

Dr. Samuel Soloveichik Is Dead; Chemistry Professor at Yeshiva

Dr. Samuel Soloveichik, associate professor of chemistry at Yeshiva University, died Saturday at Montefiore Hospital, the Bronx. He was 58 years old and lived at 480 West 187th Street.

Last October, Dr. Soloveichik proposed the first classification of aliphatic organic chemicals, similar to the periodic table used by inorganic chemists.

Aliphatic pertains to fatty acid, or open-chain structure, and the periodic table is a reference chart that lists all inorganic elements.

Dr. Soloveichik's table would give organic chemists a research tool similar to the one that revolutionized inorganic chemistry in the 19th century.

The scientist, an authority on the history of chemistry, wrote on the effects of laboratory experimentation on the health of great research chemists of the 19th century. He found that many died or suffered mental deterioration from working with toxic materials.

He was born in Poland in 1908 to a family of highly regarded rabbinic scholars. He was educated at the University of Brussels, from which he was graduated magna cum laude in 1934 with a Doctor of Science degree. In 1939 he immigrated to the United States.

He served as a research chemist for various Federal agencies during World War II, including the Chemical Board of Warfare and the Economic Board of Warfare.

Dr. Soloveichik joined the faculty of Yeshiva University in 1953 and became an assistant professor in 1955. In 1959 he was named associate professor of chemistry.

"He was a teacher and a scholar, first and last," an instructor at Yeshiva said. "He was always available, day and night, to his students for help



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with school or personal problems."

In Montefiore Hospital, a resident who had been a student of Dr. Joseph B. Soloveichik, probably had gone into medicine if it had not been for his former professor. He gave up a free week-end to spend two nights beside Dr. Soloveichik's bed.

A hospital employe said that while Dr. Soloveichik was there, Yeshiva students and alumni "came in droves" to see him.

Dr. Soloveichik was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Surviving are two brothers, Dr. Joseph B. Soloveichik, professor of Talmud at Yeshiva's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological School and Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, dean of the Hebrew Theological Seminary in Chicago and two sisters, Mrs. Shulamith Meiselman and Mrs. Anna Gerber, both of Boston.

A funeral service will be held today at Yeshiva University's Lampport Auditorium at Amsterdam Avenue and 187th Street.