



ZOS CHANUKAH

- On the last day of Chanukah, the Rebbe instructed Chassidim to intensify the *peulos* of Chanukah to the fullest extent and to fill in whatever is yet to be finished.¹
- It is also a time to join a Chassidishe farbrengen, to learn Chassidus, and to take upon oneself to increase the learning of Chassidus throughout the year.¹

HEI TEVES - THE SEFARIM VICTORY

- In the *sicha* said immediately following the verdict on Hei Teves, the Rebbe explained that we should see the whole trial and the false claim that Chabad was “inactive” as an indication to double and redouble our efforts in all matters of spreading Yiddishkeit and Chassidus, achieving incomparably more than ever before.²
- A day like this must be utilized to its fullest, by buying new *sefarim*, specifically those about the laws of a

Yid's daily *avodah*. *Sefarim* should also be bought for the whole family. The Rebbe also instructed that *sefarim* be purchased for shuls and other institutions, as well as sending *sefarim* to the library of Agudas Chabad. Buying these *sefarim* will lead to learning the *sefarim*, and sharing their teachings with others.³

- The Rebbe also instructed to reinstate the custom of buying *sefarim* and giving them as presents, primarily to young children, for a birthday or Yom Tov.
- Following the fall of the USSR, much effort was exerted to obtain the release of many *sefarim* belonging to the Frierdiker Rebbe's library. The Rebbe explained that the way to hasten their return is by bringing more *sefarim* into the home and the library.⁴

ASARAH B'TEVES - DAY OF FASTING

- In 5738*, the Rebbe initiated the custom to say *divrei kivushin*, words of inspiration, intended to motivate people and rouse their hearts and do *teshuvah*.⁵

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12 TEVES

- In 5747*, the Rebbe instructed Chassidim to start the spiritual preparations for Yud Shevat, primarily by increasing Torah learning. The Rebbe specified that this applies especially to yeshiva students, but also to lay people.⁶

CHOF-TEVES - THE HILULA OF THE RAMBAM

- Being that the lifetime work of the Rambam is revealed on his *yom hilula*, a resolution should be made, in a public forum⁷, to take upon ourselves to learn his *sefarim*, primarily the "Mishneh Torah."⁸
- We should make farbrengens in all Jewish communities on this special day.⁹

CHOF-DALED TEVES - THE HILULA OF THE ALTER REBBE

- Just like every *hilula* of a *nossi*, it is important to increase in the Torah and *horaos* of the *baal hahilula*, by establishing a set time to learn Tanya and Shulchan Aruch.¹⁰ It would also be proper to offer *shiurim* in the above subjects as well as increasing the spreading of Chassidus to others.
- We should make farbrengens on this day, at which selections of the Alter Rebbe's Torah should be learned, and *hachlatos* should be made in fulfilling his *horaos*.¹¹

- The year 5723* was known as "*Shnas Hakan*," commemorating 150 years since the *histalkus* of the Alter Rebbe. A few months prior to the *hilula*, the Rebbe instructed Chassidim to prepare by:

- Dividing the Tanya to be studied and completed by the community,
- Dividing the Shulchan Aruch to be finished by Chof-Daled Teves of the coming year and,
- To increase in giving tzedakah to the *Keren Schneur* fund which supports the printing of the Alter Rebbe's Torah and the *mosdos* of his followers.¹² ⓘ

- Sefer Hasichos 5750 vol. 1 p. 209.
- Hisvaaduyos 5747, vol. 2, p. 171.
- Sefer Hasichos 5748 vol. 1 p. 183.
- Sefer Hasichos 5752 vol. 1 p. 226
- Likkutei Sichos vol. 20 p. 352
- Sefer Hasichos 5748 vol. 1 p. 244
- Hisvaaduyos 5752 vol. 2 p. 107
- Hisvaaduyos 5750 vol. 2 p. 148
- Hisvaaduyos 5751 vol. 2 p. 153
- Ibid. p. 175
- Hisvaaduyos 5750 vol. 2 p. 161.
- Farbrengen 18 Elul 5722.