Jews.
- 2... Redemption in manner of "I will hasten it."
- 3... Concept of blowing the shofar and saying tachnun effected on erev Rosh Hashanah without man's effort; why "Lechu Nerraneno" is not said when Yom Tov falls out on Shabbos.
- 4... Birthday of Tzemach Tzedek; synthesis of the exoteric and esoteric; unity of all categories of those who study Torah.

27) Peace for the Galilee..... 192