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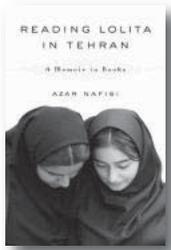
October 29, 2004

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 5 6:15 p.m.  
**Young Families:  
Intergenerational Tot Shabbat**

Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us for a special Sabbath service in Greenwald Hall geared toward our youngest members, followed by a traditional Sabbath dinner, and arts and crafts. Please enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House lobby, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.  
RSVP by Thursday, November 4 to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Tuesday, November 9 12:30 p.m.  
**Women's Auxiliary: Book Group**



Rabbi Amy Ehrlich will lead our discussion of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, written by Azar Nafisi and published in paperback by Random House. Feel free to bring your lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.  
RSVP by Tuesday, November 2 to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

Saturday, November 13 10:30 a.m.  
**Worship Service for Families**

Join Student Rabbi Howard Goldsmith for a participatory family Shabbat service. Come worship in a relaxed atmosphere with youth-friendly prayers and music. Dress is casual. A light brunch will be served afterwards. This service is appropriate for children in first grade and higher accompanied by their families. Enter through the Cassell Community House lobby, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.  
RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.

Wednesday,  
November 10  
3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Annual Blood Drive**

NEW YORK  
BLOOD CENTER

**D**on't miss this chance to save a life—one pint of blood can help up to five people. In order to qualify for donation, volunteers must:



- Be between the ages of 17 and 75
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be in good health
- Not be a donor within the last 56 days

Donors must present photo ID with proof of age. Enter at 10 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street. Dinner will be served. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.

## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, November 5  
Main Sanctuary**

Organ Recital—5 p.m.  
Sabbath Eve Service—5:15 p.m.  
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and Internet  
(www.wqxr.com) broadcasts—5:30 p.m.

**Saturday morning, November 6  
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

**Main Sanctuary**

Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Chaye Sarah  
Readings—Genesis 23:1-25:8  
I Kings 1:1-31

**Rabbi Nadia E. Gold preaching**

## EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Monday, November 15 6:30 p.m.

### ***Thou Shalt Remember:* Reception With Alvin R. Corwin**

Temple members and their guests are invited to this special evening with Alvin R. Corwin, who will speak on the topic *Thou Shalt Remember*. As a captain in the U.S. Army, Mr. Corwin served as a liberation officer in charge of six displaced persons camps in Germany; he continues to work as a Holocaust survivor advocate. Coinciding with the commemoration of Kristallnacht, this is a timely program in the fight against anti-Semitism. Cost is \$20 per person. Call the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 for details.

Tuesday, November 16 10:30 a.m.

### **Coffee With Tamara Kreinin**

The Women's Auxiliary invites its members and their guests to a discussion with Tamara Kreinin, co-author of *Girls' Night Out*, a book that addresses the activities and adventures of diverse women's groups from across the country.

Refreshments will be served.  
RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 by  
Friday, November 12.

## PULPIT FLOWERS

**Pulpit flowers at Sabbath  
worship services this weekend are the  
generous donation of our congregants:**

Jim, Susan and Hannah Baumann  
in loving memory of *Jay S. Baumann*

Dr. Herbert G. Cohen and  
Rhoda Weiskopf Cohen  
in loving memory of  
*Fanny de Margoulies-Rosenak*

Harriet Heilbrunn and the Heilbrunn Family  
in loving memory of *Robert Heilbrunn*

Jo C. Jordan in loving memory of  
*Hortense Jordan*

Charles S. Salomon  
The Universal Funeral Chapel  
1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300  
Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

## PRESENTING

### Moshe Halbertal

Idolatry and Politics  
Sunday, Nov. 7 5 PM

Idolatry and Mistake  
Sunday, Nov. 14 5 PM



**Dr. Moshe Halbertal is a world-renowned scholar and thinker. He is a professor of Jewish thought and philosophy at the Hebrew University and a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.**

For more information or to register, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to our Web site at [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org).

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# SKIRBALL



The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

## B'NEI MITZVAH

**The following students of our  
Religious School will become  
B'nei Mitzvah this weekend:**

*Juliet Sarah Lippman*, daughter of  
Marie and Harley Lippman

*Logan Pierce Langberg*, son of  
Kelly and Jeffrey Langberg

**We are grateful for their sponsorship of  
Friday evening's Oneg Shabbat.**

The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El  
Salem Fields and Beth-El

A limited number of above-ground crypts are available in our community mausoleum. For information, please call Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch at the Temple Office, (212) 744-1400.

