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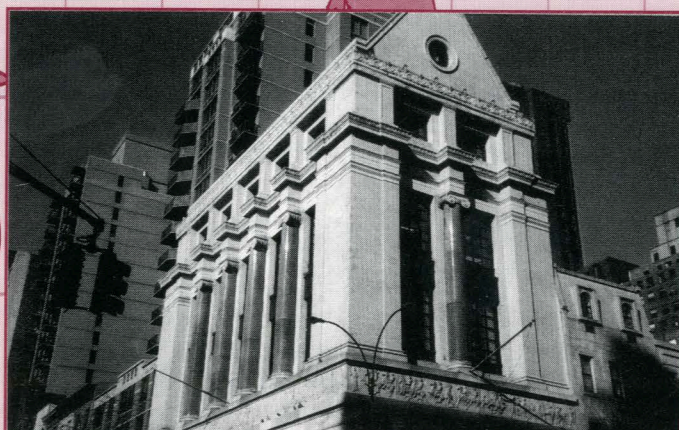
# ALMA MATTERS



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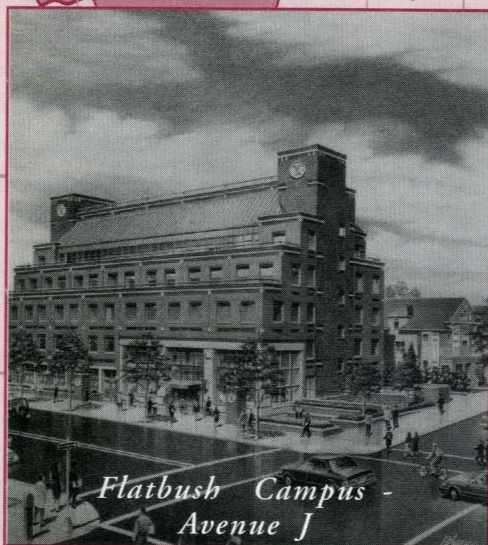


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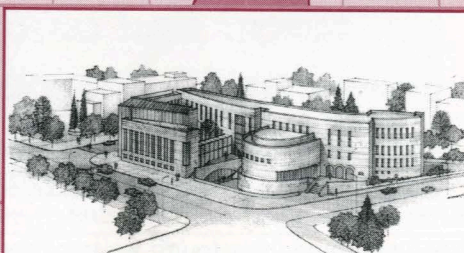


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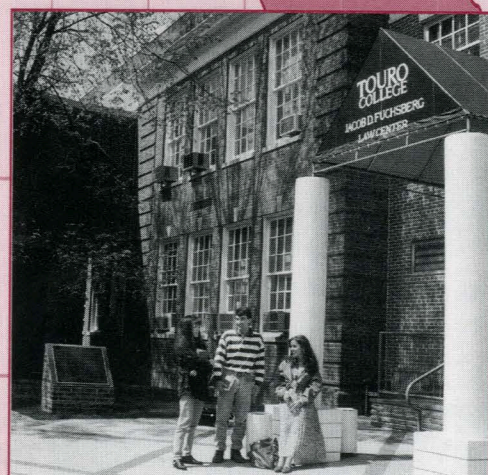
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## LET'S GET TOGETHER!

It gives us great pleasure to present to you this fourth issue of "Alma Matters", the Alumni newsletter of Touro College LAS.

We have many exciting activities and projects planned for the near future. Please check the **Calendar of Events** to see in which events you would be interested. As we have mentioned before, the success of these programs lies with you.

We are trying several types of programs and, hopefully, one will appeal to you and you will join us. Be sure, if you have not done already, to send in your membership dues. Members of the Touro College Alumni Association will receive substantial discounts on the various upcoming events. Membership dues are \$36.00 per year and \$360 for a life-time membership. We urge you to become a member of your Alumni Association and contribute to the growth and success of your alma mater.

Some of the projects that we

are currently working on are:

**The Touro Theater Club.** Many of you remember the slogan that we used to use in the early years at Touro: "Manhattan is our playground and campus!" We will be attending Broadway shows throughout the year at substantially discounted group rates. Tickets are limited and will be made available on "first come - first served" basis. Be sure to reserve your place early.

**Networking Seminars.** There will be several networking seminars to be held throughout the year in the various professional fields of our Alumni. These seminars will enable our Alumni to network and share ideas, thoughts and concerns in their specific areas of occupation.

**Class Reunions.** There will be three class reunions held this year. Please check the Calendar for the date that pertains to you. We hope you will attend and reminisce with your former classmates and friends. We're

looking for a few volunteers who will be willing to serve as Class Representatives for your specific class year. Please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs if you are interested.

**Touro College Home Page on the Internet.** We are in the process of designing a Home Page on the Internet. This page would enable you to network, chat and maintain contact with Alumni, Faculty and Administration. Details will follow at a later date.

These are just a few of the events that we have planned. We are always open to suggestions from you. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Louis B. Chapman, Esq. ('77)  
Chairperson

Susan E. Stern ('86)  
Coordinator of Alumni Affairs

## MENTOR PROGRAM INTRODUCED AT TOURO

The Career Counseling Center in Brooklyn is in the process of developing a "mentor" program. The goal of this program is to develop a lasting relationship with a professional in a career or industry and a current Touro College student.

Each student participating in this program will be assigned to a Alumni/Mentor who is currently in a profession relative to the field of study of that student. The mentor will provide valuable advice, specific information and guidance throughout the student's years of study at the College. This will also enable the students to be introduced to other contacts for informational interviews and job experience.

The Mentor Program begins this Fall and will be entitled "Mentorships". It will be introduced to the students of the Avenue J Campus in Brooklyn. Shortly thereafter, Touro College hopes to introduce the same program to the students of the Manhattan Men's and Women's divisions.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor and are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact either Mr. Marty Hershkowitz (at the Avenue J Counseling Center) at (718) 487-0600, Extension 536 or Ms. Susan Stern, at the Office of Alumni Affairs, (212) 643-0700, Extension 116.



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We hope you enjoy this fourth issue of the LAS Alumni Newsletter. We welcome any reflections, suggestions and contributions that you feel is newsworthy and of interest to our Alumni. We need your help in creating this newsletter. If you know of anyone who has not received this newsletter, please let us know.

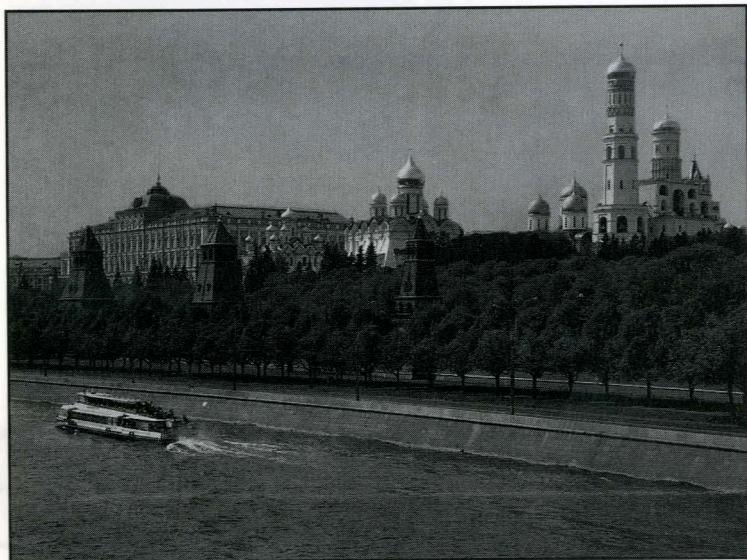
—Susan E. Stern, Editor E-Mail: [susans@touro.edu](mailto:susans@touro.edu)



## DID YOU KNOW?

*This column features interesting facts about your alma mater. Each issue will enlighten, inform and sometimes amuse you and, hopefully, make you more knowledgeable about Touro College. If there is any aspect of Touro you would like to know more about, please contact us at 212-643-0700.*

## THE TOURO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT



Did you know that Touro offers courses in several different areas of accounting, economics, banking and finance, marketing and management in several parts of the world? Currently, the International School of Business and Management has three campuses: New York, Moscow and Jerusalem. The students of the school come from various countries and provide a truly global flavor to the school.

Touro recognizes that, to compete successfully in the new and changing world order, a business must be able to understand these changes and adjust to make opportunities out of them. To accomplish this requires that businesses employ people who are trained in global business issues. It is to this goal that the Touro International School of Business is dedicated. With its global presence, as well as global perspective in education, the International School of Business seeks to train the global manager and worker of the fu-

ture, the person who can bridge cultures and languages while applying sound business practices.

