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Preface by Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet, Toronto, Ontario [Canada]

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Dear Rabbi Wagshul,

Shalom uberachah!

I received your book, *Beyond All Reason*, and the additional samples of your *Torah Or* and *Likkutei Torah* Series.

My limited time allowed me only a very quick perusal. Even so, I was greatly impressed by your rendition of these English adaptations of discourses by the Alter Rebbe. They are clearly the result of much effort and dedication. Above all, they are extremely user-friendly. The introductory synopses preceding each chapter, the summaries at their end, the marginal emphases and notes, and the explanations woven into the text, are most helpful to the novice. They open doors to those who wish to enter the orchard of *Chassidut* to benefit from its vast treasures but are unable to study the original texts. Your work is indeed a great contribution to the all-important principle of “spreading of the wellsprings” of the Baal Shem Tov, as rendered by the profound and incisive teachings of the author of *Torah Or* and *Likkutei Torah*, to illuminate the world at large and make people conscious of their purpose and mission in life.

May Hashem bless you with the strength and ability to continue in this great endeavor.

--Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet