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We dedicate this issue of *Masmid* to a man who is doubly unique. Professor Irving Greenberg is an extraordinary thinker and educator, being highly proficient not only in history, his specialty, but in the Humanities and the Natural and Social Sciences as well. Dr. Greenberg's knowledge is matched by his teaching ability, as evidenced by the rare combination of clarity, precision, and subtle humor shown in his lectures. Meeting the test of a true professor, Dr. Greenberg always stimulates his students to work diligently on their own.

Dr. Greenberg is also an extraordinary human being; never one to neglect his students despite an increasingly heavy schedule. Anyone with personal or scholastic problems knows that Dr. Greenberg is always available with smiling face and a sympathetic heart. His encouraging manner in itself is often the first step in solving the difficulty.

More deeply, Dr. Greenberg's significance lies in that he is the personification of the aim of Yeshiva University. Never reluctant to draw parallels and show differences between the heritage of classical Judaism and modern Western culture, Dr. Greenberg's ultimate goal for himself, his students, and the institution is "synthesis" in its highest form.

The dedication of *Masmid* to Dr. Greenberg is only a small token of our deep esteem for him. Perhaps the only true recognition that can be given to such a a man is our self-dedication towards reaching our goal of Torah U'Madah.