

## NORMAN LAMM -- A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Norman Lamm is Rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York City, and Jakob and Erna Michael professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University. He has served (1974-1975) as visiting professor of Judaic Studies at City University (Brooklyn College). He was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 19, 1927. He and his wife Mindella have four children.

### EDUCATION

He received his B.A. (summa cum laude) from Yeshiva College in 1949 and was class valedictorian. For a while he continued his graduate studies in chemistry. He was ordained by Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1951, and received his Ph.D. degree in Jewish philosophy in 1966.

### WRITINGS

Rabbi Lamm is the author of a number of works. A Hedge of Roses: Jewish Insights into Marriage and Married Life (Feldheim: 1966) has now been published in six editions, three in the United States, one in England, and in Hebrew and Portugese. He is the author of The Royal Reach: Discourses on the Jewish Tradition and the World Today (Feldheim: 1970); Faith and Doubt: Studies in Traditional Jewish Thought (Ktav: 1971); Torah Lishma (Hebrew; Jerusalem: 1972); The Good Society: Jewish Ethics in Action (Viking Press: 1974), part of B'nai Brith's Jewish Heritage Classics. He co-edited The Leo Jung Jubilee Volume (1962) and A Treasury of Tradition (1967). He was founder and first Editor of TRADITION: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought. He is Editor of The Library of Jewish Law and Ethics (Ktav Publ.), and on the Editorial Board of Tradition and Sh'ma. His articles have appeared in a variety of Hebrew and English journals, both popular and scholarly, throughout the world, and have been translated into Spanish, Portugese, Dutch, and Marathi. One of them has been cited twice by the United States Supreme Court -- once by Chief Justice Warren in May, 1966, and again by Justice Douglas in January, 1967. He has testified as an expert in Jewish law before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee, and his testimony was printed in the Congressional Record. He has contributed a number of articles to the Encyclopedia Judaica. He is listed in Who's Who (in the East); Contemporary Authors; Men of Achievement; Dictionary of International Biography; Who's Who in World Jewry; Israel's Who's Who; Who's Who in Religion; and the Encyclopedia Judaica.

### AWARDS

In 1972 he was awarded the Abramowitz-Zeitlin Award for Religious Literature (in Jerusalem), and was designated an "Outstanding Educator of the Year." In 1974 he received the Bernard Revel Award for Religion and Religious Education.

LECTURING

Rabbi Lamm has travelled widely, lecturing in nine countries on five continents. In 1961 he spent a month in India and Pakistan on a special religious mission to the ancient Jewish communities of those Oriental countries. In 1964 he toured South Africa for one month, lecturing on behalf of Jewish education. In 1970-71, he spent a half year Sabbatical teaching and lecturing in Israel. In 1973, he spent five weeks lecturing in Australia and New Zealand.

COMMUNITY

Rabbi Lamm is Trustee of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University; a Director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; a member of the Halakhah (Jewish Law) Commission of the Rabbinical Council of America; a charter member and member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists; Vice President, Camp Morasha; a Director of the Brith Milah Board; a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Zionist Youth Foundation; formerly Chairman of the Advisory Board of Yavneh (National Religious Jewish Students Association); and formerly Chairman of the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.