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TOURO

Office of College Relations

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PROMOTIONS

REGISTRAR ABNER H. GROFF has been promoted to Assistant Dean for Student Services of Touro College School of Law, Pres. Bernard Lander announced this week. Dean Groff will continue to serve as College Registrar. Concurrently, Dr. Lander announced the promotion of EDWARD E. SHABES from Assistant to Associate Registrar.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Touro is providing in-service training for administrators and teachers in the use of computers in realizing educational goals for a consortium of area school districts. Members of the consortium are Bronx, District 9, Yonkers, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and White Plains. Classes are being held at District 9 headquarters, 1377 Jerome Avenue, close to Touro's Bronx extension center. The consortium is the recipient of a grant from Radio Shack Corp. and the program is being conducted in conjunction with the Center for Learning Technologies of the New York State Education Department.

APPOINTED CHAIRMAN

DR. DAVID LUCHINS, assistant dean of students, has been appointed chairman of the Communal Relations Commission of the Orthodox Union. This commission examines community, social, and public affairs issues that affect synagogues and the Orthodox Jewish community, and disseminates information and program recommendations based on these findings. Dr. Luchins is a national vice president of the Orthodox Union.

A NEW PROGRAM

Touro, in conjunction with Summit Collegiate Studies Center, Jerusalem, has opened a Center for Occupational Learning to serve the special needs of learning disabled young adults. Touro's center is offering two-year certificate programs in a variety of career areas. These include health, child, and gerontology care, hotel and food trades, recreation, animal care, clerical and sales work, horticulture, photography, beauty culture, graphic arts, auto mechanics, library services, and homemaking. Summit has pioneered the concept of "college enabling" for young people with learning disabilities, maintaining that "through the implementation of a complete 'human support system,' college may be a possibility for those who otherwise would not succeed." Dr. Leon Perkal, assistant dean of the School of General Studies, is serving as coordinator of this new outreach program of the college.

EARNS PH.D.

HAROLD LIFSHITZ, a member of the counseling staff, passed his oral defense of his dissertation on December 21 and has been awarded a Ph.D. in educational psychology by Fordham University. The title of his dissertation is "Personality Characteristics and Community Health Ideology."

ACTIVE IN MANY AREAS

DR. MONTY N. PENKOWER, professor and chairman of the Department of History, served as the director of "The Legacy of Horace M. Kallen: A Centennial Celebration" at the New School for Social Research in October. Among the participants in the one-day conference, cosponsored by the New School, the American Section of the World Jewish Congress, and the American Jewish Congress were DR. JACOB KATZMAN, director of the Jewish People's University of the Air, a project of Touro's Herzliah/Jewish Teachers Seminary Division, Prof. Milton Konvitz, Prof. David Sidorsky, Prof. Lewish Feuer, Prof. Ben Halpern, and Prof. Arthur Hertzberg.

A review by Dr. Penkower of Vichy France and the Jews by M. Marrus and R.O. Paxton appeared in "Martyrdom and Resistance," (Fall 1982) An essay "The Struggle for an Allied Jewish Fighting Force," recently completed by Dr. Penkower, will be published in Perspective on the Holocaust by Kluwer-Nijhoff (R. Braham, Ed.) in June 1983.

FROM DREAM TO REALIZATION

DR. ANDRE NEUSCHLOSS, associate professor of history and chairman of the Department of Humanities-Interdisciplinary Studies, has completed a history of Touro College for a Directory of Jewish Voluntary Organization to be published by Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn. Editor of the directory is Prof. Michael N. Dowkowski of the Department of Religion, Hobart and William Smith University. Entitled "The Story of Touro: From Dream to Realization," Dr. Neushloss' contribution to the directory tells how Touro developed from a dream of Dr. Bernard Lander to the vital, successful institution of higher learning it is today.

SERVED AS CHAIRMAN

MIRA B. FELDER, instructor of languages and literatures, served as co-chairman of Yom Iyun sponsored by American Mizrahi Women on Oct. 17 at the Israeli Consulate.

POEMS PUBLISHED

A poem, "In Zeydus Degn" (In Grandfather's Footsteps) by DR. JACOB LEVITZ, assistant professor of languages and literatures, was published in the Erev Rosh Hashana edition of the Jewish Forward, Sept. 17, 1982. His poem, "A Lid Fun a Mame" (A Song of a Mother) appeared in the December issue of Der Veker.

ISRAEL VISIT

DR. JUDITH BLEICH, associate professor of Judaic Studies, spent January 1st to January 11th in Israel visiting schools in which students in the Touro in Israel Program are enrolled. Dr. Bleich, who says she was very well received, conferred with students and administrators and delivered four lectures. Her lecture topics were "Alenu: An Historical Enigma," "The Best Known and Most Misinterpreted Psalm," "Psalm 51 'The Missing Section of II Samuel 12'," and "The Sidder and the Censor."

CLASS OF 2005

The Touro family welcomed three prospective members of the class of 2005 (mind-boggling, isn't it?) during January.

SIDNEY FRANKEL, college treasurer, and his wife, Esther, became the parents of a third daughter, Rena, born on January 23 and weighing 7 lbs, 14 oz. Rena's proud sisters are Rivki, 12, and Daphna, 8.

RAYA WORCH, of the accounting office, and her husband, Shimon, welcomed their first child, Pinchus, born on January 22, who weighed 6 lbs, 9 oz.

RUTH BRAAF, secretary to Dr. Solomon Simonson and Dr. Moshe Sokol, and her husband, Judah, became grandparents for the first time with the birth of Ann Leah Ackerman on January 12. The infant, who weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., is the daughter of the Braaf's daughter, Marion Ackerman, and her husband, Peter.