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IN FLATBUSH

TOURO ALUMNUS RANKS AMONG TOP SPECIALISTS IN CHILD CARDIOLOGY

By Dovid Greengart

A member of the first graduating class of Touro College in 1975, Dr. Ira Parnes recently discussed some issues that are on the minds of many pre-medical students and reminisced about his early days at Touro College.

"Those were very exciting times at Touro College," Dr. Parnes remembers. "The facilities were poor, but our spirits were high. The student body was very motivated and determined to make the program a success." Dr. Parnes was originally attracted to Touro College because he wanted to remain in a yeshiva atmosphere, and he appreciated the unique opportunities a new institution and small college setting presented.

His transition from a small private college to the much larger SUNY-Downstate where Dr. Parnes received his medical education, was not a smooth one. "It was quite a shock to enter a lecture hall with 200 students when I was used to smaller classes," Dr. Parnes said. But that was not the most difficult adjustment he had to make as a medical student. "The hardest part was accepting the reality that it is impossible to master all of the material." Even though Touro had given him a strong foundation in the basic sciences, "there was just too much material to learn," he recalls.

Dr. Parnes has never regretted his choice to become a physician, "Not even for a moment. I love what I do," he said. And, not surprisingly, that was his advice to all pre-med students:

"Love what you're doing. To tell you that you need good grades and good MCAT scores to get into medical school is obvious. But if you love what you are learning, then everything else will fall into place."

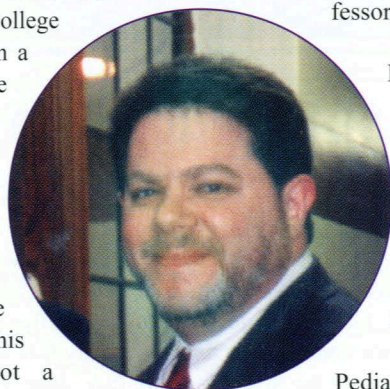
And for Dr. Parnes, things "fell into place" easily. Following a residency at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn, Dr. Parnes held a fellowship at Boston's Children's Hospital, where he became Director of the Heart Transplantation Program. He also served as assistant professor at the Harvard Medical School.

In 1996, American Health Magazine ranked Dr. Parnes as one of the top three specialists in the United States in the field of Pediatric Echocardiography. Dr. Parnes was also listed among the best specialists in the field by New York Magazine in 1999.

Currently, he is director of Pediatric Cardiology at the Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Asked his opinion on what the biggest challenge facing the medical profession is, Dr. Parnes responded: "The economic pressures are so great today that it is easy to forget why you went into medicine in the first place. You almost have to approach medicine with a religious fervor to remain committed to your moral and ethical principles."

But being an observant Jew helps, he added. "As a person with a higher sense of purpose, you have an easier time keeping your priorities straight, even in the face of pressures."



Dr. Ira Parnes



HARVARD LAW SELECTS MINZER, '99 VALEDICTORIAN

Naftali Minzer, valedictorian of the class of 1999, was accepted to Harvard University Law School for September 2000, Dean of Students Robert Goldschmidt has announced. Naftali was also admitted to Columbia Law School.

At Touro in Flatbush, Naftali completed an accounting major and compiled a perfect 4.0 average. He has passed all four parts of the CPA Examination.

While working toward his college degree at Touro, Naftali continued his studies at Yeshiva Torah Voda'ath, where he is still enrolled in Spring 2000.

In all, sixteen seniors in the 1999 class received acceptances to prestigious law schools, including Columbia, The University of Chicago, The University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown, Boston University, Fordham and Rutgers.

Mr. Greengart, a senior of the class of 2000, has been admitted to New York University School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center, and SUNY Downstate School of Medicine.

GRADUATES SCORE AGAIN AT TOP ON CPA EXAM

For the second consecutive year, Touro College has earned top rankings in the nation based on the percentage of its graduates passing sections of the Uniform CPA Examination, Dr. Bernard Lander, president of the college, has announced.

