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Rabbi Yaakov Jacobs  
The Jewish Observer  
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Dear Rabbi Jacobs:

As one who has in the past expressed to you some rather harsh criticism of the Jewish Observer, I think it only fair for me to let you know how pleased I am with the change that has taken place in your magazine in the recent past. The improvement was especially noticeable in the last several issues and in the current one most of all.

It is a sign of maturity that you were able to overcome the shrill, combative tone and the excessive polemics that once characterized the Jewish Observer. Your present posture, which is far more restrained and patient, is much more convincing to your readers.

For all that I may disagree with some policies expressed in the Jewish Observer -- some not all, of course -- I now feel much more sympathetic and anxious to read what you have to say.

My "ND 50" and good wishes for the future.

Cordially yours,

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