The Molad: Wednesday night, 10:58 and 12 portions.
The moon may be sanctified until Thursday, the 13th, 5:20 p.m.1

The first day of Rosh Chodesh is on Friday.
The second day of Rosh Chodesh is on Shabbos Parshas Tazria-M’tzora.
The laws regarding Shabbos Rosh Chodesh are explained in the section on Shabbos Parshas Mikeitz.
We recite the Haftorah for Shabbos Rosh Chodesh (Y’sbayahu, chapter 66).
We recite the second chapter of Pirkei Avos following the Afternoon Service.

Iyar 2, Sunday.
This day (Tiferes sheb’tiferes) marks the birthday of the Rebbe Maharash, in 5593 (1833).

Iyar 8, Shabbos Parshas Acharei-K’doshim.
For the Haftorah, we read Halo chiv’nei Chushi’im (Amos 9:7-15).
When there is a circumcision on Shabbos during the weeks of the Counting of the Omer, we do not recite Av harachamim.

We recite the third chapter of Pirkei Avos following the Afternoon Service.

Iyar 10, Monday, the first of the B’HaB fasts.
Iyar 13, Thursday, the second of the B’HaB fasts.
This day marks the yahrzeit of R. Yisroel Aryeh Leib, in 5712 (1952). His brother is R. DovBer. They are The Rebbe’s brothers.
In the Afternoon Service, Tachanun is recited.

Iyar 14, Friday, Pesach Sheni.
Tachanun is not recited.
It is customary to eat matzah at the daytime meal.2

Iyar 15, Shabbos Parshas Emor.
We recite the fourth chapter of Pirkei Avos following the Afternoon Service.

Iyar 17, Monday, the third of the B’HaB fasts.

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1. The times for sanctifying the moon are based on Jerusalem Standard Time. One should therefore calculate the time for sanctifying the moon according to his location.
We do not recite *Tachanun* in the *Afternoon Service*.

**Iyar 18, Tuesday, Lag B’Omer.**

The *Hilula* of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai (the Rashbi).

This is an **auspicious day**. *Tachanun* is not recited. It is customary to kindle many lights in the synagogue and to mark the day with rejoicing,¹ as this is his wish. In many places in *Eretz Yisrael*, particularly in Meron, the resting place of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, bonfires are lit in his honor.

It is customary to eat carobs, recalling the carobs which Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai and his son, Rabbi Elazar, ate while they were hiding in the cave.⁴ On this day, Rabbi Akiva’s students stopped dying.

In *Eretz Yisrael*, it is customary to gather at the resting place of the holy tanna Rashbi, in Meron, in order to beg for **mercy from heaven** for all of *Klal Yisrael*, and in particular for those supporting *Eretz Yisrael* via the Charities of Rabbi Meir Baal Haness.

**Iyar 22, Shabbos Parshas B’har-B’chukosai.**

For the fifth *aliyah*, the reader ascends to the Torah without being called. He recites the blessings before and after the Torah reading.

For the *Haftorah*, we read *Adonai uzi* (*Yirmeyahu* 16:19-17:14).

We recite the fifth chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

**Iyar 29, Shabbos Parshas Bamidbar, Shabbos M’varchim.**

For the *Haftorah*, we read the passage beginning *Vayomer lo... machar chodesh* (*I Shmuel* 20:18-42).

The laws that apply if one read another *Haftorah* are discussed in the section for Shabbos Parshas Mikeitz.

We bless the month of Sivan, announcing Rosh Chodesh, which falls on Sunday.

In contrast to other Shabbosim on which the coming month is blessed, we recite the passage *Av harachamim*. **We do not,** however, recall souls who

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¹. See the explanation of this custom in the works of the Chida, and in *Likkutei Sichos*, Vol. IV, p. 1304.

have passed away by reciting the passage *E-l malei rachamim*, unless they were interred that week.

In the **Afternoon Service** on Shabbos, and similarly on Monday and Thursday of the coming week, we conclude the Torah reading at *Bamidbar* 4:33.5

*Tzidkas'cha* is not recited in the **Afternoon Service**.

We recite the sixth chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

If the third Shabbos meal is continued past nightfall, those who ate a portion of bread the size of an olive (one ounce) both during the day and after nightfall should include both the passages *R'tzeh* and *Yaaleh v'yavo* in the Grace After Meals.

**On Motzaei Shabbos**, we do not say *Vibi noam* and *V'atah kadosh*.

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5. Following the Ashkenazi custom. (Some communities conclude at 4:37.)