

FOREWORD

At its inception, *The Torah U-Madda Journal* was largely an in-house affair, publishing lectures given on the campus of Yeshiva University as part of the Torah U-Madda project. But in his decade-long tenure, the founding editor, Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter, transformed the publication into a journal with a fine reputation internationally, one that receives submissions on vital issues from distinguished rabbinic and academic figures.

Rabbi Schacter achieved these results because of his thorough professionalism—his high standards, meticulous editing, objectivity, and ability to work harmoniously with authors. His having put these pieces in place makes my work easier, even while it heightens the challenge of filling his shoes.

We hope that, *be-ezrat Hashem*, *The Torah U-Madda Journal* will continue to grow in quality and stature as a locus for respectful, high-level discourse on exciting and important issues in Orthodoxy and scholarship.

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