

# בית כנסת עמק רפאים

רחוב יעל 4, ירושלים



## The Life and Writings of Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik

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Wednesday evenings beginning December 12, 2018 (in English) 20:00-21:15

We will study R. Soloveitchik's essays that deal with the following questions:

- **How did his father, his mother and his university studies in Berlin shape his view of Judaism?**
- **How does halakhah relate to the basic human condition?**
- **How does Torah relate to human wisdom?**
- **Why did Rav Soloveitchik “convert” to Zionism?**
- **What is his approach to suffering and why tzadikim sometimes suffer?**
- **What was his attitude toward other religions and interfaith relations?**
- **Was R. Soloveitchik primarily a rosh yeshiva or a philosopher?**
- **Why is R. Soloveitchik important today? Is he important for Israeli religious life?**

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