

Projected Writings of Rabbi Mayer Schiller --

1) *Meanderings to, and Within Orthodoxy* -- How a Brooklyn Jewish boy of the 1950s found his way to Orthodoxy and what he encountered therein. This will be a thorough and honest autobiography of what it was like in the non - Orthodox but staunchly, ethnically Jewish Brooklyn of the 1950s. The world of Orthodoxy will not be shown as devoid of any warts but, nonetheless, as a place of meaning and truth.

2) *Reflections on 44 Years in Chinuch* -- Events and insights derived from teaching Torah in the three worlds of Orthodoxy: Modern Orthodox, *Yeshivish* and *Chasidish*. To include

several concrete proposals to improve things. Here, too, the goal is an honest evaluation of the various worlds and the sub - worlds within them. Which of the pluses of each world might be transferred, over cultural barriers, to the others and what mistakes are to be avoided will both be explored in depth.

3) *TIDE and TuM Today* -- With the surrounding civilization in suicidal free fall, what might the pursuit of *Madda* and *Derech Eretz* mean? Where do *limmudei chol*, patriotism, public engagement and the like stand in societies now bent, or at least their elites, on self destruction.

4) *Chasidus for the Modern Jew* --- *Torahs* and *sippurim* of significance for contemporary Jews. The focus here would be to present those teachings

and tales which have clarified and inspired. This is to be arranged both topically as well as on the *parshas*.

5) *New Square's First Families* --
Biographies of many of the unique individuals who left the city and established the village from scratch (1956). This would begin wherever each individual came from. New Square was built largely by Jews from Eastern Europe, primarily Hungary, as well as a smattering of Americans. These people came from many widely diverse yeshivas and backgrounds. What united them was a desire to live in an all Orthodox village. This will be a window looking back to Europe as well as how the determination of those heart souls may yet inspire us.

6) *Monsey's Torah Pilgrim: The Life and Times of Reb Shea Schiff* – Rav Schiff (1925 - 2015), one of the founding roshei yeshiva of Mesiftha Beis Shraga in Monsey, was a Torah giant whose life of ninety years spanned the decades from Orthodoxy's relatively lean years of the 1920s till the new millennium. Torah Vodaath, Beis Medrash Elyon, the birth and growth of Monsey will all be covered in this volume of recent yet vital history.

7) *Givas Pinchas* – Translated and annotated excerpts of this classic work of the Hungarian Torah tradition authored by R. Pinchas ha – Levi Billitzer (1860 - 1913), rosh of Szerencs, Hungary.

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