

MICHAEL SEGAL

"Triumphant Survivor of Tragedy"

ABOUT MIKE

Everything was going so well for him – well on his way to fulfilling his life-long dream of becoming an orthopedic surgeon, finding true love, and making excellent grades in college. Then in the blink of an eye Michael Segal's world came crashing down around him.



A FEW TESTIMONIALS

"One of the most effective and moving motivational speakers I have personally heard! I cannot recommend him any higher: he simply must be seen and heard in order to comprehend the power of his message and how he can help you take your group, your conference, or your meeting to a much higher level."

- Hanoch McCarty, Ed.D.

Contributing Author and Co Editor, *CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL*

"It is amazing how well you communicated the reasons for your successful recovery, and how well you translated it into terms we can apply here at WRI and in our personal lives. Your presentation provides a "can do" spirit that everyone can utilize and benefit from."

- Stanford J. Alexander, Chairman
Weingarten Reality Investors

"We were utterly mesmerized by his extraordinary personal experience that Mr. Segal has translated into a universal inspiring message of hope, determination, and personal empowerment."

- Gerald Posner, Best Selling Author and
Pulitzer Prize Finalist

"...he inspired our students to have more hope in the future and to change the world around them."

- Lisa E. Stone, Upper School Supervisor
Congregation Emanu El

"I know everyone in the group enjoyed your talk. It is not often that the group interacts so much with the speaker after the speech and very rare that a speaker receives a standing ovation. You were a hit!"

- Nadia Troutenko, NEXT Financial Group

Mike was taking his girlfriend back to her dormitory at the University of Texas after a late-night study session. Realizing he needed gasoline, he pulled his car into an 24 hour convenience store. He told Sharon he "would be right back after paying for the gas." He never came "right back."

Unfortunately for Mike, the store was in the midst of a robbery. One of the three felons forced Mike into the cooler – shooting him in the head, execution style –expecting him not to survive. However, Mike did survive. What the robbers did kill was the promising career of a future surgeon. However, they could not kill the spirit and determination of a man with a caring heart.

After his unfortunate encounter with circumstances (and after a long and difficult rehabilitation), Mike returned and graduated with highest honors from UT. He then finished graduate school with such honors as being elected to Phi Beta Kappa and named an "unsung hero" by *NEWSWEEK* magazine. Mike is a social worker, currently working for Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, working primarily with families of patients who have sustained life-changing injuries and illness. Furthermore, he is a popular author, his work having appeared in many anthologies, newspapers, and magazines. Finally, he is completing two book projects.

Mike is an in-demand inspirational speaker who shares his "recipe" for success, happiness, and recovery. His numerous topic titles include: *KEEP HOPE ALIVE* (perfect for general audiences), *RECIPE FOR SUCCESS* (perfect for business), *RECIPE FOR RECOVERY* (perfect for health care), and *IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE* (perfect for schools). Mike tailors his presentations to "fit" each group where attendees find themselves both laughing and crying during his talks. Often, he and his father, Rabbi Jack Segal, speak together on their unique experiences and the importance of faith, hope, and attitude.

As but one example of feedback after one of Mike's talks, listen to Pat Jackson, Community Relation Director for Hearthstone Assisted Living: "Do not delay. Contact Michael Segal for a standing ovation from your audience who will leave knowing their lives will never be the same."