Dr. Bernard Lander, Founder and President, said the following regarding the International School: "In addition to the deepening and broadening of our American campus program, we are concentrating on the establishment of major educational centers worldwide. In each of these centers, consonant with Touro's Charter, we will strive to enrich our nation's heritage and to establish schools of high quality in the humanities, sciences and professional studies.

"Through these overseas programs, we hope to contribute to the strengthening of economic and cultural ties between nations of the world... We are exploring the development of programs to be offered in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Western Europe. Regardless of the location of our instructional centers, we prepare a cadre of future leaders and instill in them a commit-

## We Mourn Our Loss GABRIEL LEVINE

The Board of Touro College, the Barry Z. Levine School of Health Sciences, and the entire Touro Family join in mourning the untimely passing of GABRIEL LEVINE.

Mr. Levine was a visionary and a friend of our school, which bears the name of his late son, since its inception.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife, Blanche, and the entire family.

## MAX CELNICK

With profound sadness the Board of Trustees, Faculty, Administration and the Alumni of Touro College mourn the passing of Mr. Max Celnick, Founding Director of Libraries, whose creativity and outstanding professional expertise contributed greatly to the establishment and development of our institution.

Max Celnick, an integral part of Touro College since its inception, was approached by Dr. Bernard Lander, President and Founder, to create a Library in the newly established Touro College.

Described as a "creative genius in Library Science", Mr. Celnick made sure that the books needed for courses were available and "there indepth".

Mr. Celnick had limited funds to work with but somehow he made books suddenly appear. Many Alumni fondly remember a trip to a seminary in Newburgh, New York where Mr. Celnick had them pack books into a station wagon and bring them back to our Library. Several trips such as this Newburgh trip were experienced throughout the initial years at Touro College. One former student fondly called Mr. Celnick "a magician that made libraries appear."

Max Celnick was devoted and dedicated to Touro College and its many students. He could always be found in the Library, helping students. He did not want nor did he need an 'official' office; the Library was his office and, in this way, he was accessible to the students, faculty and administration who walked through his door.

He went beyond what was expected and requested of him. He initiated ongoing studies of not only what books the students are using but how the students are using these books. These studies were extremely helpful to the faculty of Touro College.

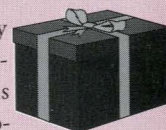
We extend our sincerest condolences to his wife, Faith, and to his sons, Ellie and Gershon and family.

ment to the perpetuity of faith in their nations. In Asia, we have instituted the Pacific Community Institute and have sponsored international symposia and conferences in various Pacific Rim nations."

Faculty for the three current campuses are recruited from both the local population as well as visiting professors from other countries. The school's emphasis is on teaching with various methods such as lectures, discussions, case studies and simulations being used. Faculty research is also considered important and is shared with the students on an on-going basis.

## MATCHING GIFTS

Many of you are employed by firms that have a program for matching gifts to educational institutions, especially your alma mater.



Please help us by taking advantage of a matching gift program. If we can be of any help, please call (212) 643-0700, Office of Alumni Affairs.



# Our Touro Libraries – More Than One Story To Tell

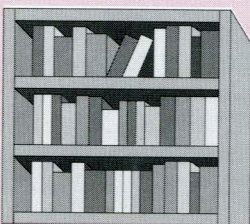
## ABOUT THE MIDWOOD COLLECTION

By: Chaya Drillman, Chief Librarian, LAS

The Midwood Library, housed in the new facility at Avenue J since March 1995, has been significantly augmented in the following subject areas: education, psychology, the biological sciences, literature and Judaica. Its extensive business collection has been updated; the study notes and examination preparation manuals for the actuarial program are the most current.

In addition to the new books in the sciences which were acquired by the Library, the valuable gift of the Wischnitzer biomedical collection further supports the Health Sciences program. The Wischnitzer collection consists of several hundred volumes in the subject areas of physiology, anatomy, pathology, genetics, and tissue, cellular, and molecular biology. This collection was reviewed by the Science Department of Touro College.

The speech pathology collection is being augmented in accordance with guidelines of the Brandon/Hill "Selected List of Books and



Journals in the Allied Health Sciences."

Hundreds of library classics have been added to the Library including one hundred Norton Critical Editions of library masterpieces, which contain the authoritative texts, notes on background materials and sources, and critical essays.

The Tolkin collection of Judaica classics in translation has certainly enriched our Library. We now have the Soncino translations of Mishnah and Talmud; the Yale Judaica series, consisting of translations of the Midrash, the Code of Maimonides, and other classics; the Shiff Library of Jewish classics, consisting of translations of Hebrew poetry, philosophy, and miscellaneous significant works of Hebrew and Aramaic literature.

The Midwood Facility Library also received the fine collection of one hundred fifty monographs from Dr. Barry Panzer, a psychotherapist. Included are works on group psychotherapy, neuro-diagnosis in psychotherapy, child psychiatry, research on the effects of television on children, autism, and mental retardation.



## THE HOENIG COLLECTION

By: Chaya Drillman, Chief Librarian, LAS

Touro College was privileged to receive the extremely valuable Judaica and Hebraica collection of the late Rabbi Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, a well-known historian, rabbinic scholar, authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and activist in the field of Jewish education, both of children and adults.

This 3500 volume collection was donated by Rabbi Dr. Hoenig's son-in-law, Dr. Ira Bader. It includes medieval and modern commentaries on the bible festschriften, rabbinics, works on Jewish history, materials in support of Jewish education programs, and serials, journals, and pamphlets.

The Hoenig collection is certainly eclectic; it reflects the erudition and broad interests of Rabbi Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, as well as his faithfulness to the teachings of the Jewish heritage and tradition.



## NEW ONLINE SERVICES

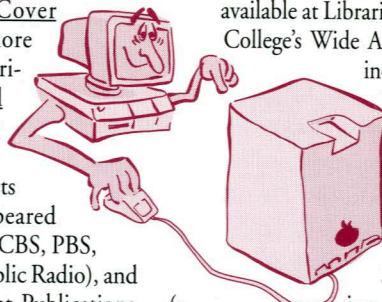
by: Dr. Jacqueline A. Maxin, Director of Libraries

In addition to PowerPages and Books in Print PLUS, the Libraries are pleased to offer two more online information systems: CARL and FirstSearch.

CARL has more than ten open access databases and 420 library catalogs. Open access databases include UnCover (an index to more than 17,000 periodicals), Journal Graphics Online (an index to over 75,000 broadcasts which have appeared on CNN, ABC, CBS, PBS, and National Public Radio), and U.S. Government Publications (a database of titles published since 1976).

FirstSearch has more than fifty index and abstracting services, including ABI/INFORM, MLA, Bibliography, ERIC, and MEDLINE. It will soon load the DataTimes Newspaper database, which includes the full text of the Jerusalem Post.

CARL and FirstSearch are available at Libraries with access to the College's Wide Area Network. This includes Midtown, the Women's Division Building, Midwood, Kings Highway, Bensonhurst, Brighton Beach, Sunset Park, Flushing, and Forest Hills. Harlem and Boro Park will be added to the list soon.



## BILINGUAL PROGRAMS AT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY ARE APPROVED

The State Department of Education has approved bilingual extensions in MA programs in Special Education as well as School Psychology. Also newly approved is the MA/MS program in Education with Bilingual Education as one of several areas of concentration.

Bilingual programs in Education and Special Education prepare teachers of classes for children with limited English proficiency. The Bilingual program in School Psychology addresses provision of services to children and families from minority and non-English-dominant populations. These programs are available only to students who demonstrate

fluency in a language other than English. Graduate School students in these bilingual programs must take courses that cover topics related to language development, bilingualism, multicultural issues, and specific skills in teaching or service provision for bilingual pupils.

The addition of these bilingual components to the Graduate School programs helps to address a serious educational need, and promises to attract a sufficient number of applicants.

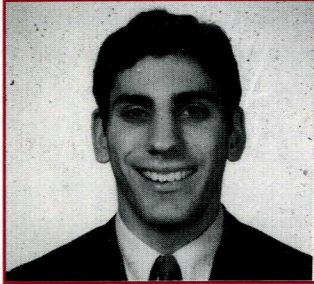
We are hopeful that our bilingual programs will meet the needs of speakers of Yiddish as well as other linguistic groups in the New York area.



# REVOCABLE TRUSTS DO MORE THAN JUST AVOID PROBATE

By: Benjamin D. Eckman, Esq. ('91)

*Benjy has a law practice in Elizabeth, New Jersey focusing on "Elder Law" and "Estate Planning" He is a member of the New Jersey and New York Bars as well as a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.*



Revocable or "living" trusts have enjoyed tremendous popularity in recent years primarily because of the many advantages of establishing such a trust. Most people create them to avoid the pitfalls of probate. However, the estate tax savings, minimizing of accounting and legal fees, ensuring privacy and eliminating delays, all indicate what a vitally important and useful estate planning technique this is.

