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“Great Jewish Thinkers”

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## **Rabbi Joseph Ber Soloveitchik (1903-1993)**

1. A most influential and significant Jewish Leader of 20th century.
2. a 200 years rabbinical dynasty of both paternal and maternal.
3. Named after his great-grandfather the “Beis Halevy” RY Volozhin
4. Talmudic training in Russia and academic training in Berlin
5. 1932 moved to USA Boston representative of Agudat Yisrael
6. 1935 only visit to Israel to submit candidacy for ChR of Tel Aviv
7. 1944 Chairman of Mizrachi Religious Zionists of America.
8. Rosh Yeshiva University RIETS Rabbinical College 1941-1986
9. Taught a non-messianic form of Religious Zionism

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**The great speech KOL DODI DOFEK - in Yiddish on May 1956.**

### SHIR HASHIRIM CH.5

בָּאתִי לְגַנֵּי אַחֲתִי כְּלָהּ אֶרִיתִי מוֹרִי עִם־בְּשָׁמִי אֶכְלֶתִי יַעֲרִי עִם־דְּבָשִׁי שְׁתִּיתִי יַיִן

עִם־חֶלְבֵי אֶכְלוּ רְעִים שְׁתֵּנוּ וְשָׁכְרוּ דוֹדִים: }ס

אֲנִי יִשְׁנָה וְלִבִּי עָר קוֹל | דוֹדֵי דוֹפֵק פִּתְחֵי־לֵי אַחֲתִי רַעֲיִתִי יוֹנְתִי תַמְתִּי שְׂרָאשִׁי

נִמְלֵא־טֹל קוֹצוֹתִי רְסִיסֵי לֵילָה:

פִּשְׁטֵתִי אֶת־כְּתָנֹתַי אֵיכָּה אֶלְבֹּשְׁנָה רַחֲצֵתִי אֶת־רַגְלֵי אֵיכָּה אֶטְנַפֵּם

What is the essence of the story of the Song of Songs, if not the description of a paradoxical and tragic hesitation on the part of the love-intoxicated, anxiety stricken Lover, when the opportunity, couched in majestic awe, presented itself?

In that mysterious and strange night, the Beloved for whom she had so hoped and kept watch, suddenly appeared out of the darkness and beckoned at the entrance of her tent. He knocked and pleaded that she open the door for Him. "Listen! My Beloved Is Knocking, saying, 'Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is drenched with dew, and my locks with the damp of the night'" (Song of Songs 5:2). The great moment for which she had been waiting with such longing came at a time of inattentiveness.

A simple extension of the hand to turn the lock separated the Lover and her Beloved — the great dream from its complete fulfillment. With one leap the Lover could have attained all her life's desires.

however, and who can explain it? That very night, a strange inertia, took hold of the Lover. For one small moment the flame of yearning that burned within her was buried, the mighty desire withered, and her feelings and dreams were silenced. The Lover refused to leave her bed. She did not open the door of her tent to her handsome Beloved.

A cruel confusion swept her into forgetfulness and apathy. She became lazy and stubborn, she poured forth countless excuses and pretexts to explain her strange behavior. "I have removed my cloak,

how shall I put it on again? I have washed my feet, how shall I soil them?" (Song of Songs 5:3).

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**SIX DIVINE KNOCKS - to wake us up!**

1. The Political rebirth of Israel with Consent of the United Nations.
  2. The extraordinary military victory of 1948 against all odds.
  3. The open refutation of Christian supecessionism.
  4. Restoring Jewish pride to a generation fleeing from Judaism.
  5. End of Jewish Powerlessness, Jewish Blood not cheap anymore.
  6. A safe haven for all Jews in danger.
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