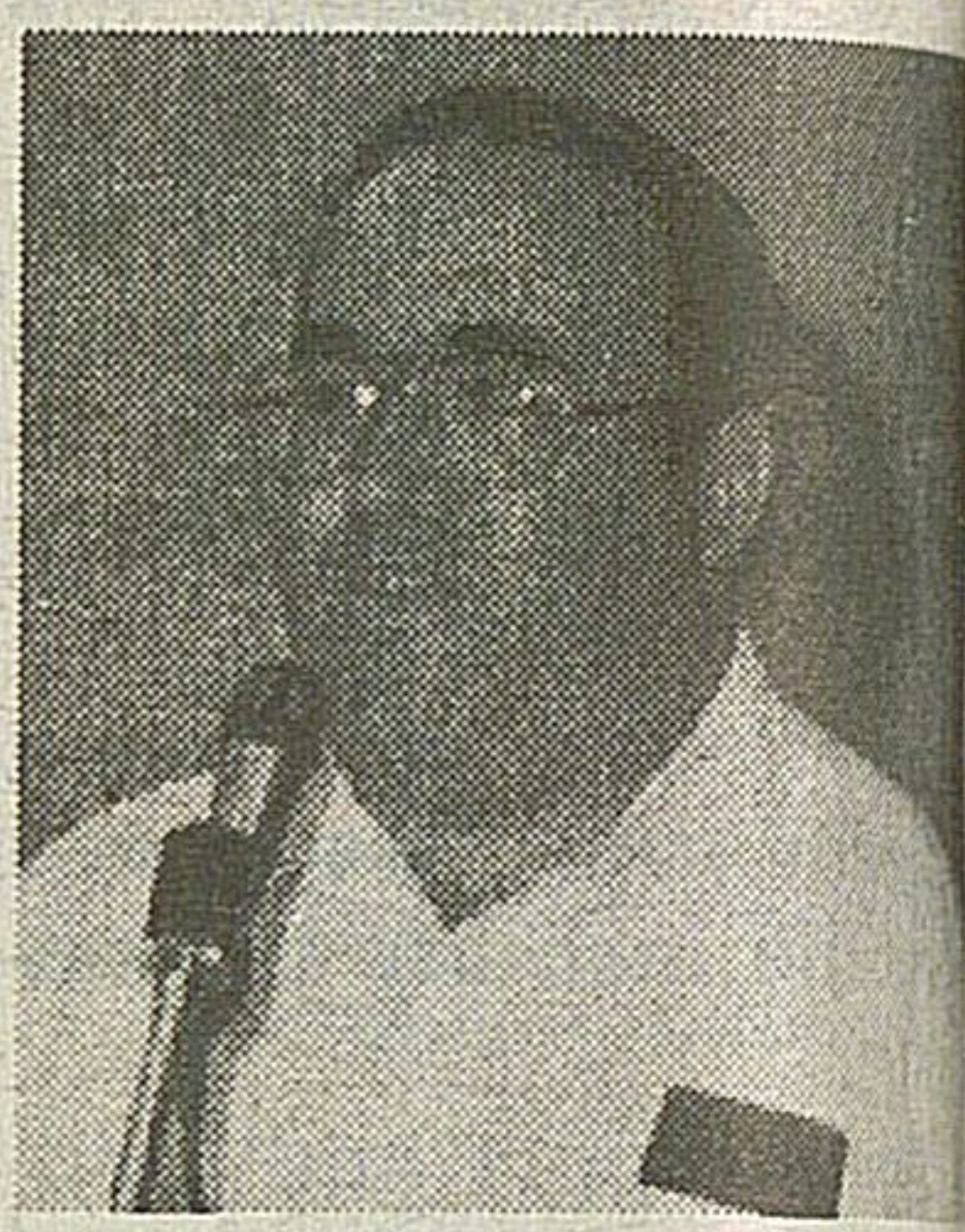


# Hillel - JUC appoints new executive director

Dr. Gary Coleman has been appointed the interim executive director of the Pittsburgh Hillel - Jewish University Center. He started to work full time on December 1 and will be in the position for the remainder of this academic year.

Dr. Coleman plans to return to Israel in the summer of 1998. He has recently finished his doctoral studies and successfully defended his thesis, an evaluation of an organization's volunteering, in the Department of Administration and Policy Studies of the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Coleman is a native of Pittsburgh who made aliya in 1981 after finishing a



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masters in social work. In Israel he worked in community organization, immigrant absorption, and in formal education. Together with his family, he spent a number of years in Chicago as a shaliach (emissary from Israel) working with Jewish youth and Israeli programs. He also spent time as information officer of the Israel Consulate in Chicago. He returned to Pittsburgh with his family in August, 1994.

During his tenure at Hillel, Dr. Coleman feels that by working with the staff and the student leadership "the organization can reach all interested students and increase their participation in and commitment to Hillel. Through their activities in Hillel, students can deepen their understanding of the Jewish community locally, nationally, around the world, as well as in Israel.

"The opportunities that Hillel gives students leaves them with a good basis to become active participants in Jewish life once they graduate from university," he continued.

"These goals can be reached by strengthening leadership development and implementing programs that are interesting, fun, and enable the participants to develop a deeper connection to their own individual Jewish identity."

Dr. Coleman's family includes Zippora, his Israeli-born wife, and their four children; Yitzchak 7, Ori Mazal almost 5, and six-month old twins Yosef Mordechai and Rivka Tamara.

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