A trust is a legal entity created by the grantor for designated beneficiaries. Assets are transferred to the trustee of a trust for protection, management and distribution to others. The trustee holds legal title, while the beneficiaries, usually your spouse and children, hold equitable title.

## REVOCABLE TRUSTS AVOID PROBATE

Probate is the process of having a will admitted to the local court that handles such matters, demonstrating the validity of the will, marshaling all the assets of the estate, paying bills and taxes, and ultimately distributing the remainder of the assets in accordance with the will, or if no will, in accordance with state law. Probate can be costly, cumbersome, and time-consuming.

Revocable trusts can easily avoid the need for assets to be subjected to the probate process. If every asset you own is transferred to the trust before death or given away as gifts, there may be no need for the formal

court probate process at all. This can be helpful in states where probate is still slow, annoying, and expensive. Additionally, if you own real estate in another state other than the state in which you live, your trust can eliminate the need for probate in this second state. This is achieved by transferring the real property into the trust so that you own merely an intangible property interest rather than a real property interest in these other states. This can be an extremely useful and cost-saving vehicle since the expense of operating a probate proceeding for a single asset at a long distance is often far more expensive than the costs and difficulties of a local probate proceeding.

Unless your family has sufficient assets to sustain it during the probate process, a living trust can prove a simpler and quicker method of getting needed cash and other assets to your heirs. On your disability or death, a properly planned living trust can ensure that investments will continue generating income available to your family, with little, if any, interruption.

## MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE ASSETS IN THE TRUST

Revocable trusts are established during your lifetime primarily to plan for your older age or to provide protection against disability. The grantor retains complete control over the assets in the trust while he or she is alive, and is still able to manage his or her own affairs. This trust arrangement provides the client with an ideal tool for management of their assets. This is especially useful in the event of advanced age, illness, or disability which would make it difficult to handle your own financial affairs. If you are not satisfied with how things are working out, you can always modify the provisions governing management.

Additionally, you should also appoint a co-trustee to serve along with you so that in the event of your disability or inability to manage the assets, the co-trustee could immediately step in and assist you without any administrative delays. It is very easy, cheap, and private for your assets to be managed by the co-trustee, in the event you become incompetent.

## REVOCABLE TRUSTS ARE THE BEST WAY TO PLAN FOR A DISABILITY

Revocable trusts are frequently used to provide for the management of your property if you should become incompetent. The trust arrangement can provide far more detailed provisions and contingency plans for dealing with the disability than a general durable power of attorney could. Banks and other financial institutions may more readily accept the authority of your trustee than your agent.

## INCOME AND ESTATE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF A REVOCABLE TRUST

A revocable trust is a grantor trust. Thus, for income tax purposes, the trust is generally ignored and disregarded, and all income and deductions are reported on your own individual tax return. For example, if the trust makes charitable contributions during the year, you would claim the contribution as an itemized deduction on your personal income tax return. Thus, the trust generally files no separate tax return and has no tax benefits or costs.

For estate tax purposes, living trusts by themselves do not avoid estate taxes. A properly drafted living trust, however, can double the amount of the federal estate tax deduction you can pass tax free. It is currently \$600,000, so a husband and wife can pass \$1,200,000 tax

shortly before your death. Although some courts may require a greater level of competence to establish a trust than execute a will, it is far more difficult to attack a trust than to bring a will contest.

In summary, a revocable trust is one of the best estate planning tools for management of assets in the event of a disability, and also avoids probate costs and difficulties. It is a popular form for holding property during your life, and then passing it on at your death as a "substitute will". The trust can own all of your investment assets, as well as real estate and other property. To realize any of the benefits of a revocable living trust, however, the trust must actually be funded after it has been established. Even if you never fund your trust during your life, your will can state that all of your assets are to be turned over to your trustee, and then the trust actually implements your plan. This is known as a pour over will provision.

The drafting of your living trust should only be done by an attorney trained in the area of tax and trust law. It is important that you seek out a firm which limits its practice to the drafting of such documents. After all, your trust will be the document which manages and distributes all of your hard-earned wealth. Make certain you choose a law firm that is both qualified and experienced.

## 1996 ALUMNI SURVEYS

If you have not completed your one page Alumni Survey please do so! We have received many responses so far and, as you can tell by the Calendar of Events we are implementing your ideas. This is your Alumni Association and your ideas and suggestions are important to us. These surveys are our best way to keep our records up to date as well as receive feedback from you.

If you have not received the survey, please call the Alumni Affairs office (212-643-0700) and we will send one out to you immediately. We look forward to hearing from you!



## NEW COMPUTER ANATOMY LAB: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AT TOURO

By: Chaya Baila Adler ('94)

Yesterday's dream is today's reality. The primary goal of the development of the computer anatomy lab is to improve the quality of instruction by allowing students to interact with realistic images of human anatomy systems not accessible through traditional instructional methods. Further, the lab will facilitate an increased student enrollment in Touro's medical program. Most importantly, it promises to heighten student learning and reduce laboratory costs, helping to encourage greater technological facility in the learning environment.

The computer anatomy lab pioneers the successful integration of technology into the human anatomy courses given at Touro's Main campus. It is equipped with a network system and a total of 35 of the most advanced personal computer workstations avail-

able. Award winning human anatomy interactive software are supported, including: A.D.A.M., Histology and Radiology Anatomy, and Anatomical Computer.

The lab is designed to focus on the experimental nature of learning human anatomy. One of the fundamental difficulties medical students encounter in their courses is understanding about and observing the functioning parts and how they relate to the human entity as a whole. Safety and cost considerations severely restrict such a learning environment in the traditionally structured classroom. In addition, class time limitations - cleaning and preparing of equipment - leave little opportunity to make choices, observe the important effects of changing body parts, or monitor the outcome of an extended experiment.

Pre-medical students will



now be able to work with subjects and conduct experiments that are not possible in the traditional laboratory, including conducting costly wet experiments, observing the results, and practicing after class hours. Furthermore, with lengthy setup and cleanup procedures eliminated, students can repeat experiments as often as they want, trying different strategies each time. This innovative environment will provide the opportunities for students to attempt a variety of experiments to augment their learning experience.

Additionally, it is projected that the lab will increase students' learning and motivation in medical courses

while alleviating related administrative problems. The lab hopes to better prepare medical students for their laboratory work by having instructors spend less time monitoring the laboratory administrative work and more time working individually with students.

The key element in the development of the computer anatomy lab was not the research and locating the necessary hardware, but the result of the efforts of countless dedicated people. Dr. Edward Altchek, Dean Issac Herskowitz and his Academic Computing team are the heart of the work accomplished. The function of lab is only the beginning of climbing the academic mountain. The Academic Computing team will be standing strong behind its commitment to support an ever growing technological environment at Touro.

We hope other departments and faculty members will benefit from the above accomplishment by also utilizing technology to improve their courses of instruction.

## MEMBERS OF THE K'NESSET STUDY COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AT TOURO COLLEGE IN JERUSALEM

Thirty members of the K'neset chose to learn the technology and usage of the computer and, so, Touro College's Jerusalem campus was chosen for intensive study and classroom attendance.

They appear no different than your average student. In their own right, each was special as thirty members of Israel's K'neset (Parliament) set out to develop an expertise in the use of the computer.

To the delight of the school's administration, Touro College was chosen. The students rated high grades as this special group students attended all the sessions and came away with far greater knowledge of the subject matter being taught.

Touro College will be teaching the computer course to the next group of Members of the K'neset in the near future. The one thing noted was that, in spite of occasional differences in the K'neset, during the classroom hours, the religious, the irreligious, the Labor and the Likud all enjoyed the computer experience. They were all attentive and no one arrived late to class, nor did they interrupt one another and each was certainly interested in the answers given and questions asked by their classmates.

It was a wonderful experience for both professor and students alike.

Touro College has a Business College as well as a Graduate School of Jewish Studies. Touro is also planning a School of Health Sciences and plans construction of a beautiful campus in the heart of Jerusalem.

## ALUMNI PARTICIPATE IN MIDDLE STATES REACCREDITATION VISIT

An extensive self-study process in preparation for a reaccreditation visit by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools is currently underway. The visit will take place during the 1996-1997 academic year.

The Self-Study Report will be coordinated by a Steering Committee and will involve at least a dozen Study Groups. Approximately 20 alumni are being represented on 11 of the 12 study groups. These groups will investigate and report on the many facets and segments of Touro College.

