



**Bar-Ilan University bestows an honorary doctorate upon Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm in tribute to his dynamic leadership of Modern Orthodox Jewry in the United States and his advancement of Torah U'madda ideology at Yeshiva University and beyond.**

## ● Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm

A distinguished rabbi, philosopher, teacher and author, Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm is Chancellor of Yeshiva University – America's oldest and most comprehensive institution of higher learning under Jewish auspices. He previously served for 27 years as President of YU.

Rabbi Dr. Lamm is a well known voice of "Centrist Orthodoxy" and a leading proponent of the "*Torah Umadda*" approach which combines Torah learning with secular knowledge. He, himself embodies that philosophy, which is the cornerstone of both YU and Bar-Ilan University. Originally trained as a scientist, he maintains an interest in the interface between science and Judaism. He holds a PhD in Jewish Philosophy and is a disciple of the renowned Modern Orthodox scholar, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, who ordained him and also granted him his PhD – the only time he had done so. The author of ten books, he has gained wide recognition for his writings and discourses on interpretation of Jewish philosophy and law, especially in relation to problems involving science, technology, and philosophy in the modern world. He founded *Tradition, A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought* and *The Torah U-Madda Journal*, as well as The Orthodox Forum, an international Modern Orthodox think tank. His *halakhic* essays are contained in his *Halakhot ve'Halikhot*.

Rabbi Dr. Lamm's writings and teachings on Jewish law have been cited in two landmark decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court: the 1966 "Miranda decision" regarding police interrogation of suspects held in custody and a 1967 case involving guarantees against self-incrimination. Also in 1967, Rabbi Dr. Lamm testified before a U.S. Senate subcommittee on the right of privacy from the perspective of Jewish law.

Norman Lamm spent 25 years as a pulpit rabbi, serving at leading congregations, including The Jewish Center in Manhattan. Later, as YU President, he further developed the "*Torah U'Madda*" concept, explaining that it denotes "confronting the full impact of Western civilization, history, philosophy, language, thought, and sociology – all from the vantage point of believing and informed Jews."

Noting that love for Israel is very strong among YU faculty and students, the Chancellor estimates that some three thousand graduates have settled in Israel. Proud of YU's Israel programs, he relates that annually some 650 male and female students study in Israel for a minimum of one year.

In tribute to his exemplary Jewish leadership, his impact upon generations of American Orthodox Jews and his efforts to advance *Torah Umadda* ideology, Bar-Ilan University is honored to grant Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm an honorary doctorate.