

failed to still the turbulent winds of discontent. The brilliant Torah scholars who constantly surrounded him, the flower of the Talmudic Gaonim of the generation, were enriched by Rav Chaim Ozer's vast store of Gaonic wisdom and knowledge. His razor-sharp mind would cut through the dense undergrowth of supplementary material enveloping a complex 'shaylo' and pinpoint the very crux of the question in but a moment's intense reflection. Were we given the opportunity, it would be possible to write whole books concerning Rav Chaim Ozer's bountiful love of the Torah; his utter devotion to those who learned Torah, and his selflessness in support of the Torah and its institutions.

Particularly exceptional was his ability to digest large amounts of information and complex 'svoros' and put them down on paper in an easily comprehensive manner. Each day there would be delivered to his doorstep many letters from all parts of the world. One would ask for an understanding of a difficult Rambam, another would pose a difficult question concerning a series of Talmudic ideas, yet another would ask his advice on a 'psak halachah' concerning a new scientific discovery. To the many thousands of letters Rav Chaim Ozer himself replied, without recourse to any outside help whatever.