

Michael A Myers



Rabbi Michael A Myers has dedicated his educational career to inspiring his students to be sensitive, caring Jews who see in each person the *Tzelem Elokim*, the Image of God. He believes that students must be accomplished textual learners who use the skills that they have acquired in all of their classes to derive meaning from each word of the Torah. This requires critical thinking skills and a sophisticated understanding of the Hebrew language. Central to his philosophy is the conviction that the mission of the Jewish educator is to

imbue students with a sense of commitment to the Jewish people and to society at large. The educational environment at Ida Crown Jewish Academy is most supportive of these values.

Rabbi Myers received Semicha from Hebrew Theological College, where he now serves as Dean of the College Programs for Men. He attributes much of his approach to TaNaCH and Hebrew study to his experience at HTC learning from the great TaNaCH scholar and linguist, Rabbi Hirsh Isenberg, z"l.

He earned a BA degree from Loyola University and a master's degree in education administration from the University of Illinois. In 1986-1987, as a Jerusalem Fellow, he had the great privilege to learn extensively from Professor Nechama Leibovitz, z"l. He attempts to implement much of her approach to TaNaCH study in his classroom.

He and his wife, Bonnie, are the very proud parents of six daughters, who live in Chicago, New York and Israel, and nineteen grandchildren.