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MORE THAN 155,000 FIRST-DAY CANCELLATIONS OF STAMP HONORING
YESHIVA UNIVERSITY'S FIRST PRESIDENT, POSTAL SERVICE REPORTS

A total of 155,633 of the U.S. postage stamps honoring Dr. Bernard Revel, first president of Yeshiva University, were given special first-day cancellations by the U.S. Postal Service, according to figures from the Postal Service.

The September 23 first-day cancellations, requested by collectors from around the nation, were issued from the General Post Office of New York City. The \$1 Revel stamps are part of the Postal Service's "Great Americans" series, and honored not only Dr. Revel but also Yeshiva University, which is currently celebrating its Centennial.

On September 23, officials from the Postal Service--including Assistant Postmaster General William T. Johnstone--joined University administrators and supporters in a ceremony marking the issuance of the stamp.

At that ceremony, commemorative albums were given to several leading supporters of the University by the Postal Service. The University also issued special commemorative Cacheted First Day Covers.

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Dr. Revel was born in Kovno, Lithuania (now part of the Soviet Union). He served as president of the institution from 1915 until his death in 1940.

He implemented an innovative educational philosophy. Secular and religious studies from secondary through college level were combined in a program--"Torah U'Madah"--meeting the needs of Jewish young people as they began to adapt and contribute to their new land.

That combination of religious and secular studies is still the focus of undergraduate education at the University.

The Bernard Revel stamp was the ninth stamp in the "Great Americans" series issued in 1986 and the 35th stamp in the series overall.

Yeshiva University is America's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices.

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invites you to a ceremony dedicating the
Bernard Revel Stamp
Yeshiva University Midtown Center
Koch Auditorium, Stern College for Women
245 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 23, 1986



**DR. BERNARD REVEL STAMP
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE CEREMONY
SEPTEMBER 23, 1986**

First Day of Issue
Bernard Revel Stamp
Yeshiva University, Midtown Center,
Stern College for Women, Koch Auditorium
New York, New York
September 23, 1986

Presiding John M. Nolan
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Distinguished Professor
of Liturgical Music
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of Jewish Music

Invocation Stacy Alevy
President
Student Council
Yeshiva University,
Stern College for Women

Welcome and Introduction of
Distinguished Guests Dr. Israel Miller
Senior Vice President
Yeshiva University

Greetings Honorable Charles E. Schumer
U. S. House of Representatives

Remarks Dr. Norman Lamm
President
Yeshiva University

Address and Presentation
of Albums William T. Johnstone
Assistant Postmaster General

Benediction Jerry Barbalatt
President
Student Council
Yeshiva College

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Judah Feinerman	Sy Syms
Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Jesselson	Honorable Herbert Tenzer
Dr. Ira Kukin	Jack Weiler



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Millions of immigrants arriving in New York City at the turn of the 20th century possessed dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. But one of those individuals — a Russian Jew named Bernard Revel — aspired for even more. He envisioned the formation of a distinguished university where secular and religious studies could be combined into a curriculum to meet the needs of Jewish young people seeking to adapt and contribute to their new homeland.

Revel's vision became a reality in Yeshiva University. From its meager beginnings in 1886, Yeshiva has evolved into a major force in American higher education. As President of the institution until his death in 1940, Dr. Revel guided Yeshiva to international prominence. Today, a century after it was founded, Yeshiva conducts diverse undergraduate and graduate programs leading to 16 degrees and diplomas.

The United States Postal Service is proud to add Dr. Revel to the list of other distinguished educational leaders who have been featured on America's postage stamps. That list of distinction includes names such as Robert Millikan, Horace Mann, Booker T. Washington and Thomas Gallaudet.

Artist Tom Broad of Chevy Chase, Maryland, designed the Dr. Bernard Revel stamp, which becomes the latest addition to the Great Americans series.



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