

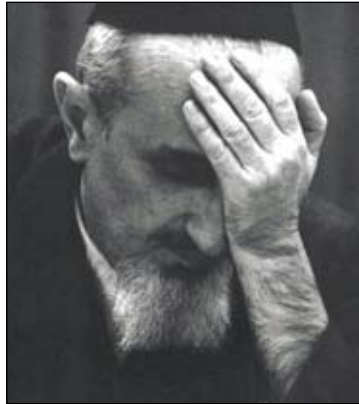
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'Lonely Man of Faith'

Lehrman presents documentary of 'The Rav'

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Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik was considered an intellectual leader of modern Orthodox Judaism in 20th Century America and was known as “The Rav.” His struggle to forge a path between Jewish tradition and the modern age resulted in his loneliness.

Director Ethan Isenberg’s 2006 documentary, “Lonely Man of Faith: The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik,” describes “The Rav’s” impact on Modern Orthodox Judaism. Lehrman Community Day School in Miami Beach will sponsor a screening of the film at 7:00 pm August 24 at

Byron Carlyle Theater. “I was hoping for a long time to bring the film to Miami,” said Isenberg. “It’s the last major Jewish community in the United States to play the film and they [LCDS] stepped up to the plate and they actually found a real movie theater and I’m looking forward to it.”

Rabbi Seth Linfield, LCDS Head of School, said that the school looks at itself as an educational community where learning is not just for children, but for parents and the community as a whole.

“We’re taking another step in being a focus of communal learning and we’re being a source for an event which should bring together different streams in our community for something so meaningful,” he said.

In the film, Tovah Feldshuh serves as narrator and Theodore Bikel does the voice of Soloveitchik. It features several clips from his life time and interviews with several rabbis and scholars. Isenberg said that Soloveitchik’s life sort of parallels the history of the Jews in America in the 20th century.

“His life is set on the background of different current and historical events of Jewish life and it touches on different Jewish groups and some of the major issues in those days, such as response to the Holocaust, the State of Israel, and interdenominational cooperation and interfaith dialogue,” he said.

Linfield thinks that the screening of the film is appropriate for his school as he feels it could have an impact for a pluralistic school such as LCDS.

“What makes this film and the rabbi’s legacy so important is that there are compelling lessons for Jews wherever they are in the rainbow of practices and theology, so we look at this of interest to both Orthodox congregants within families in Orthodox congregations and, really, for the whole school and Greater Miami community,” he said.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion by Isenberg and Linfield. Tickets are \$5. To purchase them, visit lehrmanschool.org or call 305-866-2771.

Byron Carlyle Theater is located at 500 71st St. in Miami Beach.