

OPEN
SECRET

*Postmessianic Messianism and
the Mystical Revision*

of

MENACHEM MENDEL
SCHNEERSON

ELLIOT R. WOLFSON



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESS

New York

CONTENTS

Preface

xi

Note on the Transliteration

xvii

INTRODUCTION:

Behind the Veil Unveiled

I

I. CONCEALING THE CONCEALMENT:

The Politics of the Esoteric

28

2. A/VOIDING PLACE:

Apophatic Embodiment

66

3. SEMIOTIC TRANSUBSTANTIATION OF THE SOMATIC

130

4. MESSIANIC TORAH:

Hypernomian Transvaluation

161

5. FEMALE ENCIRCLES MALE:

Gender Transposition

200

6. APOCALYPTIC CROSSING:

Beyond the (Non)Jewish Other

224

POSTFACE:

In an Instant—Advent of the (Non)event

265

Notes

301

Bibliography

407

Index

431