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DR. SAMUEL SOLOVEICHIK OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY,
AUTHORITY ON HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY, DIES AT 58

Dr. Samuel Soloveichik, associate professor of chemistry at Yeshiva University and an authority on the history of chemistry, died Saturday (Feb. 25) in Montefiore Hospital after a brief illness. He was 58 years old and lived at 480 West 187th Street, Manhattan.

Dr. Soloveichik, who joined Yeshiva University in 1953 as an instructor of chemistry and became assistant professor in 1957 and associate professor in 1959, specialized in the study of the effects of laboratory experimentation on the health of

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great research chemists in the 19th century. He found that many had suffered early death or mental deterioration as a result of working with toxic materials, and warned that even today research chemists generally lead shorter lives than persons in other professions.

Last October, Dr. Soloveichik stirred the interest of the scientific community by proposing the first classification scheme for aliphatic organic chemicals. It is designed to provide organic chemists with a research tool similar to the "periodic table" developed in the 19th century, which revolutionized the study of inorganic chemistry.

A member of a renowned family of rabbinic scholars, Dr. Soloveichik was born in Poland in 1908. He obtained his education at the University of Brussels, from which he graduated magna cum laude and received his Doctor of Science degree in 1934.

He came to the United States in 1939, and during World War II served as a research chemist with various Government organizations, including the Chemical Board of Warfare and the Economic Board of Warfare, both components of the State Department.

A prolific contributor of abstracts and papers for leading professional chemistry publications, he was a member of the

American Chemical Society and America Association for the Advancement of Science.

Survivors include his brothers, Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik (correct), professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and the recognized authority on Orthodox Jewish theology, and Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, Dean of the Hebrew Theological College in Chicago. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Shulamith Meiselman and Mrs. Anna Gerber, both of Boston.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Feb. 27 at Yeshiva University's Lamport Auditorium, Amsterdam Avenue and 187th Street. Interment will follow at Mt. Judah Cemetary, Cyprus Hills, Queens.

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