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*At this time of transition
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*We also extend our best wishes
to his successor
Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman
a stellar exemplar of Torah u-Madda
whose multifaceted talents
will, be-ezrat Hashem,
ensure that Yeshiva
thrives and progresses
me-ḥayil el ḥayil.*



This is the first issue of *The Torah u-Madda Journal* published since the passing of

Rav Aharon Lichtenstein ztz"l

in the spring of 2015. Rav Lichtenstein's powerful advocacy of *Torah u-Madda*—expressed often in his overwhelming output of *Torah she-bikhtav* and *Torah she-be-al peh*—charted a path for its adherents and had an incalculable impact on Yeshivat Har Etzion, on Yeshiva University, and on Orthodoxy worldwide.

Rav Lichtenstein will be remembered as a beacon of both *halakhah* and *maḥashavah*; a *Sinai* and an *oker harim*; a *gadol* of extraordinary vision and an equally extraordinary grasp of subtle and intricate details; and a giant in both intellect and character. There is virtually no topic in Jewish life that he did not address, and nothing in his *shiurim*, writings, and conduct from which we cannot learn. More than one thousand works of his have appeared in print, either from his own pen or from those of students adapting his *shiurim* and *sihot*; and we have as well, especially now, many a *ma'aseh rav*, a wealth of awe-inspiring anecdotes.

May the life and work, the aspirations and achievements, of this singular leader continue to guide us through complex and often unprecedented challenges, and enlighten the generations to come.

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