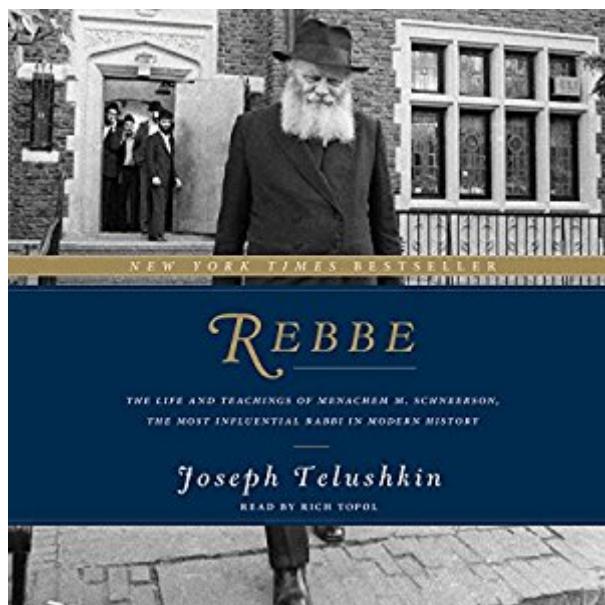


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# Rebbe: The Life And Teachings Of Menachem M. Schneerson, The Most Influential Rabbi In Modern History



## **Synopsis**

In this enlightening biography, Joseph Telushkin offers a captivating portrait of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, a towering figure who saw beyond conventional boundaries to turn his movement, Chabad-Lubavitch, into one of the most dynamic and widespread organizations ever seen in the Jewish world. At once an incisive work of history and a compendium of Rabbi Schneerson's teachings, *Rebbe* is the definitive guide to understanding one of the most vital, intriguing figures of the last centuries. From his modest headquarters in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, the Rebbe advised some of the world's greatest leaders and shaped matters of state and society. Statesmen and artists as diverse as Ronald Reagan, Robert F. Kennedy, Yitzchak Rabin, Menachem Begin, Elie Wiesel, and Bob Dylan span the spectrum of those who sought his counsel. The Rebbe was the only rabbi ever to receive the Congressional Gold Medal and to have an American national day, Education and Sharing Day, proclaimed in his honor. No one has succeeded him in his position. Nevertheless, 20 years after his death, his movement has doubled in size, spreading to more than 80 countries, and his impact resonates still. But what was the secret of the Rebbe's success and influence? What principles of leadership guided him? And how did he rally such extraordinary devotion and resolve? *Rebbe* explores Schneerson's overarching philosophies against the backdrop of treacherous history, revealing his clandestine operations to rescue and sustain Jews in the Soviet Union and his critical role in the expansion of the food stamp program throughout the United States. More broadly it examines how he became in effect an ambassador for Jews globally and how he came to be viewed by many as not only a spiritual archetype but a savior.

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

I have been familiar with the Rebbe and Chabad for most of my life but only from a distance. But alas, Rabbi Telushkin is a favorite author of mine and he doesn't disappoint. I feel that I now have a more intimate familiarity and perhaps appreciation for the Chabad and certainly for Rebbe.

This book is the result of 5 years of intensive research, into the life of a rather introverted man. Telushkin does an incredible job of portraying Rabbi Schneerson, not only by illustrating key biographical moments and pouring over private correspondence, but also by highlighting his most influential teachings. I can't think of another biography that is as detailed and inspiring.

An amazing book for every Jewish (& non Jewish) home. Will change your life just like it did for the author. You will think speak & behave differently. How one person can be so great, and influence presidents, yet never loosing site of the individual even a child.

Telushkin has taken the impossible in putting the Rebbe in a book. But he has done so masterfully in his inimitable style and in doing so he truly gives you a glimpse in the life of this giant of a man and the influence he has on the world at large. I bought quite a few copies, one for each of my friends. Highly recommended!

I got my copy of Telushkins Rebbe. Telushkin explained the man, gave his history and life ideas. This is not a conventional biography, rather, the author carefully chose a number of issues which capsulize Schneerson's life. I liked Telushkins assessment of Schneerson's controversial views, which take up a section of the book. The author rightfully disagrees with some of them. I found the book very enlightening and informative. It's an extremely well-researched text, bolstered with hundreds of source notes. What is immediately apparent, is the amount of effort Telushkin must have put into the research of this book. Telushkin's sources contain information he gleaned from tens of interview's he conducted with those who knew Schneerson, including President Reagan's adviser Gary Bauer and Israel's President Shimon Peres. I think this book deserves very high ratings. Highly recommendable.

Full of uplifting anecdotes and stories, Rebbe is not a book to read once, It is a book to go back to when in need of inspiration. Telushkin put himself on a different level.

An astounding accomplishment. Artfully compiled. Honestly analyzed. Provides a wealth of information and perspective on the life, ideas and accomplishments of the Rebbe. Works through controversial stances with great balance and clarity. A most comprehensive biography. Provides deep understanding and frame of reference. A window into the mind and soul of a most dynamic, gifted and rare personality. A giant.

Much to be said about this book, but simply put I could not put it down. Fascinating insights into the life of a great person. Gives me much to think about in my own life.

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