

PREFACE

There are defining moments in the lives of individuals. That defining moment is particularly significant if one is granted the opportunity of exposure to great masters of Torah, thought, and wisdom. I am particularly indebted to the outstanding *Rebbeim* that I have been privileged to be exposed to at the great citadel of Torah learning, Yeshiva Mesivta Rabbeinu Chaim Berlin: The *Rosh Hayeshiva*, אדמו"ר *Harav Hagaon Yitzchak Hutner* זצ"ל, and יבחי"ל, the *Mashgiach Ruchni*, *Harav Hagaon Avigdor Miller* שליט"א, and, in addition, the other *Roshei Yeshiva* and *Mashgichim*. These are Torah giants who not only imbued their *talmidim* with Torah, but also illuminated their minds with a wide range of thought. And they encouraged their *talmidim* to utilize that gift of *machshavah*.

All the *Machshavah* I present in this *sefer* has been inspired by my illustrious *Rebbeim* and is based on ideas I heard from them. The concepts in this *sefer* are built on the teachings of the Rabbis cited in the Talmud and the *Midrash*, and from the writings of our Sages.

For the past ten years I have been privileged to lead an עדת יראים ומבקשים ה' (a G-d fearing congregation who sought Hashem) in *tefilah* and learning. The chapters in this *sefer* represent some of the *Shabbos* morning *derashos* which were presented. I owe a debt of gratitude to the *tzibur* for patiently listening and offering me encouragement. This work is geared to scholars as well as to beginners. It is my prayer that everyone will have something to gain from studying these pages. I ask Hashem to lead me down the right path.

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