

# Ushpizin Poems

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## Day One: Avraham and the Baal Shem Tov

Every day of Sukkos, we celebrate with joy and zest  
And each night we invite in another special [guest]

The first visitor whom in we usher  
Was known as a child as an idol [crusher]

Avraham welcomed guests from near and far  
His tent had four doors, just like a [car]

Everyone could come for a snack and a rest  
As long as in the end, Hashem was [blessed]

The other visitor whom we invite today  
Was known in his youth as a digger of [clay]

His service of Hashem was warm like a stove  
Today's Chassidishe *ushpiz* is the Baal Shem [Tov]

He taught us to love every single Jew  
Even if they know much less than [you]

If there is one lesson our guests can leave behind  
It's that we should all be very nice and [kind]

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## Day Two: Yitzchak and the Maggid of Mezrich

When he was a tiny baby, he was already made great  
Yitzchak was the first to have a *bris* on day number [eight]

With his father, he climbed a mountain, higher and higher  
Knowing that he would soon be burned in a [fire]

Just as it seemed as if there would be no hope  
An angel told his father to untie his [rope]

One day, he went out to the field to [pray]  
And there he met his bride, who was on her [way]

For his whole life, in the Holy Land he dwells  
Many of his adventures involved digging [wells]

Today's Chassidishe member of the pair  
Is the Maggid, whose name means ["bear"]

Chassidus was spreading—it was getting out of hand  
So the Maggid and his students were shunned and [banned]

To stay in his city is what he preferred  
While his many students traveled and spread the [word]

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## Day Three: Yaakov and the Alter Rebbe

He was born holding his hairy brother's heel  
And he purchased the birthright for a tasty red [meal]

He dressed up in goat skin and pretended to be another  
And stole his father's blessings from his [brother]

He wanted to marry Rachel as soon as he did meet her  
But was given her sister by their dad, a sneaky [cheater]

He struggled all night with a mystery man  
After he crossed over the river to get a forgotten [can]

When there was hunger, and he had no bread or buns  
He went down to Egypt together with his 11 [sons]

The other visitor in our holiday booth  
Is the Alter Rebbe, and that's the [truth]

His Tanya teaches us to serve Hashem the best we're able  
And Shulchan Aruch means a finely "set [table]"

His enemies tried hard to make him fail  
But on 19 Kislev he was freed from [jail]

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## Day Four: Moshe and the Mittlerer Rebbe

When Moshe was a baby he floated down the river  
As an adult, he became the law [giver]

Moshe ran from Mitzrayim fearing for his life  
He came to Midian where he met his [wife]

He brought plague after plague—it was no trick  
He, his brother, and his trusty [stick]

On the mountain too long, fear increases  
By the end of the story, the Luchos are in [pieces]

For 40 years, the people ate and drank plenty  
Then Moshe passed away at age one hundred and [twenty]

Today's visitor is a very special Yiddle  
In English you'd call him the Rebbe in the [middle]

He learned and *davened* all day—there was nowhere to go  
And if you cut his finger, Chassidus would [flow]

He was first to give Lubavitch its crown  
When he and his family lived in that [town]

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## Day Five: Aaron and the Tzemach Tzedek

Aaron was the nicest brother anyone ever had  
When his little bro took charge, he was more than [glad]

He started the Kohen family, which will last forever  
The grandsons of Aaron and [Elisheva]

But he slipped up twice, truth be told  
Once with a rock, and once with a calf of [gold]

The way he passed away was not to be missed  
He was tucked in by Moshe, and by Hashem he was [kissed]

Of all the great leaders, he was head and shoulders above  
Between couples and friends, he brought peace and [love]

We have a painting of today's guest, wearing a white coat  
And we refer to the Tzemach Tzedek by the book he [wrote]

His mother passed away when he was a little boy  
He found comfort in Torah instead of a [toy]

He had many Chassidim—including many great ones  
He left us two fine daughters and seven great [sons]

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## Day Six: Yosef and the Rebbe Maharash

His father loved him—and his brothers could not hack it  
Especially when Yosef was gifted a beautiful [jacket]

He dreamed of moons and stars and bowing-down wheat  
And he was thrown into a pit—that was not very [sweet]

His brothers soon came to fear him since  
They had no idea he was now an Egyptian [prince]

They would all come to him and bow  
And in Yaakov's blessings, he is compared to a [cow]

Today's Rebbe's motto comes with a clap of thunder  
Always go over, and never go [under]

He was always busy—never a loafer  
And was also a crafter as well as a [sofer]

He was the finest of men—truly a jewel  
The Rebbe Maraharash's name was Reb [Shmuel]

On 13 Tishrei, he passed away  
He was just 48 on that very sad [day]

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## Day Seven: Dovid and the Rebbe Rashab

To speak of Dovid Hamelech we've come  
Who would make fine music when his harp he'd [strum]

He came from Yehuda, to tell the truth  
And he was a descendant of the convertess [Ruth]

He had trouble from his sons and trouble from his wives  
More than one time, they ran for their [lives]

Even his father-in-law tried to kill him  
As he wrote in his treasured *sefer*, Tehillim

He became great and strong, though they tried to deny him  
We sing Dovid Melech Yisroel Chai [Vekayam]

The Rebbe Rashab is today's Chassidic guest  
Whose Tomchei Temimim Yeshiva was known from east to [west]

A writer of Chassidus, he had much to get done  
Whether in Lubavitch or Rostov on the River [Don]

With this final rhyme, we send you regards  
From the rhymers of team Schmooze [Cards]