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By the Grace of G-d
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Greeting and Blessing:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th of Kislev, with enclosures.

I was, of course, impressed with your efforts to disseminate Yiddishkeit, etc. However, a word of caution is in order, and I trust you will not take it amiss.

I trust you are aware that there is a wealth of Rabbinic literature by leading Torah scholars of past generations, including highly inspirational texts, timeless in their appeal, and not, G-d forbid, "dry commitment" as you put it. These great works, and their authors, present a well-trodden path that has helped our Jewish people overcome trials and tribulations in times of crisis as well as prosperity. Surely this great treasure should be fully utilized, before seeking new and uncharted ways. Indeed, experience has shown how the respective seekers fared, those who followed the well-trodden path and those who tried new ways.

I do not wish to elaborate on the above, as I do not know you personally, and your letter was informative rather than advice-seeking. But my impression is that you could provide your own elaboration if you so desire.

One final remark: It is well to bear in mind that one of the outstanding and redeeming characteristics of the contemporary young generation is that when they are presented with, and see, authentic Yiddishkeit, their response is a positive one, even if not instantaneous; but sooner or later it bears fruit.

With blessing,

