

Knowledge leads to love explains Israeli teacher

By SHIRLEE IDEN

Mina Kedem takes her students on a long and fascinating voyage. The petite, dark-haired Israeli teaches American teen-agers about Israeli history.

Beginning tens of thousands of years ago with pre-history, Mrs. Kedem weaves a magnificent tale. Her students differ from most American youngsters who come to Israel mainly to learn the language.

"They can study language anytime, but the important thing is to teach Israeli history."

"I BELIEVE in knowledge," she said.

"When you know about something you love it."

Instilling a love of the land of Israel is very definitely one of Mrs. Kedem's goals as she teaches.

"We are such a small country and we are so alone. If people know us, they will be our friends," she said.

A dedicated teacher who takes her work very seriously, Mrs. Kedem said:

"I do this for Israel."

"Israel is not so rich, but it is rich in history. Here, every stone speaks."

EVERY nine weeks, Mrs. Kedem begins a new course of teaching with an eager group of new students.

By now, she estimates that in the past year since the program began, she has taught nearly 200 American youngsters.

Most of the students are from the Miami area and are sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Miami.

An expansion to other areas is gradually taking place.

THE COURSE of study begins in an area near Tel Aviv, but the students journey not only through history, but through much of the tiny nation of Israel to learn their history and geography first-hand.

"Their studies become more than just information," she explained.

"It's a very honest and serious program and the students get very involved."

Mrs. Kedem is an "almost Sabra" or native of Israel, having come to the country from Poland at the age of four.

She is married and the mother of a grown son and daughter.

"My daughter is 17 now and will soon go to the army," she said.

"Since my son is 24, he is finished with his regular army service, but in Israel a man is almost never finished with military duty."

ONE OF Mrs. Kedem's prime sources for her teaching is the Bible. She also believes in teaching geography by actually traveling over the terrain being studied.

Her students visit the Jordan River, the Jezreel Valley, Masada and many other historic spots.

"I promise to teach them history from head to toe," she said. "We take many excursions and even go mountain climbing."

"Most of our discussions center around 'why.' Everything is why."

"We talk about why ancient man came to Israel."

She believes the reasons are basic and categorizes them into five "m's."

"They needed five things which in Hebrew begin with the letter m: Mayim, which is water; maera, a

cave or shelter; mazon, which means food; malbush or clothing; and mitzar, a fortress or place of safety."

MRS. KEDEM believes in a system of concentrated teaching where she stays on one subject in great depth until it is mastered.

"Also, I teach by periods and not by areas, even though we travel as we study," she said.

"I plan the course like a puzzle, which with work and concentration falls into place from pre-historic times up to 1974."

Experts to study infant hip defect

Several hundred of the world's leading authorities on a crippling affliction that affects thousands of infants annually will come to Oakland County from points throughout the world Wednesday through Saturday (Sept. 4-7) at the invitation of William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

The occasion will be the first International Symposium on Congenital Hip Pathology. Sponsored by Beaumont's Department of Orthopedic Surgery, the conference will attract participants from six of the seven continents.

Sessions will begin in the Troy Hilton Hotel Wednesday morning and will continue throughout the day and evening until adjournment Saturday noon.

In addition to prominent participants from the United States and Canada, speakers will include authorities from Italy, England, Switzerland, Aus-

tria, Japan, Germany, Scotland, Yugoslavia, Israel and other countries.

THOUSANDS OF INFANTS are born annually in the United States alone with the hip irregularities which will be the concern of the symposium.

The deformity is more common in girl babies than in boys, more prevalent on the left side than on the right, and more frequently seen in the winter than in the warm months. It occurs throughout the world, but in the United States it usually afflicts white babies, seldom black babies. Doctors do not know the reasons for these discrepancies.

Detection of hip deformity soon after birth enables effective treatment in most cases, but correction becomes more difficult after an affected child begins to walk, according to Dr. Stanko Stanisavljevic, chief of Beaumont's Department of Orthopedic Surgery. The symposium is the result of arrangements initiated three years ago by Dr. Stanko.

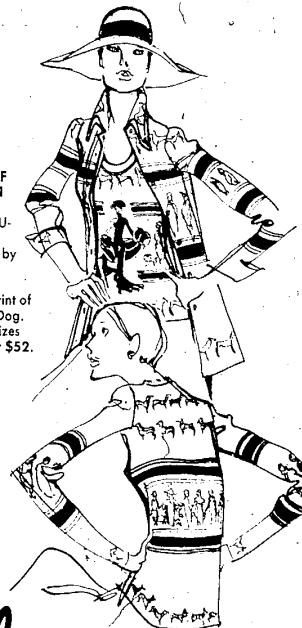
Deborah Lynn Barnes weds Martin Kaltreider

Deborah Lynne Barnes and Martin F. Kaltreider were married Aug. 17 at Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown of Bloomfield Hills. The bridegroom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Carl F. Kaltreider of Rotonda/West, Fla.

"CONGENITAL HIP is fairly frequent in the United States, but its cause is not known," Dr. Stanko explains. "One of the goals of our symposium is to see whether the work of any of the world authorities who will participate has produced any clues."

Nearly 100 papers will be presented at the symposium, many of them accompanied by slides, motion pictures and other visual aids.

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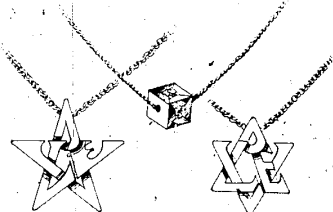


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