
End Of An Era:

**Rabbi Lamm To Leave YU
In 2002**

One of America's longest standing presidents of a major University, Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University and of the affiliated rabbinic seminary, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, will vacate his position in August 2002. Robert M. Beren, Chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees, announced the planned transition today and has directed the Board to initiate an international search to identify appropriate candidates to serve as his successor.

"Norman Lamm's name has been anonymous with Yeshiva University for a quarter century," said Mr. Beren. "He is a distinguished scholar and rabbi who embodies the mission of YU and *Torah Umada*, the blending of the best of Western knowledge in the sciences and liberal arts with Jewish learning and culture. His leadership has also been felt throughout the Jewish community in the U.S. and the world. He will continue to play a major role in defining the priorities of the University and the Jewish community."

Dr. Lamm, the *first* American-born president of Yeshiva University, has presided over an extraordinary period of growth and achievement. The University's endowment has grown from \$25 million to more than \$875 million, thereby significantly strengthening its financial stability. Enrollment, now at 2,749 at the undergraduate schools and more than 3,000 at the graduate level, continues to increase each year. The University is ranked in the top tier among major universities in national surveys such as *U.S. News and World Report*. YU's Albert Einstein College of Medicine is listed 21st in the nation in National Institutes of Health research support rankings and is now the second-highest NTH-funded medical school in New York State. Academic excellence in all disciplines has been enhanced through scholarships, Honors Programs and faculty recruitment.

In addition to the complex demands of overseeing a university, Dr. Lamm has sustained his own academic scholarship through the years. An acclaimed author of ten books, Dr. Lamm was awarded the National Jewish Book Award for his most recent book, **The Religious Thought of Hasidism: Text and Commentary**, in April 2000.

Dr. Lamm began his association with Yeshiva University in 1945 as a student majoring in chemistry. After his ordination at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1951, he was appointed to the faculty in 1959, eventually serving as the Jakob and Erna Michael Professor of Jewish Philosophy. He earned his doctorate in Jewish philosophy at YU's Bernard Revel Graduate School in Jewish Studies in 1966. In August, 1976 Dr. Lamm succeeded the revered Dr. Samuel Belkin. ■
