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Dear Colleague,

Congratulations! Your book,

The Religious Thought of Hasidism Norman Lamm

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We thank you for participating in the 1999 National Jewish Book Awards competition and helping us promote quality books of Jewish content. Again, congratulations on your success and good luck in the final round!

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul A. Flexner

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