Touro graduates again ranked first in the United States on the Business Law Section with an exceptional passing rate of eighty percent. Touro ranked second on the Financial Accounting and Reporting (FARE) section of the exam with a passing rate of sixty percent. Touro placed fifth on the Accounting and Reporting, Other Areas (ARE) portion of the test.

PERFECT SCORES

Touro salutes Yossie Klein, Shmaya Eichenstein, and Rina Hoffner for passing all four sections of the CPA Examination on their first attempt in November 1999.

Touro was the only college in New York State to achieve top five national ranking, according to results released by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) for the November 1998 test. Other top ranked schools included the University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers University, the College of William and Mary, and the University of Wisconsin.

Touro alumni who have become CPAs are employed by major accounting firms in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Maryland, and Israel.

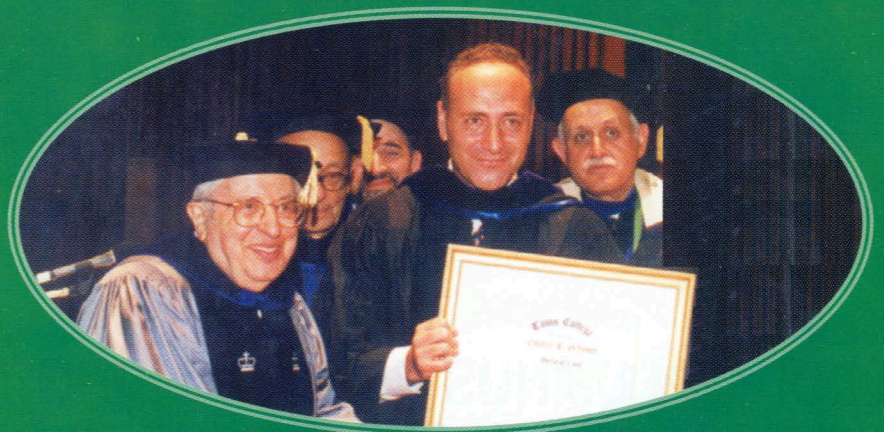
In addition to its CPA program, Touro in Flatbush offers majors in economics, finance, management, management/ marketing, and management information systems.

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Commencement 1999



ABOVE: President Bernard Lander (left) presents honorary doctorate citation to Senator Charles Schumer, commencement speaker.



RIGHT: Vice President Emeritus Marvin Farbstein is honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters.

SIMCHA FELDER '80 RUNS FOR CITY COUNCIL

On March 7, more than 200 community leaders turned out to support Simcha Felder's candidacy for City Council in a district covering Boro Park and a section of Flatbush. Rabbi Nossan Sherman, General Editor of Artscroll, praised Simcha's honesty and sincerity. Elections are scheduled for November 2001.

Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Dov Hikind for the past four years, Simcha served previously as legislative liaison with Controller Alan Hevsei and was a manager for 10 years in the New York City Department of Finance.

So how did this former yeshiva bachur make good? If you ask him, he gives a great deal of credit to Touro College. "I never thought of going to college," explains Simcha, "and would not have, had Touro not existed. Touro established a school in the

neighborhood providing a supportive environment, separate accommodations for men and women and fabulous staff of teachers. Dean Goldschmidt guided my career choices while giving me first class advice. Even after I finished my B.S. in Accounting at Touro and my M.B.A. from Baruch College, I returned to him for advice".

Simcha is credentialed as a C.P.A. in both New York and New Jersey and holds S'micha from Yeshiva Torah Vodaath where he pursued his Talmudic studies while attending Touro.

When he is not as home with his wife Elana (nee Cheifetz) and kids, or at

work, Simcha enjoys teaching management courses at Touro. "I appreciate the opportunity to take a personal interest in my students," says Rabbi Felder. "This is my way of saying thank you to Touro."



Professor Aaron Twerski (left) congratulates Simcha Felder

FROM OUR DEAN

THE FOCUS OF OUR VISION

Since its opening in 1977, the Touro College Flatbush Division has touched the lives of thousands of students in our community. For the frum young man and young woman desiring to earn a quality degree necessary for professional advancement, there is no better venue than Touro in Flatbush.

