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It is unfortunate that *The Jewish Week* uncritically portrays the chief rabbi of England as an ideological inheritor of the Lubavitcher rebbe ("The Chief Rabbi and the Rebbe," Dec. 2).

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is quoted: "I tried to do what I know the rebbe would have wanted me to do." But Rabbi Schneerson had great integrity and great respect for all of mankind. The rebbe never would have called a Reform rabbi (such as Rabbi Hugo Gryn, a Holocaust survivor, who taught Torah over the radio to tens of thousands of Jews in England) a destroyer of Israel in private while praising him in public, as Rabbi Sacks did.

The rebbe never would have described himself as an "enemy" of the non-Orthodox movements, as Rabbi Sacks described himself in a letter he wrote to Rabbi Chench Padwa (in a letter leaked to London's *Jewish Chronicle*).

The rebbe never would have issued a psak [religious edict], such as Rabbi Sacks did in London, that Jews can't donate organs because a Jewish brain-dead person is alive, but it is permissible for Jews to take organs from gentiles who are brain-dead.



The rebbe never would have written a book expounding his weltanschauung and then bend to the pressure from

the religious right bowdlerizing his own book, as Rabbi Sacks did with his re-publication of “The Dignity of Diversity.”

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