

# The Mitteler Rebbe

After 14 years of marriage, during which they were blessed with daughters, the Mitteler Rebbe is born on Tes Kislev to the Alter Rebbe and Rebbetzin Sterna, after receiving a *bracha* from the Maggid. The Mitteler Rebbe is named after the Maggid, per the Maggid's request to the Alter Rebbe.<sup>1</sup>

תק"ד

The Mitteler Rebbe is appointed by the Alter Rebbe to lead the younger Chassidim.<sup>3</sup> He begins writing Chassidus with more extensive explanations. Some of these *maamarim* were later published in Torah Or.<sup>4</sup>

תקנ"א-תקנ"ו

The Alter Rebbe is *nistatek* in the town of Piene on 24 Teves. The Mitteler Rebbe, who was in Kremenchug at the time, travels to Haditch, where the Alter Rebbe was buried, upon being informed. He settles in Haditch for several months, and accepts the *nesius*. Upon the request of the Chassidim of White Russia, the Mitteler Rebbe settles in Lubavitch. The journey begins after Shavuot, and on Chai Elul, Lubavitch is established as the capital of Chassidus Chabad.<sup>6</sup>

תקע"ג

The Mitteler Rebbe marries Rebbetzin Sheina, the daughter of a *talmid* of the Alter Rebbe.<sup>2</sup>

תקמ"ח

The Alter Rebbe begins sending all those who come to *yechidus* for spiritual matters to the Mitteler Rebbe.<sup>5</sup>

תקס"ט

The Mitteler Rebbe works with the government to create rural farming communities for Yidden in the Kherson region to assist with their financial needs. The Mitteler Rebbe strongly encouraged Chassidim to join these communities and work the land.<sup>7</sup>

תקע"ה

ליכות

הרה"ת ר' אליהו

דוגמו מרת שולמית

ומשפחתם שיהיו

בלאך



The Mittler Rebbe establishes the Chabad settlement in Chevrton.

תקע"ו-  
תקע"ז

The Mittler Rebbe travels to the resort town of Karlsbad, Germany, meeting Reb Akiva Eiger along the way.<sup>9</sup>

תקפ"ה

Towards the end of Tishrei, after being slandered to the government, the Mittler Rebbe is imprisoned in the city of Vitebsk.<sup>10</sup> While imprisoned, the Mittler Rebbe writes "Bad Kodesh," a lengthy treatise explaining the Torah's directive to "Pray for the peace of the government." It is addressed to a certain officer in Vitebsk.<sup>11</sup>

תקפ"ו

On Yud Kislev, the Mittler Rebbe is liberated. While the joy at the Mittler Rebbe's liberation was great, and the day is marked as a *chag hage'ulah*, the celebration was not as strongly established as Yud-Tes Kislev had been. This was because the Mittler Rebbe passed away the following Tes Kislev, before the first anniversary of the liberation.<sup>12</sup>

תקפ"ח

*More about the Mittler Rebbe's life is available in English in the book "The Mittler Rebbe" by Rabbi Sholom Dovber Avtzon.*

The *sefer* Pokeach Ivrim by the Mittler Rebbe, is published. This is the first of the Mittler Rebbe's *sefarim* to be published.<sup>8</sup>

תקע"ט

The Mittler Rebbe's *sefer*, *Toras Chaim*, is printed, including *maamarim* on *Sefer Bereishis*. The Mittler Rebbe himself was intimately involved in the printing and even the funding of this project.<sup>13</sup>

תקע"י



When the Mittler Rebbe found out about the Russian Cantonist decree, which forcibly inducted young Jewish boys into the Russian army, the Mittler Rebbe traveled to the *tziyun* of the Alter Rebbe to daven. On the way back, he stopped in the city of Nyezhyn, falling very ill there. The Mittler Rebbe was *mistalek* on Tes Kislev.<sup>14</sup> His holy resting place is in Nyezhyn.

1. Sefer Hasichos 5703, p. 155.
2. For background about the *shidduch*, see Sefer Hasichos 5704, p. 65. See also *Toras Menachem* vol. 10, p. 203.
3. Hayom Yom 7 Tammuz.
4. Hatomim vol. 1, p. 374.
5. Reshimas Hayoman, p. 198.
6. Pokeach Ivrim p. 25
7. Igros Kodesh Admur Ha'Emitzai, p. 219.
8. For background, see the preface to Pokeach Ivrim, pp. 6-34.
9. Igros Kodesh Admur Ha'Emitzai, p. 219.
10. For details of the imprisonment, see Beis Rabbi vol. 2.
11. For details, see Bad Kodesh, pp. 3-4.
12. Reshimas Hayoman, p. 211.
13. Printing Chassidus was a major focus of the Mittler Rebbe's *mesivus* in general. See *Wellsprings Unleashed*, Derher, Teves 5778.
14. Beis Rabbi vol. 2, pp. 11-24.