The focus of our vision – a commitment to academic excellence and service to individual students within a nurturing Jewish environment – remains unchanged, even as our enrollment



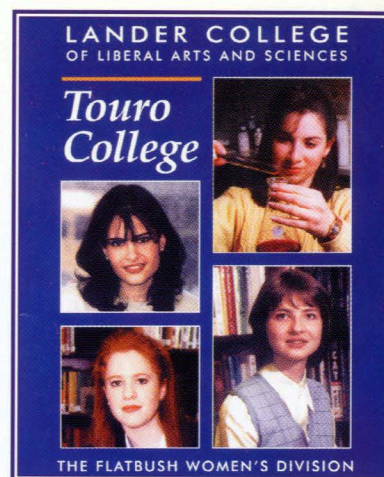
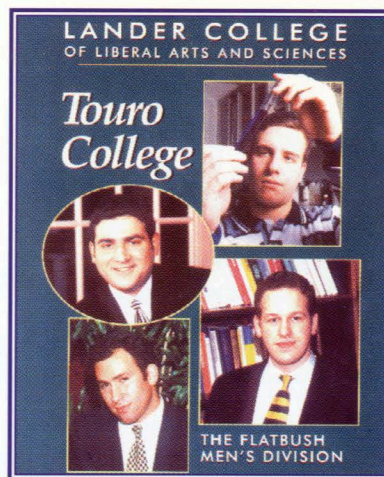
grows and as we prepare to introduce new graduate degree programs to supplement the 20 majors and options for undergraduates now offered in Flatbush.

This year, we have added a major in mathematics for women and a major in speech and communications for men.

In September 2000 we expect to introduce an M.S. in Speech Language Pathology, already approved by New York State and now being reviewed by ASHA. We also have received authorization to offer in the Fall an M.S. degree in accounting to meet new requirements for the CPA. Additionally, we are exploring bachelor's degree programs in computer graphics and nutrition.

As you plan for your bright future, we invite you to join us!

Dean Robert Goldschmidt



New Viewbooks have just been released by the Office of the Dean of Students for the men's and women's divisions of the Flatbush Campus. The new editions contain up-to-date information about academic programs, services and financial aid. For copies, call the Office of the Dean of Students (718) 252-7800, Ext. 234.

GORDON MOSHE COHN

ACCOUNTING PROFESSOR BRINGS NUMBERS TO LIFE

Dr. Gordon Moshe Cohn, associate professor of accounting who joined the Touro College faculty in 1998, previously served as assistant professor at Brooklyn College and lecturer at Baruch College, Case Western Reserve University and the University of Michigan.

Dr. Cohn earned an M.A. in Behavioral Sciences at

the University of Michigan, an M.S. in Organizational Behavior at Case Western and received his Ph.D in Business with a specialization in accounting at Baruch, and has semicha from the Mirrer Yeshiva.

Dr. Cohn has published papers in *The Accounting Review*, *The Journal of Accounting, Ethics and Public Policy* and *the Accounting Historians Journal*. Currently he is writing a chapter for a soon to be published book analyzing the Talmudic perspective on insider trading.

Dr. Cohn's two daughters, Chana and Sara, are enrolled at the Flatbush Campus of Touro College.

FACULTY PROFILE

HALLMARKS OF EXCELLENCE: MEDICINE

We congratulate the following students for their outstanding achievements in the medical sciences:

- ♦ **Aaron Gutterman** admitted to New York Medical College.
- ♦ **David Greengart** admitted to Mount Sinai Medical School, New York University College of Medicine and SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- ♦ **Hillel Isseroff** admitted to the Touro Haifa Technion MS/MD Biomedical Program.
- ♦ **Mordechai Neustadt** admitted to UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- ♦ **Boruch Ringelheim** admitted to SUNY Downstate Medical Center, George Washington University Medical School and SUNY Syracuse Medical Center
- ♦ **Moshe Schuck** admitted to New York University Dental School
- ♦ **Zev Schulhof** admitted to Mount Sinai Medical School, Oral Surgery Program
- ♦ **Avichai Stern** admitted to New York University Dental School
- ♦ **Jonathan Waltner** admitted to New York University Dental School



COLLEGES ADMIT 26 SPEECH MAJORS TO MASTERS PROGRAMS

Twenty six graduates of Touro College were admitted in 1999 to master's degree programs in speech pathology and audiology at universities and colleges in New York and New Jersey. Most of the students received multiple acceptances.



