

ON CAMPUS

By DEBBIE WEISBERG, *Chronicle Campus Columnist*

A new branch of the Lubavitch Youth Organization of New York has been opened in our city. Its title is "Pittsburgh Friends of Lubavitch Youth Organization". And its director is Rabbi Shmerel Katzen.

I spoke recently with Rabbi Katzen who enthusiastically explained the goals and purposes of



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offers various programs to Jewish youth. Students are invited weekly, to Chassidic homes for Shabbos, to enjoy the traditional Shabbos meals. (This costs about \$2000 per year for food and kitchen help.) Bi-annual Chassidic encounters -- weekends of lectures, singing, dancing etc. -- are also held (Annual cost is \$1,000).

the center, the headquarters of which is now temporarily located at 5835 Nicholson St.

Working from a budget annually of \$10,000, "Pgh. Friends"

Rabbi Katzen explained that the goal of "Pgh. Friends" is to "reach out to university (and high school) students, to get to know them, to make an impression on campuses, to sponsor tefillin campaigns, and to provide Shabbos meals, etc."

"We want to get the Jew back to being a committed Jew ... to finding himself through Torah mitzvot, i.e. traditional Judaism."

He said that many kids get involved in other experiences, instead, relating to drugs, for example. Lubavitch hopes to offer them a better "package".

While other cities have Chabad Houses (Lubavitch Youth Centers), Pgh. does not, presently. However, Shmerel "undoubtedly plans to have one soon." He can be reached by phone at 422-8034.

An invitation has been extended to all Jewish college students to participate in a Sabbath weekend program with Chabad (Lubavitch) Chassidism.

This national encounter will be held at the New York Lubavitch Center (770 Eastern Parkway, Crown Heights, Brooklyn), on December 21 - 24 for women; and December 28 - 31, for men.

Four days of active participation in Chassidic living ... "liberation -- Chassidic style" ... is open to anyone "irrespective of prior background and commitment". The program highlights: a unique *fabrangan*; seminars led by various visiting university profs (themselves, Chassidic); classes in Chassidism; workshops or *mitzvah* (handicrafts, Chassidic arts, music); and a special midnight *fabrangan* with Dr. Yitchak Block.

Lubavitcher Rebbe's quote "a Jew neither wants to be nor can be divorced from Godliness" will be discussed during the encounter.

Housing for out-of-town participants will be with area Chassidic families. The total encounter cost is \$15. For registration forms, call Rabbi Katzen at 422-8034.

Yeshiva Dinner To Honor Rabbi And Mrs. Chinn



RABBI & MRS. CHINN

Parents of alumni.

The theme of the Yeshiva Achei Tmimim and Nechama Minsky Schools Annual Dinner according to dinner chairmen Howard Minsky and Stanley Greenfield scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 7, 1973, at Hotel William Penn, will be a tribute to Rabbi and Mrs. Irvin I. Chinn of McKeesport, and a salute to the McKeesport Jewish Community.

"Rabbi Chinn, currently in his 15th year with Gemilas Chesed Congregation, has proven to be a unique leader. When the congregation was razed in the McKeesport redevelopment effort, it relocated in a new and modern edifice in White Oak Borough and remained strictly orthodox, an unusual feat in this era. One can conclude that if a congregation is to be judged by its leadership - then McKeesport is highly favored", according to the chairmen.

Elliot Ungar, President of the Western Penna. Council of B'nai B'rith, is serving as the McKeesport area chairman for this event.

Rabbi and Mrs. Chinn are the parents of two Yeshiva alumni, and the Rabbi has served as a board member of the Yeshiva for 14 years.

Mrs. Howard Balsam is heading the arrangement committee. For reservation information in Pittsburgh, call the Yeshiva office 681-2446 - in McKeesport, call Elliot Ungar 673-6240.

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