

# Lubavitch Youth Opens New Center

The international Lubavitch Youth Organization, an outreach program of the Lubavitcher movement geared toward college and high-school youth, announced the opening of a new branch office to serve Pittsburgh and surrounding communities.

This office, at 5835 Nicholson St., will operate under the name "Pittsburgh Friends of Lubavitch Youth Organization". This office is not an affiliate of the Pittsburgh Lubavitch Yeshiva Achei Tmimimi.

The Pittsburgh office is one of the new network of 71 Lubavitcher institutions which the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, had asked to be established in this, his 71st year.

Appointed to direct the organization's program is Rabbi Shmarya Katzen. Among the committee of officers responsible for all activities are Myer Cohen, Rabbi Charles Weiss, Rabbi Ephraim Rosenblum, and Rabbi Menachem Rodel. Several prominent individuals here in Pittsburgh have shown their interest and evinced support for these programs.

Lubavitch Youth Organization is known nationally for its activities on college campuses designed to attract Jewish students to the traditional orthodox Jewish way of life.

Through the "Encounter With Chabad" program the student is shown the relevance and significance of Torah Judaism in

the modern world.

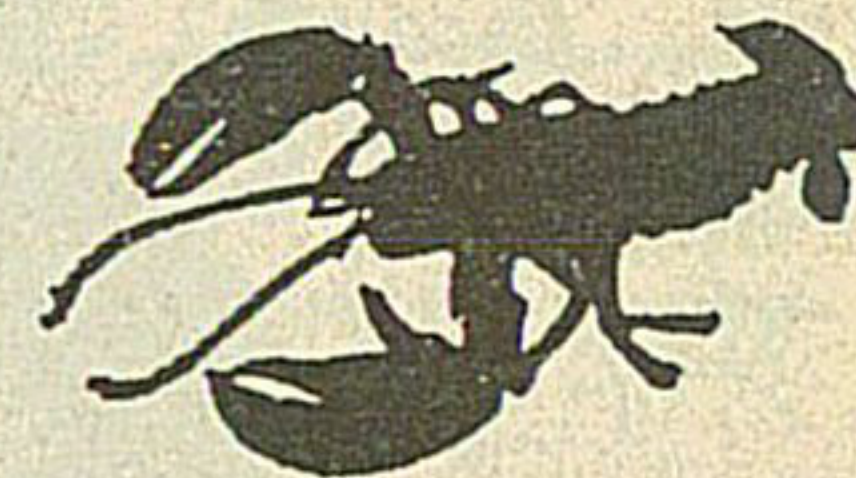
Those interested in experiencing a Chassidic Encounter will have that opportunity this weekend, Jan. 19-20, at the B'nai Israel Congregation (327 N. Negley). The B'nai Israel USY is sponsoring the weekend's program, which will be led by 15 Lubavitcher Chassidim from New York and Pittsburgh.

The keynote speaker for the weekend will be Professor Avrohom M. Hasofer, chairman of the Department of Statistics and Dean of the School of Mathematics at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. Professor Hasofer is himself a Lubavitcher Chosid. The program will begin Friday evening 5:45 p.m. in the B'nai Israel Youth Lounge and will culminate with a Chassidic sing-along Saturday evening.

Future plans for the Pittsburgh branch include a "Chabad House Center", a weekend "retreat" for students where they can experience a total Shabbos at-

mosphere with the "Encounter With Chabad" flavor. The Chabad House will also serve as a daily meeting place for students to participate in classes, rap sessions, etc. Such institutions have already been established in Cleveland, Los Angeles, Detroit, Minneapolis, Buffalo and New York.

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