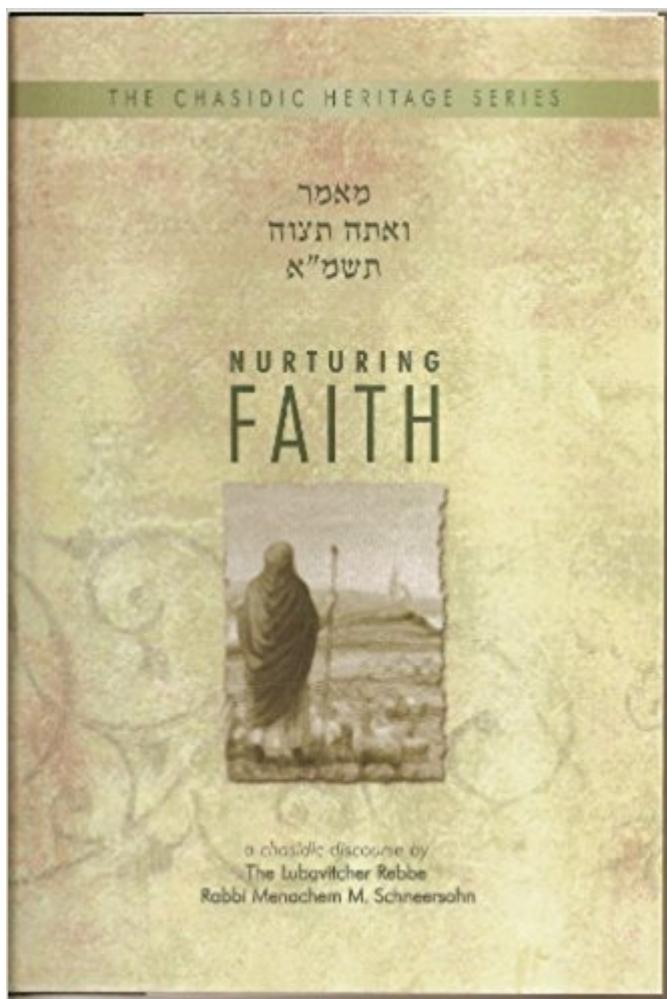


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Synopsis

This is the 16th volume of the popular Chassidic Heritage series. It is based on the Rebbe's renowned Ata Tezaveh maamer. This maamer was delivered on the 10th of Adar I 5741, and was given out by the Rebbe on Erev Purim Katan, 5752. The maamer is largely based on the maamer of the Frierdiker Rebbe VeKibel HaYehudim from 5687, which is referred to throughout. It was the last maamer given out by the Rebbe, and is thought amongst Chassidim to be the Hiskashrus maamer, both in terms of its content, and considering the fact that these were the last words the Rebbe "gave over" to us. The theme, as states the title, is "nurturing faith". Exploring this subject through the lens of chassidus invokes a deep understanding of a Jewish leader, a nasi, who's function is, as explained in the maamer, essentially to nurture the faith of the Jewish people. Corresponding to the sefirah of daa's, a Jewish leader provides a potential for one's otherwise superconscious faith to become internalized and thus materialized in everyday life. This dynamic has been illustrated throughout our history, when during times of extreme duress, our leaders aroused and awakened our essential, yet supra-conscious faith. Manifesting in our incredible mesiras nefesh, these brazen displays of emunah were necessary for our survival. Our challenge now, says the Rebbe, is to awaken and internalize this mesiras nefesh related emunah in our present times of freedom and abundance. Here too, explains the Rebbe, it is the nasi who generates this reality, if we only allow ourselves to connect through him.

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