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# 350 YEARS OF AMERICAN JEWISH THINKERS: A CELEBRATION OF JEWISH CREATIVITY (PART 3 OF 10)

By Rabbi Rachel Sabath-Beit Halachmi

Among the heroes of modern orthodoxy in America, few can compare to the intellectual genius of Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveitchik. Soloveitchik was one of the greatest talmudic scholars of the modern era and was equally well known for his work as a religious philosopher. A descendant of a preeminent Lithuanian rabbinical family, Soloveitchik immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1932 and settled in Boston, where he became the leader of the modern orthodox community and founded the first Jewish day school in New England, the Maimonides School.

While Boston remained his home, Soloveitchik followed in his father's footsteps and became professor of Talmud at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in New York and also lectured at the Bernard Revel Graduate School in Jewish philosophy. At Yeshiva University, not only did Soloveitchik model the uniquely American combination of rigorous talmudic study of the yeshiva with the intellectual theoretical study of a university, but he also was the spiritual mentor and guide to hundreds of orthodox rabbis, including Irving Greenberg and David Hartman.

Soloveitchik authored many books and articles, but two best exemplify his religious thinking: *Halakhic Man* (published originally in Hebrew in 1944) and *The Lonely Man of Faith* (1965). In *Halakhic Man*, Soloveitchik establishes a typology that was the focus of much of his religious thought, namely the relationship between the "Religious Man" and the "Rational Man." Through these theoretical—and overlapping—categories,

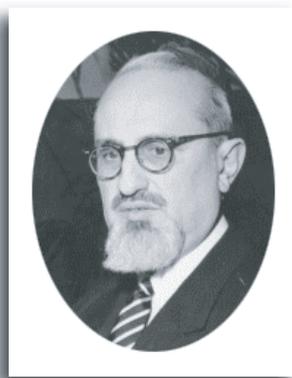
Soloveitchik sought to enable the modern rational person, thus creating the possibility of continuing a religiously rigorous existence according to the development of *halakha*, Jewish law. In *The Lonely Man of Faith*, however, Soloveitchik describes the tension between the ideal and the real *halakhic* man.

Soloveitchik also describes these categories elsewhere. For example, in *On Repentance* (p. 125), he is quoted as saying:

*The Almighty has two dwelling places in man, two temples. One is the temple of the emotions, a holy of holies from which issue human sentiments such as sympathy, astonishment, mercy, goodness, reverence, happiness, sadness, amazement. The other temple is that of the mind. Where a man thinks, as he studies the Torah and refines and sanctifies his intellect, there resides the Almighty. One house of the God of Old is in the heart of man, and the other is in the human brain; one is in the emotions, the other in the mind.*

Basing his understanding of the human experience on the two contrasting creation stories in Genesis, Soloveitchik describes the human experience as that of both the first Adam and the second Adam. One is born alone and lonely; the other is born into community, with all its responsibilities. One is a suffering servant; the other is creative energy and achieves the kind of dignity that lifts him above the animal world and makes him fully human.

"Human dignity, exemplified by Adam and Eve, who were created in God's image



**RABBI JOSEPH DOV  
SOLOVEITCHIK  
(1903-1993)**

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## JEWISH THINKERS (continued)

(Genesis 1:27), and covenantal sanctity... are not mutually exclusive,” Soloveitchik wrote. “All humankind possesses worthiness because he reflects in human measure such divine attributes as intellect, free will and a moral sense.” (*Man of Faith in the Modern World*, p. 76)

The human being, as Soloveitchik understands him, necessarily lives in an ongoing tension between multiple kinds of human

experience, some that pull us inward and are accepting and others that pull us outward, ready to conquer and challenge the way the world is—to challenge even God. Jewish law, however, is the anchor that helps us not necessarily find peace in this tension but to know how to respond, how to act and how to continue the Jewish work of perfecting the soul and the mind.

### Additional Works by Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveitchik:

- *Worship of the Heart: Essays on Jewish Prayer*
- *Family Redeemed: Essays on Family Relationships*
- *Before Hashem You Shall Be Purified*

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