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Americans for Israel and Torah (AMIT) Records

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AMIT educates and cares for Israel's youth, including the most vulnerable children in Israel. Organizational records for the Kansas City, Missouri Nitzanim chapter of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America and its evolution into the Americans for Israel and Torah (AMIT) organization. Includes reports, manuals, newspaper clippings, programs, newsletters, booklets and pamphlets, correspondence and speeches, banners, and photographs.

HISTORY:

Americans for Israel and Torah (AMIT) enables Israel's youth to realize their potential and strengthens Israeli society by educating and nurturing children from diverse backgrounds within a framework of academic excellence, religious values and Zionist ideals.

AMIT educates and cares for Israel's youth, including the most vulnerable children in Israel. Some 70 percent of AMIT students cope with educational, psychological, economic and/or social risk factors. AMIT approaches each child as an individual, maximizing his or her potential, and enabling our students to become vital, productive members of Israeli society. The AMIT schools promote religious tolerance, service to the state and the recognition that every child is blessed with unique talents and abilities. Founded in 1925, AMIT operates more than 70 schools, youth villages, surrogate family residences and other programs, constituting Israel's only government-recognized network of religious Jewish education incorporating academic and technological studies.

The goals of the AMIT Network in Israel include:

- Intensifying the process of turning schools into centers for values education: emphasis on values, dialogue and setting boundaries. Highlighting nurturing of social and communal commitment, based on Jewish, Zionist and Israeli values and culture.

- Deepening religious commitment while educating toward open-mindedness and responsible decision-making.
- Bridging educational gaps and striving for academic excellence by continual improvement in the level of instruction and achievement. Providing up-to-date science, technology and computer education.
- Creating educational continuity from kindergarten through 12th grade.
- Nurturing educational and administrative leadership toward efficient and effective management in a learning organization.

[Retrieved July 1, 2008 from the AMIT web site:
<http://www.amitchildren.org/mission.asp>]

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of organizational, financial, and social records for the Kansas City, Missouri Nitzanim chapter of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America and its evolution into the Americans for Israel and Torah (AMIT) organization.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

- Folder 1. AMIT Organization Department Manual. April, 1992
- Folder 2. American Mizrahi Women, Inc. Organization correspondence, officer rosters, and memorial certificate, 1952-1977. Includes the March 21, 1977 certification of the October 8, 1930 incorporation of the Nitzanim chapter of Kansas City, Missouri.
- Folder 3. Mizrahi Women's Organization of America reports, 1938-1961
- Folder 4. AMIT Link, AMIT Dinner, Newspaper Clippings, 2000-2005
- Folder 5. History-Mission Statement
- Folder 6. AMIT Program Guidelines Booklets 1988-1990
- Folder 7. Program Planner Potpourri Guidelines, 1981-1985. Program planner booklets for American Mizrahi Women (1981-1983) and AMIT Women (1984-1985).
- Folder 8. Program Planner Potpourri Guidelines, 1986-1991. Program planner booklets for AMIT Women (1986-1991).
- Folder 9. American Mizrahi Women Planner Booklets, 1975-1978
- Folder 10. Family in Israel Manual 1990-1991 & Discover The World of AMIT
- Folder 11. American Heartland Theatre, Crown Center Booklets
- Folder 12. Guidelines American Mizrahi Women Booklets, 1980-1981
- Folder 13. Newsletters, Tributes, etc.
- Folder 14. Booklets & Pamphlets
- Folder 15. Newspaper Clippings, Newsletters, etc.

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- Folder 16. AMIT (Americans for Israel and Torah) – Information, events, speeches, and correspondence (ca. 2001-2007)

- Folder 17. Photographs – 2004

OVERSIZE ITEMS

“AMIT Saving Israel’s Forgotten Children” banner. An 18 3/8” x 24 1/2” lined cloth banner on a hollow metal tube with gold-painted wooden finials, and a yellow cord attached by which it may be hung. Manufactured by Ace Banner & Flag, 107 West 27th Street, New York City.

“AMIT Saving Israel’s Forgotten Children” banner. A 48 1/2” x 83 3/4” lined cloth banner with metal grommets. Manufactured by Ace Banner & Flag, 107 West 27th Street, New York City.