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Norman Lamm
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Dear Norman:

Thank you so much for sending me your book on Hassidic thought. I have already started to read it, but my mother grabbed it away from me. She is in the hospitable recovering from successful heart surgery, and when I brought her the book to look at, she insisted on keeping it. It is a remarkable accomplishment. I had absolutely no idea of the depth and variety of Hassidic writing on so many subjects. Today we tend to think of Hassidim as fundamentalist, but your selection demonstrates how ahistorical and prejudiced such a view is. It is remarkable that someone like you, who represents pluralism within the Jewish community, has done a much better job in presenting the Hassidic perspective than any of the current rebbis. I hope your book, as well as its author, has a long life. It should be required reading for anyone who wishes to see pluralism extend in all directions. Congratulations on yet another brilliant contribution to Judaism and to the intellectual life of our world.

Cordially,

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