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Michtav Bracha

“All works of Mussar are good but the Mesillas Yesharim should be your guide”, so said R. Chaim of Volozhin to his talmid R. Zundel who in turn communicated this teaching to his talmid R. Yisrael Salanter. Ever since its publication, R. Moshe Chaim Luzzato’s classic work has been the indispensable manual to guide a Jew step by step in developing a relationship with Hashem, in growing as a Jew and indeed as a human being, in challenging us to aspire to greatness. Deceptively simple in its language, Mesillas Yesharim is actually based on the deepest secrets of the Kabbala of the Arizal of which the Ramchal was an unparalleled master. The sefer is a rich repository of Kabbalistic wisdom, Rabbinic teaching and practical l’maaseh guidance .

We invest so much time in learning how to make a living. Ramchal teaches us how to make a life. Mesillas Yesharim is a work from which everyone can benefit but both the language and the lack of familiarity with its Torah sources may prevent people from accessing this treasure. All of us owe a debt of gratitude to R. Yosef Sebag who has not only translated the Mesillas Yesharim but provided useful supplementary commentary and elaboration Building on previous translations, he has managed to bring to the sefer new layers of richness and depth.

The mechaber is a Ben Torah and Yarei Shamayim and all of his work is based on authentic sources in Talmud ,Midrash ,and Sifrei Kabbala. May the mechaber be zoche to continue these wonderful studies and be a catalyst for zikui harabbim and haramas keren haTorah

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Rav, Kehillas Ohr Somayach