

CHEN TO HEAD TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Herb Kaufman, President of Temple Beth Shalom, announced the fact that the Temple's Nate Mack Religious School will begin the 1979-1980 school year with an entirely new staff.



MICHAEL

Michael Chen is the new Director of Education, and he brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of Religious school administration.

Born in Lithuania, he made aliyah at the age of three and grew up in Israel. In his teens, he was a leader in youth movements and summer camps.

In 1954, he graduated from Schein Teachers College in Petach Tikvah, and after serving in the Nachal Commando Unit, he married Mira in 1956. He and Mira served as teachers in Kibbutz Goshet. They settled in Petach Tikvah where

Michael assumed the position of teaching Bible in Sebein High School. He also assumed an administrative position in the Teachers College.

Mr. Chen is a graduate of Bar Ylan University with a major in Psychology and Bible. He received his Masters Degree from the University of Missouri in Kansas City, and did Post-Graduate work at the University of North Carolina and Florida Atlantic University,

concentrating in School Administration and Counselling. He is a member in good standing in the Jewish Educator's Assembly.

The new school staff will include Sheldon Davis, Yachov Levy, Rachel Levy and Mira Chen. With the implementation of a completely updated and revised curriculum, Chen promised to make programs and classes as exciting and attractive to the students as possible. The most modern techniques, such as role playing and dramatics, will be utilized. The school will also feature the most modern school books and materials available.

Chen emphasized the fact that students must be registered as early as possible, so that all classes can start promptly on opening day of the Religious school, Wednesday, September 5th.

Interested parents are invited to call the school office at 384-5070 to ascertain all details and information regarding schedules and curriculum.

HADASSAH HONORS SIMON WIESENTHAL

CHICAGO -- Simon Wiesenthal, the almost legendary figure famed throughout the world as a hunter of Nazi war criminals, received the Henrietta Szold Award, Hadassah's highest honor -- in the presence of more than 3,000 delegates and guests at the banquet of the 65th national convention of Hadassah.

In his acceptance speech Mr. Wiesenthal warned that:

"We must realize that today one half of the Jewish population of the world -- seven out of fourteen million -- are in danger. These are the three million in Israel, the three million in the Soviet Union, and the one million living in other East bloc countries, in the Arab world, in Iran and other countries.

"There is no need to explain the physical threat against Israel," he said, "or the spiritual genocide in Eastern Europe. Rising anti-Semitism in other countries is often fueled by Arab oil money."

Referring to the human rights crisis throughout the world he said, "We are

living in a brutal world where dying from hunger and mass - mureer for racial or political reasons have become part of everyday life. Our own Holocaust was followed by several other genocides -- on a smaller scale -- in Biafra, Uganda, Cambodia and now in Vietnam," and he bemoaned the fact that "As long as the murders are linked to the Left or to the Communist bloc, the world remains silent. We never had student demonstrations against the regime of Idi Amin, against what happened in Biafra or in Cambodia, or against Vietnam, whose citizens are compelled to set out in tiny boats across the open sea and are drowning by the tens of thousands. This state of affairs should make us think about our own prospects."

One of the highlights of the highly charged, emotional evening was a reading of a poem, "The Six Days and the Seven Gates" written by President Yitzhak Navon of Israel and given by Joseph Wiseman, the distinguished actor.

STUDENTS SET FOR STUDIES IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK -- Over one thousand American and Canadian students will leave for Israel, over the Labor Day weekend, for a full year of Torah and Judaic studies according to Mr. Moshe Ishon, Director of the Torah Education and Culture Department of the World Zionist Organi-

zation - American Section. Over sixty percent of the students are recent graduates of some thirty Yeshiva High Schools in the United States and Canada and the remaining forty percent college undergraduates and graduates between the ages of 20 and 26. They hail from Yeshiva University, Touro College,

Rockland Community College and universities throughout the United States and Canada.

The Study in Israel Program, coordinated by the Torah Education Department encompasses twenty-three Yeshivot for men and eleven women's colleges of Judaica in Israel.

Some two hundred and fifty young men and women will attend teacher training, pre - rabbinic and post graduate programs at the W.Z.O.'s Gold College for Women and Jerusalem Torah College for Men.

Programs for foreign students will also be conducted at Yrshivot Har Etzion, Sha'alvin, Keren BeYavne, Hakotel, Chofetz Chaim, Mercas Harav,

Kiryat Arba, Itri, Neve Yeshoshua, Shappell, Hamivtar, Dvar Yerushalayim, Kol Torah, Herry Fischel, Torah Ore, Porat Yoseph, Or Sameach, Aish HaTorah, Diaspora Yeshiva, Beth El, Machon Meir and Kibbutz Hadati.

Colleges for women also included in the program are Michlalat Orot, Bruria, Neve Yerushalayim, Midrasha, the New School, Or Sameach, Dvar Yerushalayim, and Diaspora Yeshiva.

The YEAR OF TORAH STUDY IN ISRAEL Program coordinated by the Torah Education Department of the WZO enjoys the full cooperation of the Office of the Student's Authority of Israel's Ministry of Absorption.

MEET ISRAEL PRESIDENT

TEL AVIV (MDA) -- One of Israel's largest and most distinguished "clubs" is the group of several hundred citizens who were born in Magen David Adom ambulances over the years. To represent all the "ambulance babies," a group of fifty was chosen to take part in ceremonies marking the opening of Israel's national MDA lottery, at President Yikzhak Navon's Jerusalem residence.

The record for delivering babies in an MDA ambulance seems to be held by a former driver who now manages the MDA Medical Emergency Centre in Ashkelon. He estimates that he has brought close to 600 babies into the world in his am-

bulance, among them a boy and girl he delivered two years apart, who grew up to marry each other.

Another record holder of sorts is Hanna Yefet, the Brooklyn - born wife of a Yemenite, from Kibbutz Sde Eliahu; of her seven children, four (all boys) were born in MDA ambulances.

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