This is the first time the Alumni are taking an active participation in a Middle States accreditation visit. Listed below are some of the Alumni on the various study group committees:

- Mark Bloomberg, Esq. ('86)
- Louis Chapman, Esq. ('77)
- Cynthia Darrison ('80)
- Naftali Dembitzer, Esq. ('89)
- Ira Gold, Ph.D. ('83)
- Shrage Goldschmidt ('96)
- Yitzchok Goldson ('75)
- Yosi Heber ('82)
- Shulamit Kon, M.D. ('81)
- Joel Krasnow ('84)
- Sara Lichtenstein ('93)
- Pessy Oldak ('93)
- Karen Paikin ('96)
- Vivian Schneck-Last ('82)
- Evan Spivack, DDS ('87)
- Susan Stern ('86)
- Lisa Uretsky ('96)
- Richard Waxman, Ph.D. ('75)
- Miriam Esther Weiner ('91)



# OUR RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

## TOURO COLLEGE TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN THE RECORD OF ITS ALUMNI

Many of you may have seen the advertisement, "Our Record Speaks for Itself", in several of the Jewish newspapers across the country. The ad, prepared by the Office of Student Affairs, is geared to attract new students to Touro. The following is a condensed version of the ad. If you know of any prospective students or alumni who might be interested in obtaining a copy of the ad in its entirety, contact Susan E. Stern, Office of Alumni Affairs.

*The spiritual record of the graduates of Touro cannot be measured. But in the realm of career choice and success, Touro's record speaks for itself.*

### HERE ARE SOME FACTS WE ARE PROUD TO SHARE WITH YOU.

Touro alumni have a near perfect law school acceptance record. In 1994 and 1995, Touro students were admitted to: **Columbia University, New York University, The University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown University, Fordham University, Case Western Reserve University, Osgoode Hall (Toronto), Hofstra University, Touro Law School, Loyola University (Los Angeles), Brooklyn Law School, Cardozo and St. John's University.**

Touro alumni have served in research positions in the biological and medical sciences at **Boston Children's**

**Hospital, The Mayo Clinic, The Sloan-Kettering Memorial Center, the Rockefeller Institute and the Yale University Medical School.**

In the past two years, Touro graduates achieved pass rates of 100% on the licensure examinations for physical therapists and occupational therapists and a pass rate of over 90% on the physician assistant licensure examination.

Since 1994, Touro College students majoring in business and computer science have held internships at **First Boston Company, Dean Witter Reynolds, Citibank, Paine Webber, Smith Barney Shearson, Merrill Lynch, SONY, EMI, Capitol Records and Prudential Securities.**

Touro graduates have been admitted to graduate programs in speech pathology/audiology, education, and psychology at **Columbia University, New York University, Brooklyn College, Hunter College, Fordham University, St. John's University and The University of Massachusetts.**

Touro alumni are leaders in Jewish education. In New York, New Jersey, California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland and the State of Israel, Touro men and women are educating today's youth and developing tomorrow's Torah leaders and communal activists.

"At Touro We Prepare Students for Living and Life... A Life of Value and Enduring Values."

DR. BERNARD LANDER  
PRESIDENT OF TOURO COLLEGE

### MEDICINE



**Joshua Hirsch, M.D. ('87)**  
(Pennsylvania) Fellow in Neuroradiology, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center.

### NEUROSCIENCE



**Rachel Yehuda, Ph.D. ('80)**  
(Massachusetts) Fellow (Yale); Director, Traumatic Stress Studies, Mt. Sinai.

### LAW



**Seth Goldstein, J.D. ('86)**  
(Columbia) Office of the Associate Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.

### MEDICINE



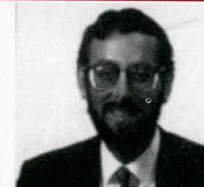
**Ira A. Parnes, M.D. ('75)**  
Assoc. Director of Pediatric Cardiology, Assoc. Prof. of Pediatrics, Mt. Sinai.

### NURSING



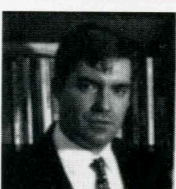
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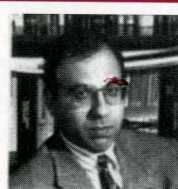
**Yosi N. Heber, MBA ('82)**  
(Pennsylvania) Vice President of Marketing, Lea & Perrins, Inc.—The Dannon Company.

### BUSINESS



**Steven Schwartz, CPA ('88)**  
Chief Financial Officer, New York Skyline Multimedia Entertainment.

### EDUCATION



**Chaim Mozes, Ph.D. ('83)**  
Accounting (NYU), Assoc. Professor, Fordham Graduate School of Business.

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## 34 ADMITTED TO M.A. PROGRAMS IN SPEECH

In 1995-96, thirty-four Touro graduates were admitted to graduate programs in Speech Pathology and Audiology at universities and colleges in New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Florida. "Admission to graduate speech programs is extremely competitive and the success of our students is a tribute both to the quality and dedication of the faculty and the caliber of our undergraduates," commented Mrs. Hindy Lubinsky, coordinator of the speech pathology track.

Touro offers a major in psychology with a speech pathology track.

The speech sequence comprises 27 credits.

Alumnae admitted to M.A. degree programs include: **Osnat Bick** (Adelphi University), **Tzippy Biderman** (Brooklyn College), **Malka Blau-Husarsky** (St. John's University), **Michel Bressler** (Adelphi University), **Hindy Cohen** (Trenton State, New Jersey), **Rivkah Deutsch** (New York University), **Miriam Dick** (Kean College, New Jersey), **Chaya Eisikowicz** (St. John's University), **Shoshana Farber** (Kean College), **Susan Feinberg** (Adelphi University and Brooklyn College), **Faigy Fink**

(St. John's University), **Chaya Gibber** (Brooklyn College and Florida Atlantic University), **Shani Greenfield** (Towson State University, Maryland), **Risa Herman** (Long Island University), **Rachel Keningsberg** (New York University), **Naomi Kurant** (Brooklyn College), **Carol Lazarus** (Hunter College and Brooklyn College), **Sima Lesser** (Brooklyn College and Hunter College), **Gitty Lev-Walkin** (Brooklyn College), **Avigail Levine** (Adelphi University, Brooklyn College and St. John's University), **Chana Lieberman** (Long Island University), **Cipora Lieberman** (New

York University), **Malka Lipschitz** (Adelphi University), **Sara Maizes** (Hunter College and Hofstra University), **Pnina Nockenofsky** (Kean College and St. John's University), **Chavi Pinter** (Kean College), **Leah Richter** (New York University), **Hadassah Rubin** (Kean College), **Chumie Scheiner** (Hofstra University), **Rochelle Stern** (Adelphi University and Long Island University), **Yael Tarter** (St. John's University), **Batya Twersky** (Brooklyn College), **Shifra Yanofsky** (Brooklyn College) and **Rachel Zelowitz** (Brooklyn College).

## To Russia with Love

NCSY's NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR

SELECTED TO LEAD DELEGATION TO POLAND AND THE UKRAINE

According to Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, National Director of NCSY and Senior Executive of the Orthodox Union, "When we were evaluating the direction of the NCSY sponsored JOLT program, we began looking for individuals who could really make a difference in someone's life". JOLT is the acronym for the Jewish Overseas Leadership Training. This program specializes in developing young Jewish people and helping them become leaders in school, NCSY and their Jewish community. "Rabbi Ari and Sarah Beth Solomont became the most obvious qualified candidates for the task," exclaimed Stolper.

Ari Solomont ('89), and Sarah Beth ('88) and three children led a delegation of 30 selected Jewish high school students from across the nation



to Poland and Russia where they coordinated a summer camp for Jewish Ukrainian youth. Solomont explained that, "The experience and the joy of teaching a child Hebrew and watching them say a bracha (blessing) for the first time has no measure." The program took place at The Orthodox Union/

Joseph K. Miller Torah Center in Kharkov, Ukraine. Joseph K. Miller (an Orthodox Union Board Member) was killed on Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbee, Scotland. "We will be given an opportunity to reverse the ignorance and apathy that 70 years of Communism created" added Solomont.

NCSY sponsored this program as an intensive ongoing educational effort in Kharkov, the fourth largest city in the former Soviet Union with a population of 70,000 Jews. NCSY offers creative programs that are affecting the lives of thousands of people, particularly youth, by introducing them to Jewish life and creating a strong bond with Israel and the Jewish people. Solomont knows for American teens who spent a summer with NCSY in Kharkov, "we have not only changed the lives of some young Jewish Russian campers, but we have changed our own lives as well." Before traveling to the Ukraine, NCSY spent a week in Poland, delving into the tragic events of the Holocaust and gaining a greater understanding of life in Poland before the War.



## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

By: Susan E. Stern

For many, many years, the Antins touched the lives of countless Touro students. Janet worked in the Dean of Students office and her husband, Rabbi Bernard Antin, taught Judaic Studies courses at Touro. They later moved to The Cambridge House Hotel where they served as the Dorm Parents for well over 100 men's division students. Always with an open door and an open heart, the Antins offered guidance, encouragement and themselves to both the Men's and Women's Division students. Even after a full day of work as *Mashgiach Ruchani* at Touro, Rabbi Antin always made sure there was a minyan in the dorm and that the Touro men would contribute to the 86th Street community.

Janet and Bernie left Touro and moved to Janet's hometown of Detroit. Janet now serves as the Director of Volunteers at a neighborhood Nursing Home and also works as a *"sheitle macher"* from an office in her home. Rabbi Antin's story was printed in the *Detroit Jewish News*. We are reprinting it because in the majority of the conversations I have with Alumni, it is inevitable that I'm asked, "What ever happened to the Antins? Will you send regards?" I hope this will answer your questions and, as for the Antins: Janet and Rabbi - your students and Touro miss you and wish you all the best!

## PRIVATE GRADUATION

(Reprinted from the "Detroit Jewish News" 5/96)

### An Orthodox Rabbi Has a Special Ceremony at Wayne State University Law School

Bernard Antin has been in school for nearly 33 years either as a student or an instructor.

So he was looking forward to graduation from Wayne State University Law School — until the schedule was published last winter.

Rabbi Antin is an Orthodox Jew, and was dismayed to learn that graduation had been moved from Sunday, May 12, to Saturday, May 11. He called one of the law school deans and worked out a compromise.

On Friday, May 10, he was joined by family and friends at a special ceremony in the law school faculty lounge recognizing the completion of his juris doctorate at WSU.

Rabbi Antin, 38, has been going full time to law school since 1993. He earned his bachelor's in pastoral counseling at the Rabbinical Seminary of America, a master's in education at Long Island University and was ordained in 1984 by Rabbi Moshe Feinstein.

He and his wife, Janet, moved to Southfield from New York so he could attend law school.

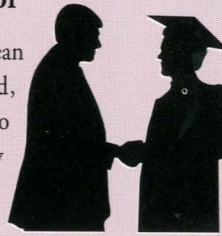
When he discovered the graduation conflict, Rabbi Antin called Assistant Dean Sharon Brown. "Bernard thought he'd like a little ceremony," Dean Brown said, "and I saw no reason why he shouldn't have one."

Rabbi Antin was the only one of WSU's 196 juris doctors and 40 masters of law to attend the private ceremony. For the others, graduation was on Saturday in the Masonic Temple's Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Rabbi Antin is now looking for full-time work in the legal field. He interned the last two summers with the federal Equal Opportunities Commission but budget cuts have hampered his efforts to find a position as a federal attorney.

Born in New York, but raised in the Washington, D.C., area "I grew up around government people," Rabbi Antin said, "The government is more tolerant of Sabbath observance, plus it's a saner way to practice law."

"You still have your occasional 50-60-70 hour weeks, but these are not as consistent as in private practice. And after all these years, I want to be more involved as a community activist, rather than a community observer."



## THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Touro College has gained a wonderful reputation in its attempt to bring education to those who cannot afford to pay the rising tuition costs of a four-year college program.

The Alumni Scholarship Fund is one way in which we can participate in assisting needy young men and women in their pursuit of an education.

Won't you join us through a contribution to the Touro College Alumni Scholarship Fund and be a partner in a most exciting endeavor on the part of our Alumni Association.

The Best of the  
70's, 80's  
and 90's  
Check the  
"Calendar  
of Events"  
For the  
Date of  
Your Class  
Reunion

## TWO ALUMNI AND DISTINGUISHED FACULTY MEMBER TO BE HONORED AT BEN ZAKKAI HONOR SOCIETY NATIONAL DINNER

Two Touro College alumni and one of our distinguished faculty members will be honored at the OU/NCSY Ben Zakkai Honor Society National Dinner to be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City on Sunday, December 15, 1996. Jon Green (FM'93) will be presented with the Direct Inductee Award. Miriam Esther (Luchins) Weiner (WD'91) will be receiving the Rabbi Pinchas Stolper Alumni Service Award. Rabbi Joseph Grunblatt will be inducted as an Honorary Member and will be receiving the Harold H. Boxer Memorial Award.

Jon Green of Far Rockaway, New York will be inducted into the NCSY Alumni Honor Society for his past accomplishments as an advisor in several regions. He is currently the Director of the Teen Torah Center for the Long Island Region. The Teen Torah Center is a meeting of public high school students once a week to discuss Jewish issues. For many, this is their only exposure to Judaism.

Miriam Esther Weiner will receive the Rabbi Pinchas Stolper Alumni Service Award in appreciation of her decade of service to Ben Zakkai. She is the immediate past chair of the Honor Society. She and husband, Shammai ('91), will be moving from the Lower East Side to Providence, Rhode Island at the end of December.

Rabbi Grunblatt, Professor of Judaic Studies at Touro College, senior member of the Orthodox Union's Youth Commission and Rabbi of the Queens Jewish Center will receive the Harold H. Boxer Memorial Award. This award is presented annually in recognition of service to NCSY in the selfless tradition of the Orthodox Union's founding Youth Commission Chairman. Rabbi Grunblatt will also receive Honorary Membership in the Ben Zakkai Honor Society.





## NATIONAL MAGAZINE NAMES TOURO ALUMNUS AS TOP SPECIALIST IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

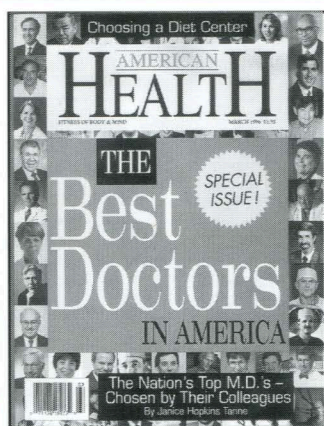
Dr. Ira A. Parnes, a graduate of Touro College ('75), is ranked as one of the top specialists in the United States in the field of Pediatric Echocardiography, in the March 1996 issue of *American Health*. The magazine ranked the best specialists in various medical fields. The ratings were based on survey responses received from more than 3200 medical practitioners across the nation.

Dr. Parnes earned his M.D. degree at the SUNY Downstate Medical College. He is currently Associate Director of Pediatric Cardiology and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Mount Sinai Medical Center.



Previously, Dr. Parnes was the Medical Director of the Heart Transplantation Program at Children's Hospital in Boston, MA. From 1985 until 1992, he also served as an Assistant Professor at the Harvard University Medical School.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Parnes pursued an interdisciplinary science major at Touro. He says with pride, "Touro College afforded me a unique opportunity in my formative years to participate in a positive educational experience. I was taught a critical lesson: How to take responsibility for my own education and the importance of a nourishing environment in that process."



## ALUMNAE ARE ACTIVE ON WOMEN'S DIVISION BOARD

In an ongoing effort to include alumnae in the many facets and planning stages of Touro College, the Manhattan Women's Division has invited several alumnae to join their Board of Directors. The Women's Division Board of Directors usually meets twice a year.

Members of the Board are briefed and brought up-to-date on the students, faculty, activities, projects and special interests and concerns of the Women's Division. Dean Sara E. Freifeld and her administration then ask the members for their opinions, suggestions and advice concerning the various issues discussed.

The alumnae on the Board

play a vital role in these meetings. They have a unique vantage point. Having been Touro students, the alumnae perceive certain issues and situations a certain way and offer constructive criticisms based upon their experiences at their alma mater.

The following alumnae are current members of the Board: Mrs. Deborah (Seidel) Chames ['77], Ms. Cynthia Rose Darrison ['80], Mrs. Deborah Levi ['82], Mrs. Monica (Hasten) Rosenfeld ['81], Mrs. Vivian Schneck-Last ['82], Dr. Hindy Mermelstein ['78], and Mrs. Gayle (Nahornick) Wolfe ['77]. Alumnus, Dr. Philip Fried ['79] is also a member of the Board.



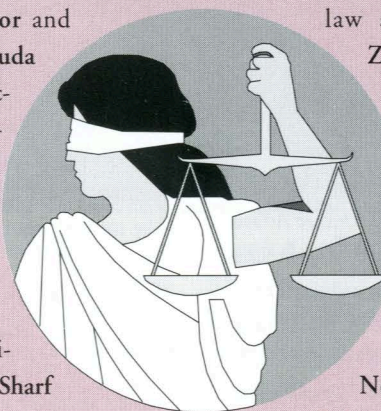
*Flatbush Alumni Leaders Meet with Dean Goldschmidt to prepare for a new recruitment article (March '96). Shown from (left to right): Steven Schwartz ('88), CPA, Chief Financial Officer, New York Skyline Multimedia Entertainment; Chaim Mozes ('83), Ph.D. in Accounting (NYU), Associate Professor, Fordham Graduate School of Business; Joel Krasnow ('84), JD (Columbia University), Associate, Dewey Ballantine.*

## PRESTIGIOUS LAW SCHOOLS ACCEPT OUR ALUMNI

During the past decade, Touro pre-law students have compiled an impressive record of admissions to the nation's most prestigious law schools.

