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Dear Friends,

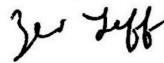
I have read portions of the manuscript "Legacy of Light" by Robert D. Barocas. Although Mr. Barocas does not present himself as a Rabbi, I would like to refer to him as such since someone who imparts Torah knowledge and Torah living as beautifully as he does is truly a qualified Torah teacher and as such a Rabbi of sorts. Additionally, I learned much from reading this masterpiece and must refer to the author as "my Rabbi" as related in Pirkei Avos (Chapter 6 Mishna 4).

The author presents various essays on the sedras of the Torah that are based on both the traditional Torah commentaries and the insights he heard from his personal mentors, all qualified Torah personalities. The presentation is both on a high intellectual level, yet easily understood and extremely inspiring and motivational.

I commend the author for a quality presentation that will provide mind expanding (in the author's own words) ideas in understanding many portions of the Torah and serve as a basis for discussion at one's Shabbos table and direction for one's Torah life.

I pray that Hashem bless the author and his family with life, health, and the wherewithal to continue to merit the community.

Sincerely,
With Torah blessings



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It is with great pleasure that I write these words on behalf of my dear friend and talmid, Bob Barocas. In his "Legacy of Light," Bob has delivered to us his lucid, personal insights into the Parshiyos HaTorah based on Chazal, meforshim, and Bob's rebbeim. How beautiful it is to see an individual who has drawn clear lessons from our holy Torah, applied them to his own life, and has given us the opportunity to do the same in our lives.

The many years of meticulous care Bob has invested in this excellent book are evident to all who read and learn it. Rashi teaches us in the beginning of his commentary on Tehilim that when a person toils in Torah he makes it his own. The lessons transfer from the domain of "Hashem's Torah" to the domain of the one who has put forth the effort to understand it well. Our efforts in Torah study acquire the Torah for us. This is what Bob has embarked upon and achieved throughout these past years, leading to this wonderful book.

It is my hope and prayer that Hashem bless Bob and his supportive, insightful wife, Rachel, and their mishpacha with nachas and bracha l'orech yomim tovim. May you continue b'ezras Hashem, my dear friend, to be able to be amongst those who learn, teach, and fulfill our precious Torah.

Bivracha v'shalom,


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I have perused the Legacy of Light by Robert D. Barocas י"ד, and, as the great sage Rabbi Meir maintains, that a person's name reflects his character - see Yoma 83b - similarly one can see Beracha by Barocas; therefore it deserves a ברכה מכתב.

I hereby bless the author that he find much success in all his endeavors, especially in his undertaking of spreading the light of the Torah to illuminate the proper pathways of life according to its doctrines.

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“This work presents Torah ideas in an original way, and relates them to the practical world of our lives. The author is to be commended for his thought-provoking and accessible style and his ability to show how every facet of Torah is relevant to every generation.”

Rabbi Akiva Tatz, M.D.

“I greatly appreciate and resonate with the title . . . Hopefully your sefer will be a noble addition to that exalted tradition of helping people use light/Torah to understand reality in a more profound and inspirational manner.”

Rabbi Beryl Gershenfeld

“The ideas are so on-the-mark — not so detail-specific that they have limited relevance, and not so grand that we can't connect to them. They are the perfect blend of broad principles addressing specific questions to form a life-hashkafah.”

Rabbi Yisrael Shaw

“Both the content and writing are excellent!”

Rabbi Yonatan Taub