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DR. HAYM SOLOVEITCHIK NAMED DEAN OF YESHIVA U.'s

BERNARD REVEL GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Haym Soloveitchik, of Israel's Hebrew and Tel Aviv Universities, has been appointed dean of Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School, it was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, Yeshiva University.

Bernard Revel Graduate School offers graduate work in Judaic studies and Near Eastern languages, literatures and cultures. Established in 1937 as the Graduate Department of Semitics, it was expanded in 1941 and renamed in honor of the founder of Yeshiva College and president of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, forerunner of Yeshiva University, Dr. Bernard Revel, president from 1915 until his death in 1940. Courses of study lead to master's and doctoral degrees. The School is located at the University's Main Center in Manhattan's Washington Heights.

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Dr. Soloveitchik, ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1963, holds the bachelor's degree from Harvard University (1959), the master of arts degree from Hebrew University, Jerusalem (1967), and the Ph.D. from Hebrew University (1972).

A specialist in medieval Franco-German history, the Boston born scholar began his teaching career in 1958, aiding rabbinical students at the Elchanan Seminary. He joined the staff of Hebrew University in 1967, remaining until 1969.

He returned to Yeshiva University that year, appointed roshe yeshiva at the Seminary, and assistant professor of history at Bernard Revel Graduate School. In 1972 he rejoined Hebrew University as senior lecturer in Jewish history, and the following year concurrently taught in the Law School of Tel Aviv University, positions held until his appointment as dean of the Revel School.

Born in 1937, the new dean is scion of a family with a tradition of Jewish scholarship. His father, Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, is known throughout the world as the foremost authority on Halakhah (Jewish law), and as one of the great teachers, scholars and philosophers of our time. He is professor of Talmud and Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University.

Dr. Haym Soloveitchik has written a number of papers and articles for scholarly publications in the U.S. and abroad. Included

are "A Provencal Mortgage Contract," Tarbiz; "Topics in the Hochmat Ha-Nefesh," Journal of Jewish Studies; "Pawnbroking: A Study in Ribbit," Proceedings of the American Academy of Jewish Research; "Surety in Interest Loans," Journal of the Israeli Historical Society; "Can Halakhic Texts Talk History," Bulletin of the Institute of Jewish Studies, London; "Jewish and Provencal Law: A Study in Interaction," Melange Roger Aubenas, and a number of others. He is currently at work on a book whose theme is the use of responsa in writing history.

Dr. Soloveitchik's appointment is effective September, 1975.

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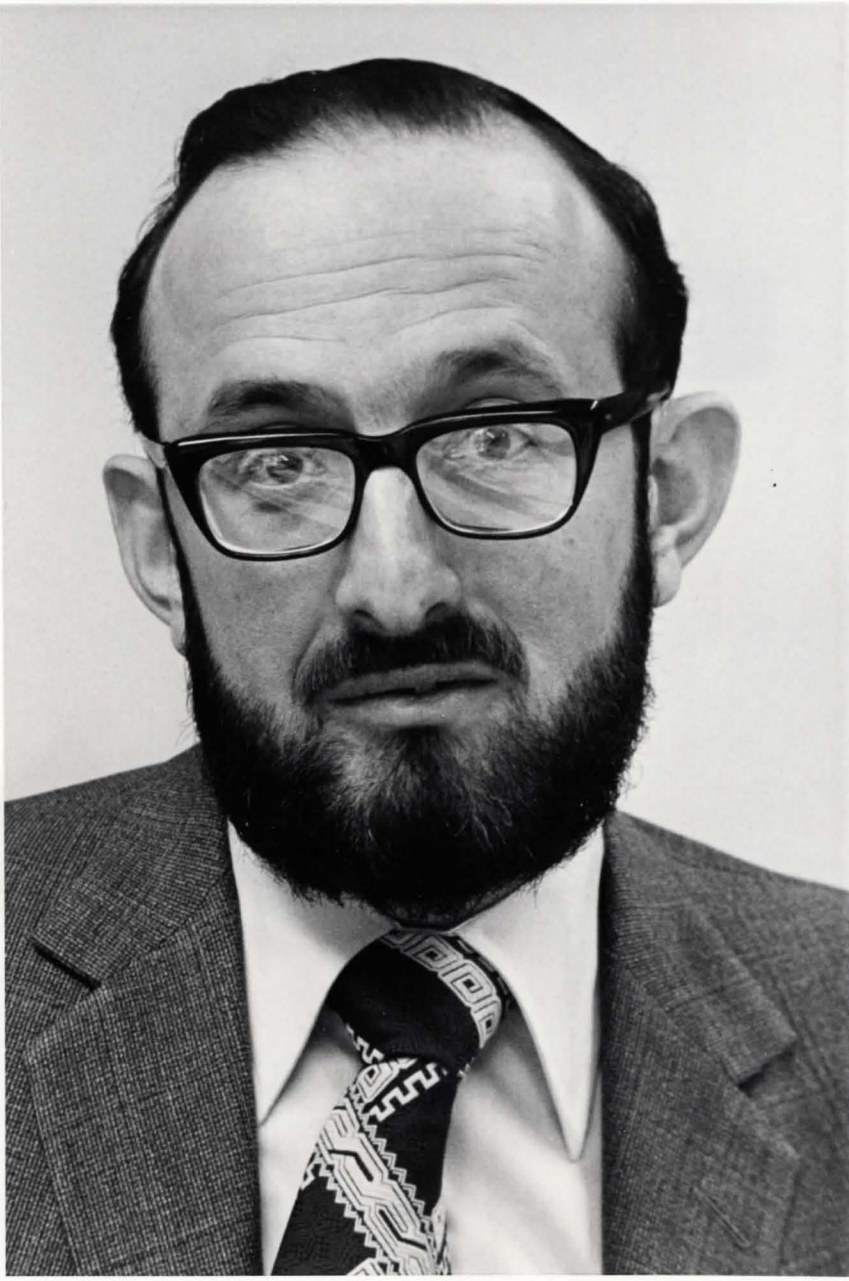


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