In 1995-96, these recent graduates and seniors have extended Touro's remarkable law school record: Yom Tov Folger, Tzvi Rokeach and Herschel Langner were admitted to Columbia University Law School. New York University Law School admit-

ted Asher Schoor and Dov Elias. Yehuda Braunstein was accepted at the University of Pennsylvania. Eli Katz, a resident of Toronto, was admitted to Georgetown University. Moishey Sharf enrolled at Fordham University. Other successful pre-



law seniors included Zechariah Abend, Avrohom Berman, Yehoshua Gelbstein, Avram Kestenbaum, Meyer Mintz, Shulamit Neuman, Norman Schoenfeld and Jonathan Wellish (all accepted to Brooklyn

Law School); Jacob Korn (Touro Law School); Mendy Mayberg (University of Miami Law School); Jason Goodstein and Matityahoo Rogel (Cardozo Law School).

Moshe Fein and Yitzchok Shmulevitz (Cardozo) and Naftali Leshkowitz (Fordham University), all '94, were selected to *The Law Review* at their respective schools, on the basis of their high academic standing and writing proficiency.



## TOURO COLLEGE GRADUATION 1996



Congressman Charles E. Schumer, who is completing his eighth term in Congress, and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Guido Calabresi, former dean of the Yale University Law School, delivered keynote addresses at the Twenty-Second Annual Commencement ceremonies of Touro College, May 26. Five hundred and eighty five bachelor's, master's and juris doctor degree candidates were presented.

Dr. Bernard Lander, president of Touro College, presided at the exercises of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences held in Alice Tully Hall and of the Touro Law Center in Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center.

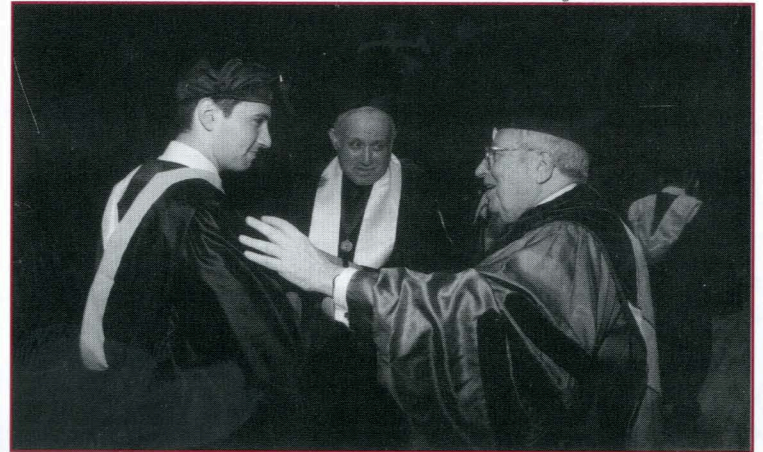
President Lander praised the academic achievements of the class, singling out in particular the pre-law seniors who were admitted to Columbia University, New York University, Georgetown University, The University of Pennsylvania and Fordham University law schools.

In his valedictory address, Shrage Goldschmidt (Flatbush Campus) urged his classmates to remain steadfast in their commitment to principled Torah values as they pursue pro-

fessional success and career achievement. A second valedictory was delivered by Shulamit Neuman (Manhattan division). Sima Lesser (psychology/speech major) and Mordechai Gampel (political science major) were the salutatorians.

The awards ceremony, highlighted several outstanding seniors. Recognized for distinguished scholarly attainment in specific disciplines were: Shalom Meltzer (Accounting); Liya Frenklakh (Biology/Pre-Medicine); Aviva Aufrichtig and Zev Karasick (Computer Science) Charnee Lieber and Lisa Kaye (Education); Ephraim Diamond (Finance); Esther Fishman (Fox Gearty CPA Prize); Shulamit Neuman (Humanities); Shrage Goldschmidt (Marketing); Avi Tsapira (Mathematics); Michael Haas (New York State CPA Society Medal) Rina Schiff (Political Science); Gitty Stolik (Integrative Studies); Jacob Kader and Lisa Uretsky (Psychology) and Sima Lesser (Speech Therapy).

Dr. Nathan Lander presented the Hadassah Lander Memorial Award to Rivka (Sorotzkin) Berman and the David and Goldie Lander Award to



*President Bernard Lander congratulates Shalom Meltzer, recipient of the Alumni Recognition Award. Shalom, who is also enrolled at Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim and has spent two years learning in Israel, was singled out for this honor in recognition of demonstrated excellence in his major, accounting (perfect 4.0 index) and Judaic Studies.*

Benjamin Shollar; Daniel Gibson, Summa Cum Laude, received the Elliot Richman Memorial Award; Shalom Meltzer was the recipient of the prestigious Alumni Recognition Award.

Although most members of the Class of 1996 reside in the New York area, the class also includes seniors from Baltimore, Elkins Park (Pennsylvania), Los Angeles, Miami, Saint Louis, Sugarland (Texas), Seattle as well as London, Vienna and Zurich.

## NEW PROGRAMS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The School of Health Sciences has opened its new facilities on the sixth floor at 27-33 West 23 Street, New York City, with the enrollment of its first occupational therapy class. Students and faculty were excited to see the spacious and well lit laboratories and classrooms, which include a computer assisted learning lab devoted to the study of Anatomy, Kinesiology and Neurosciences. In addition, an activity lab is being outfitted to enable occupational therapy students

to learn the variety of activity-based treatments they will need to know as they prepare for field-work studies.

Soon to join us are students in the following programs: Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy Assistant, and Occupational Therapy Assistant.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is still accepting applicants. If interested, please call Dr. Estelle Breines (463-0400, ext. 662).



## PRESIDENTIAL HONORS



• Dr. Bernard Lander was honored at a special session of College Presidents of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities upon twenty-five years of service as a College President. The service was held in Albany on March 5, 1996. A Legislative Resolution honoring Dr. Lander, sponsored by both Houses of the State Legislature, was read at the occasion.

• The Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations invited Dr. Bernard Lander to deliver the Keynote Address during its opening Dinner. The Convention took place during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Dr. Lander stressed the need for Jewish education for young Jewish men and women. He also proposed the development of colleges around the country to help put his proposal in motion. The suggestion was well received and is being studied by the Orthodox Union and Touro.





## NEW TOURO PROGRAM IN ISRAEL OPENS POSSIBILITIES FOR ALUMNI

The Jerusalem based Touro College-New York recently announced the establishment of a new business degree program designed specifically for English-speaking immigrants.

This new academic program will offer students a B.S. degree in the business fields of marketing, management or finance. This will differ from Touro's current Jerusalem business school curriculum in that all courses for this new program will be taught in English, for foreign residents and immigrants who wish to complete their degree in Israel or expand their business education.

This new program fulfills one of the chief goals of Touro College when the institution was first established in New York in 1971. As expressed by Dr. Bernard Lander, the founder and president of Touro College, "I see this new program as a way to increase aliyah to Israel, by allowing students to benefit from Touro's high academic background, right in the heart of Jerusalem."

The first semester of this program is scheduled to commence in Spring '97. Touro is allotting a minimum of 50 spaces for enrollment.

This new program should be very helpful to those Alumni who are a few courses/credits short of attaining their diploma. The remaining necessary courses can be taken at Touro in Israel. Transfer credits will not be a problem. If you or anyone you know might be interested in this program, please contact: Dr. S. Gottlieb (050) 266-598 or Susan Stern (Susans@touro.edu) in the Alumni Affairs office.

### NEW OPTION FOR SINGLE ALUMNI

Due to popular demand, the Touro College Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Orthodox Union's New Young Leadership Division will offer a variety of events geared specifically toward Jewish singles in their 20's and 30's. These events include something for everyone.

The New Young Leadership Division is excited to offer several new events for singles in their 20's and 30's. So far, the program, under the personable direction of Frank Buchweitz, who has successfully planned singles events for many years, has been received with great enthusiasm. In an encouraging E-mail message, one participant wrote, "You have a good approach to making good low cost events that are specifically for singles in their 20's and 30's."

