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Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, who may become Chief Rabbi of Israel, is considered by the Jewish community the foremost authority on Alacha (Jewish Law) and one of the truly great Jewish teachers, scholars and thinkers of our time.

A member of the Ordination Board of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, he is empowered with the high duty of granting Semicha—traditional rabbinical ordination—to seminarians who have completed the program of rigorous studies in all facets of Jewish learning, tradition and law.

MODERN GUIDE

As Professor of Talmud and Jewish Philosophy at the Seminary and at the university's Bernard Revel Graduate School, his lectures and courses in a variety of disciplines are regarded as guidelines of 20th Century traditional Jewish life.

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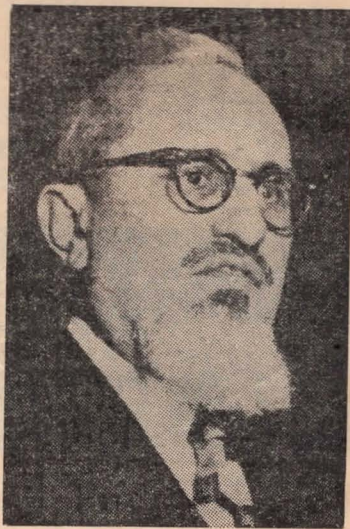
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APPEAL FOR HUMILITY

While endorsing all manner of scientific research, Rabbi Soloveitchik cautioned that "every new discovery should only make man more humble...each time we add to the vistas of our knowledge we increase by geometric proportions the extent of the unknown".

A long-time resident of Rox-

scribed by "Cold, Cold Heart."

Israel's stand on shipping rights in the Gulf of Akaba was clearly stated in "They Can't Take That Away From Me."

Diplomatic policy was revealed: "Keepin' Out of Mischief Now," and "Ain't Misbehavin'."

Jordan River irrigation schemes were reported, of course, by "Ol' Man River" and "I Get Ideas."

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There were no indications when the new coalition government will be presented to Knesset as Premier David Ben Gurion continues negotiations with several minor parties. What is expected is a narrow coalition preliminary to a broader base. A narrow coalition would give the government a small majority, but it would simultaneously enable the premier to hold trump cards in his negotiations with Mapam, Achdut Avodah and the National Religious party and might conceivably accelerate their entry into the government.

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