Devorah Feinberg '99

“Admission to graduate programs in speech pathology is very competitive. The success of our students is a tribute both to the dedication of our faculty and the caliber and quality of our undergraduates,” commented Professor Hindy Lubinsky, coordinator of the speech program at Touro in Flatbush.

Touro offers a 53 credit major in speech and communications.

Alumnae admitted to graduate programs in 1999 include: **Batsheva Arem** (William Paterson), **Hadassah Blumenfeld** (Brooklyn College), **Chaykie Bodner** (Brooklyn), **Shaindy Dobner** (Adelphi University), **Ariella Edelstein** (Brooklyn), **Devorah**

Feinberg

(Brooklyn), **Shifra Israel** (Adelphi), **Chana Jankelowitz** (Brooklyn), **Rivky Jeremias** (Brooklyn), **Shoshana Langer** (Kean College), **Esti Leiser** (Long Island University), **Tamar Lichtenstein** (Brooklyn), **Efrat**



Chaykie Bodner '99

Luchins (Montclair State University), **Shira Meir** (Adelphi), **Shoshana Pinter** (Kean), **Hadassah Sadowsky** (Adelphi), **Chaya Schron** (Brooklyn), **Chaya Schwartz** (Lehman College), **Malky Shulgasser** (SUNY New Paltz), **Miriam Stein** (Hofstra University), **Malky Weinman** (Montclair State), **Raizy Weingarten** (Brooklyn), **Yael Weiss** (SUNY New Paltz), **Ayelet Yavneh** (St. Johns University), **Miriam Zeffren** (Adelphi) and **Chanie Zemsky** (Montclair State).

Ronald Lehrer

EXCEPTIONAL TEACHER IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Dr. Ronald Lehrer, director of graduate and under-

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graduate programs in Special education at Touro College, was on the faculty of the graduate program for training teachers of emotionally troubled children at Brooklyn College for over fifteen years and taught part time at Touro before coming on full time to direct the B.S. in Special Education in 1998.

Dr. Lehrer completed his graduate work in the fields of special education and clinical social work at Brooklyn College, Hunter College, and New York University. He is a New York State certified teacher for special education.

His papers have appeared in such journals as *Psychiatry and Psychology*, *The Psychoanalytic Review*, *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, and the Newsletter of the *Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry*.



32 Excel on Teacher Certification Exam

Touro College graduates achieved an exceptional pass rate of 100% on the Liberal Arts and Sciences portion of the New York State Teachers' Certification Examination during the 1998-1999 testing cycle. All candidates for licensure are required to pass this test.

Among the students who earned teacher's certification are Chanie Zilberberg, Valedictorian of the Flatbush Women's Division, and S' Rivky Goldschmidt, both of whom are currently pursuing master's degrees in teaching reading at the Graduate School of Education at Fordham University.

In all, 32 Touro students passed their certification examination during this testing cycle.

STUDENT SOCIETIES IN THE NEWS

The Health Science/Pre-Medical Society and the Political Science/Pre-Law Association, two very active student clubs at the Flatbush Campus, recently elected new officers to leadership positions.

Michael Tyberg (men's division) and Faige Mandelbaum (women's division) both pre-medical students, were chosen as presidents of the Health Science Society. The society, with a membership of more than 80 students, plans to publish a scholarly science journal in May.

Edward E. Neiger (men's division) and Ruchie Freier (women's division)

were chosen as the presidents of the Pre-Law Association. This year, pre-law students have participated in a variety of field trips, meetings with judges and political leaders and a conference with partners at Willkie, Farr and Gallagher, one of the most prestigious law firms in the nation. A visit involving a case hearing before the United States Supreme Court in Washington is scheduled for late March and will include a



Ruchie Freier

conference with one of the Justices of the Court. The Political Science Association also sponsors the annual *Pre-Law Journal*.