There are many upcoming events planned including ice skating, Torah discussions, tennis parties and even a ski trip in February. Touro alumni will receive invitations to these events as well as a discount for Alumni Association members. Many of you have already received an invitation to the big Chanukah Bash at Dezerland's Fun City. If you did not receive notification of this event and would like to receive future mailings, please call the alumni affairs office. For specific information on the Orthodox Union's New Young Leadership Division, please call Frank Buchweitz at 212-613-8188.

## A FINANCIAL CHECKLIST FOR ALIYAH

By: Jonathan Heimowitz ('90)

*Jonathan Heimowitz has helped hundreds of American families successfully plan their Aliyah. For the past several years he has been giving seminars to Americans who have made Aliyah. He also speaks nationwide to Aliyah support groups on financial planning. He has a unique understanding of the needs of Americans living in Israel. He is currently employed by Dean Witter.*

What important decisions have to be made for a successful Aliyah? Too many to count, but the highlights are job, home, schooling, language and, of course, finances.

Most Olim agree that arranging a job or professional relationship is number one on the list. At the beginning, most Olim either go into a "Mercaz Klita" or rent an apartment. Purchasing a home is a major decision and much thought and consideration must be given to it. This decision includes buying an existing house, how many square meters to build, how much of a budget is available, what kind of mortgage to obtain (an Oleh mortgage or a U.S. mortgage), or private help. Such momentous decisions should preferably be postponed until one has lived as an Oleh for some time.

Learning Hebrew is next on the priority list. This is best accomplished by attending an Ulpan. Individuals living in Mercas Klita can usually attend a local and convenient Ulpan. Those wanting to get an early start can find a local Ulpan here in the States.

Finding a school suitable for your children is essential. Most Israeli schools are from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. In western-oriented schools additional classes and groups extend the school day to 3:00 or 4:00 P.M. (These "Chugim" require additional payments by the parents.)

Now there is the million dollar question....**How to handle your finances?** It is best to make as many arrangements and plans in the United States before you go. Banking services in Israel are expensive. It costs money to deposit U.S. checks, to withdraw U.S. funds and to change dollars into shekalim. In addition, lines in the bank are long and waiting can be frustrating.

**SOLUTION:** A U.S. cash management account which has low fees and much higher interest rates on your money than a PATACH (foreign currency) account.

The U.S. cash accounts are available at major brokerage firms and offer unlimited checks, access to cash worldwide through ATMs at attractive exchange rates. Transactions of large sums can be wired efficiently worldwide and arrive at the foreign bank within 24 to 48 hours. Direct deposit can also be arranged. It is nice to be able to go to a bank in Jerusalem on the first of the month to withdraw funds from Social Security payments received on the last day of the previous month. Automatic payments of insurance premiums, U.S. mortgage payments can also be arranged. Before Aliyah, pensions, IRAs, 401Ks should be consolidated into one account.

Yes, you can keep your money safely and conveniently in the United States and have full access and control in Israel. In our fast changing world, periodic meetings and personal consultation are an important way to keep your financial plans up to date.

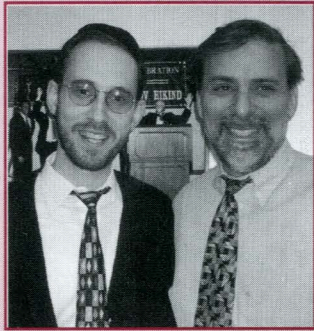




## SIMCHA FELDER '80

### *From Student to Chief of Staff*

Who's new these days at the office of Brooklyn's local hero, Assemblyman Dov Hikind? Simcha Felder - that's who. Well, sort-of-new, that is. Simcha, a



Touro alumnus ('80), left his position as a legislative liaison with Comptroller Alan Hevesi to work as Assemblyman Hikind's Chief of Staff. After years of volunteering his time to assist the Assemblyman in various projects, Simcha finally decided to turn his avocation into a vocation.

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 a fabulous staff who took a personal interest in every student. The teachers served as role models. I was provided with career counseling, and Dean Goldschmidt, in particular, 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, I returned to him for advice."

Add to the list of his many credentials, C.P.A., credentialing in both New York and Maryland and yes, you can call him Rabbi - a point which he understates. Rabbi Simcha Felder pursued his Talmudic studies at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath while attending Touro and received S'micha from HaGaon R' Avrohom HaCohen Pam. He maintains an ongoing involvement in the shul which his father, Rabbi Herschel Felder has led in Boro Park for more than forty years.

Today, Rabbi Felder makes good use of the guidance and education he gained from Touro, as well as the experience he acquired in more than 10 years in management at the New York City Department of Finance. When he is not at home with his wife Elana (nee Cheifetz) and children, or at work, he enjoys teaching management courses at Touro. "I have been teaching at Touro for four years," says Rabbi Felder, "and I appreciate the opportunity to take a personal interest in my students. This is my way of saying thank you to Touro College."

## BENJAMIN GOODMAN ('84) NAMED FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES



Touro graduate to complete the series of examinations administered by the Society. Goodman currently resides in Lawrence, New York with his wife Yvette and three children, Tara, Steven and Rachel.

Benjamin Goodman, an assistant actuary with TIAA Group Insurance Services, Inc., has been named a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA). The Fellowship is the highest professional recognition an actuary can achieve in the United States or Canada. It represents several years of study and the successful completion of a series of examinations administered by the Society. Actuaries design and evaluate financial programs by using statistical and economic techniques to analyze risks and probabilities and to evaluate the implications of future events.

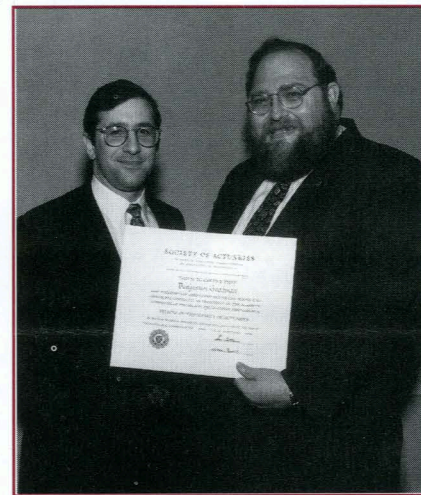
Goodman received his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1984. He went on to obtain his Master's in computers. He is the first

FSA candidates are tested on the concepts of risk and the business environments within which financial applications in life and health insurance, pensions, and other employee benefits programs operate. They must be knowledgeable of mathematics and statistics underlying

actuarial science. They must also complete the Fellowship Admission Course focusing on professional ethics and the application of their knowledge to solve problems in the business environment.

The Society of Actuaries is the primary educa-

tional, research and professional membership organization for actuaries in the fields of life and health insurance, investment, pension, and employee benefits in the United States and Canada.



*Benjamin Goodman receives his certificate as a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) from SoA president-elect David Holland, FSA.*

*Find out what's been happening with your classmates. Be sure to check out the Class Notes section on page 18.*

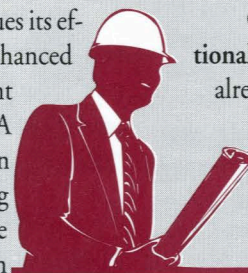
## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

An articulation agreement between Touro College and the New York School of Podiatric Medicine (NYSPM) has been signed by the two institutions.

The agreement allows students who complete a prescribed course of study with a prescribed GPA to be considered for early admission to NYSPM.

## FACILITIES UPDATE

Touro College continues its efforts to provide an enhanced academic environment for its student body. A major renovation project is now nearing completion on the sixth floor of the Main Campus at 27 West 23rd Street. This renovation, will accommodate new programs of the School of Health Sciences to be located at 23rd Street.



Courses for the Occupational Therapy Program have already begun to be held at the 23rd Street building this Spring. In Fall 1996, programs in Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant and Physical Therapy were offered in the building as well. The renovation was overseen by Akiva Kobre, Director of Operations.





## MAJOR RECRUITMENT ENDEAVOR HOSTED BY ALUMNAE

Women's Division recruitment will take on a new face in the next several months. There will be a series of "Community Open Houses" hosted by Alumnae of our Women's Division in communities throughout the country.

This ongoing project was initiated by the Dean of the Women's Division, Dr. Sara E. Freifeld: "The best way to showcase the Women's Division of Touro College is by having prospective parents and students meet our

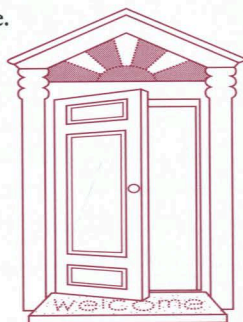
Alumni and current students. We hope that these Community Open Houses will serve as a first step in an intensified recruitment program for the College. These Open Houses are to be followed by visits to our campus and by individualized career counseling for each prospective student."

