Biology And Anthropology Specialist Teaches Golda Students



Abbie Berry, an eighth grader at GOLDA who lives in North Hollywood, discusses a fish fossil embedded in rock with her teacher Dr. Elliot Haimoff. Dr. Haimoff uses his knowledge of paleontology to illustrate to his student that this fish fossil and the Topanga Canyon Formation were deposited 10 to 12 million years ago during the Miocene Epoch. To find out about the GOLDA MEIR SCHOOL, call (818) 988-9311.

VAN NUYS, CA. — Teenage students at Golda Meir School benefit from exposure to logical modern day thought in the fields of biology, anthropology, geology, physics and ecology under the tutelage of Dr. Elliot H. Haimoff. Dr. Haimoff, a native southern Californian, brings his experience as a teacher at the University of Cambridge in England, UCLA and the nationwide conservation program he developed for the People's Republic of China into his classroom each day.

"I accept the challenge of introducing current scientific knowledge to my young students. I at-

Jewish Studies Course Offered

UNLV's Ethnic Studies Program will offer a new Jewish studies course in the spring, titled "Jews and Judaism in National and International Affairs."

Seven nationally and internationally known scholars will present a series of lectures in this two-credit course. The series is sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Program, the UNLV Jewish Student Union, and the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas.

The course will feature such speakers as Dr. Ralph Nurnberger, legislative liaison for the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee; Eytan Bentsur, former member of the Israeli delegation to the first Arab-Israeli Peace Conference and head of the North American Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem; Zeidan Atashi, a Muslim religious leader.

In conjunction with the series, the UNLV James R. Dickinson Library is currently exhibiting a special display, titled "Jews and Judaism," which contains the lecturers' resumes and books on the Jewish race, religion, and politics. The display will remain in the library through December.

For more information or to register for the course, call the UNLV Ethnic Studies Program at 739-3610.

tempt to develop their interest in science," says Dr. Haimoff from his office at GOLDA.

Central to Dr. Haimoff's efforts is his 'handson' approach to education. For example, his 7th
grade Life Science class has spent a day at the
La Brea Tar Pits and the George Page Museum;
his 8th grade Earth Science class has spent a
day at three different sites in Topanga Canyon
gathering fish, seaweed and seashell fossils for
their classroom; his high school Biology class
hiked in the Santa Monica Mountains while
examining the flora and fauna: and his high
school Anthropology class visited the Gibbon
and Gallinaceous Bird Center in Saugus, where
Dr. Haimoff also serves as Director of Research.
More outings are planned for GOLDA's students.

All of GOLDA's students recently heard a lecture by Dr. G. Agoramoorthy of the Zoology Department of the University of Jodhpur, in India. The lecture and slide show were about the ecology and conservation of life in India. Dr. Haimoff was able to expose the students to the ecological and conservation practices promoted by his fellow scientist in India.

The Biology lab at GOLDA currently contains

live snakes, small reptiles and a variety of small mammals. In addition, the lab has numerous specimens that will be or have already been dissected, a student collected fossil collection and some of Dr. Haimoff's assortment of fossils.

Dr. Haimoff received his bachelor's degree in Anthropology from UCLA and his PhD in Biology from the University of Cambridge. To his credit are more than 50 articles in scientific journals. In addition to teaching at GOLDA, he continues to publish scholarly articles and do research at UCLA's Department of Biology.

"It was a rare opportunity for us to add an instructor of Dr. Haimoff's stature to our full-time faculty," Ron Davis, principal at Golda Meir School, said recently, "His commitment to the education of junior and senior high school

students is obvious."

To find out how your 7th through 12 grade student can benefit from the fine caliber of teacher found at GOLDA, call Rabbi Albert Berliner, headmaster, or Ron Davis, principal at (818) 988-9311, or write to The Golda Meir School, 15339 Saticoy St., Van Nuys, CA 91406-3399.

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