The Women's Division Staff, along with Mr. Jack Abramowitz, Director of Admissions, and Susan E. Stern, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs, are scheduling and coordinating the Open Houses. Alumnae from within the community serve on the Recruitment Committee and will meet with prospective students and their parents in an Alumna's home.

The first two meetings are scheduled to take place on December 16th in the Monsey/Spring Valley area and on December 17th in the Teaneck/Passaic/Elizabeth area. Along with Alumnae from the community, faculty members and select current students will be invited to attend and mingle with high school seniors and their parents.

The Touro Family is always looking for new, and innovative ideas in enhancing our recruitment efforts. As you can well imagine, alumnae are a very important part of our program and we would greatly appreciate your participation and recommendations for prospective students and communities you feel might be worthy of an Open House.

If you feel that there would be interest in your community to have such a gathering, please contact Susan E. Stern at the Alumni Affairs Office.



## Share A Secret!

- Do you get compliments on your casserole?
- Do you get praise for your pasta?
- How about flattery for your flan?

If so, we would love to include your recipe in our **first ever**, Touro College Alumni Cookbook.

Please

send us your favorite recipes and we will try to include them in our publication. All recipes must be tested. We are accepting recipes in the following categories: appetizers, soups and salads, entrees, pasta dishes, breads, desserts and party foods.

**Be sure to include your phone number, year of graduation and campus you attended** (Flatbush or Manhattan). Recipes will **not** be returned.

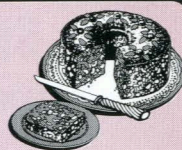
Recipes should be sent to:

**TOURO COLLEGE**  
350 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 1700  
New York, New York 10118  
Attention: Cookbook  
Committee Chair



## RUNNING A BAKERY IS NOT A PIECE OF CAKE

By Susan E. Stern ('86)



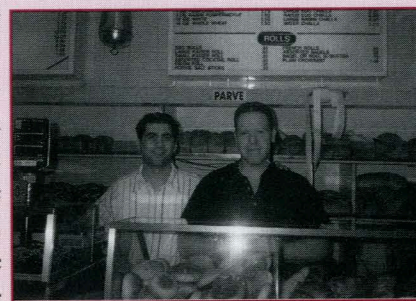
Many of you may remember that famous "Babka Episode" on Seinfeld a while back. You know, the one where they're in the bakery and Jerry just has to have that Babka. Well, what you probably don't know is that the owners and operators of that bakery are Touro Alumni.

That episode was filmed at the Royale Kosher Bake Shop, 237 West 72nd Street between Broadway and West End Avenue. The Bake Shop is owned and operated by Mr. David Hamel ('90) and Mr. Barry Gluck ('91) since August 8, 1995.

David and Barry grew up together in Woodmere, New York and attended Touro College together in Manhattan. David then went to work as a buyer for the Burlington Coat Factory while Barry worked as a Financial Consultant with Citibank. They then decided to start their own business.

Once David and Barry decided on a joint venture, they enlisted the help of their accounting professor, William Schneck. Professor Schneck guided them throughout the whole endeavor and is currently doing all the accounting for the business.

When they bought the bakery, they had to kasher the entire facility. They cleaned, scraped and torched the premises and bought all new pans, utensils and equipment. The previous owner then helped them to learn the bakery business. They share most of the responsibilities. David, having majored in Business Management at



Touro, took an immediate interest in the business aspects of the bakery; buying supplies, advertising, etc. Barry, a Finance major, took an

interest and found a hidden talent for baking and, along with managing, oversees all aspects of the baking process. They are now, however, going to attempt to switch roles so they can learn the other's responsibilities.

Both David and Barry feel that their Business courses at Touro helped prepare them for what was to lie ahead. They also treasure that special relationship that they have with their former professor, Mr. Schneck. David mentioned specifically that, because of the small classes at Touro and the one-on-one attention that he received, he was able to maintain a personal as well as professional relationship with Professor Schneck and others.

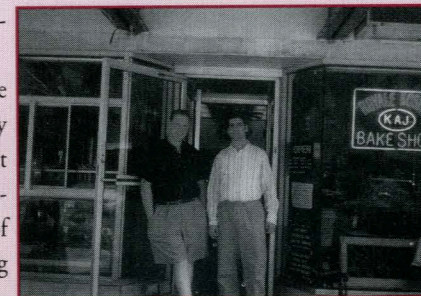
The Royale Kosher Bake

Shop sells cakes, pies, cookies, cheesecakes, danish, donuts, tarts, muffins, bagels, croissants, mandel bread, rugelach, their famous

Breakaway

Challahs, black and white cookies and diet pies. They deliver on both the East and West sides of Manhattan and can be reached at (212) 874-5642.

By the way, if you happen to take the famous New York City tour led by Kenny Kramer, the man after whom the Kramer character on Seinfeld was fashioned, you will see the bakery first hand. Mr. Kramer stops his tour bus at the Royale Kosher Bake Shop every Sunday. And yes, they are stocked with plenty of babkas!





## TOURO ON THE NET

The Touro College Alumni Association is currently working with the Touro Department of Academic Computing in creating a World Wide Web Home Page for Touro College. Touro College and all of its programs will have a home page specifically for them. The Department of Academic Computing, under the direction of Dean Issac Herskowitz, is overseeing the project.

According to Dean Herskowitz, "The Internet is the largest reservoir of knowledge ever known to this planet. Therefore, WWW "fitness" will stay with students and the public for life because these skills are intellectual, not physical. Unlike a traditional way of retrieving information, such as books, television and video, the Net system (WWW) will encourage students and the public to respond and to acquire information about the institution, to ask questions and to present themselves over the net. Due to these facts, the committee has agreed that launching a Web site will promote the institution and advertise its programs and classes. Its benefits are immeasurable."

The benefits for alumni are also limitless. Susan Stern, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs, is overseeing the development of the Alumni Home page. With the help of Cheri Lynn Berg ('95), they are creating a page where alumni can find out what has been going on with their alma mater, communicate with former teachers and professors, chat with friends and much more. Ms. Berg is currently serving as Associate Director of Communications and Internet Services for the Orthodox Union. A communications and marketing major from Aberdeen, New Jersey, Ms. Berg has agreed to be an instrumental part in the development of the Alumni Home Page. She will be chairing the Alumni committee that will be working on this project.

Some of the features that will hopefully be included in this endeavor are:

- Alumni Resume Communi-

cation -This feature will enable alumni to get more jobs, and quicker and higher paying jobs with this service. Recent graduates and alumni can post their resumes and corporations and organizations from all over will have access to this information.

- Alumni Mentoring Program- Current students will have access to experienced alumni in their chosen field of interest and career. Students can get better prepared for their careers and help alumni bring qualified students from their alma mater into their businesses. Alumni can find other alumni with the same interests and philosophies with whom they would like to communicate.

- Alumni Chat Sessions- Alumni can meet on-line for group meetings, conferences and personal meetings. This enables alumni from all over the globe to get together and reminisce and help promote their alma mater.

- Alumni Classified Section- Alumni can post items they no longer need in the classified section of the page. Alumni simply enter what they have, how much they want and provide a phone number or E-mail address for interested parties to contact them.

- Alumni Continuing Courses- Many alumni have a few credits they need to complete in order to obtain their diploma. This feature will enable alumni to access information on courses being offered at Touro and some even over the Internet! Alumni would then be able to register and complete these courses and get that diploma.

The features listed above are just the beginning. If you would like to help with this project, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs. The committee is looking for fresh new ideas to include on the Alumni Home Page. Feel free to send in your suggestions to:

Touro College Alumni Home Page  
Cheri Berg, Chair  
c/o Office of Alumni Affairs  
350 Fifth Avenue Suite 1700  
New York, NY 10118

## Class Reunions

Commencing in February, the Touro Alumni Association will be hosting a series of Class Reunions. In this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Touro College, the Alumni Association Board felt it was high time that the alumni reunite with former classmates and friends. These reunions will be a strictly social evening; one in which friends can reminisce and catch up on what's been happening in the many years that have passed.

The series of Class Reunions will be held at Dougie's Bar-B-Que & Grill on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Each reunion will include the classes of one of the three decades Touro has been in existence. Graduates from the 70's will meet on February 22, graduates from the 80's will gather on March 8 and graduates from the 90's will assemble on March 15. All reunions will take place on a Motzei Shabbos.

We very much would like to send invitations to all alumni so, please let us know of any of your friends that have not received this newsletter. Be sure to check your mailbox for the invitation. We hope to see you there!



## Dean Boylan Published in R.C.A. Magazine

Dr. Stanley Boylan, Dean of Faculties of Touro College, recently had an article published in the Tradition Magazine, which is the scholarly publication of the Rabbinical Council of America.

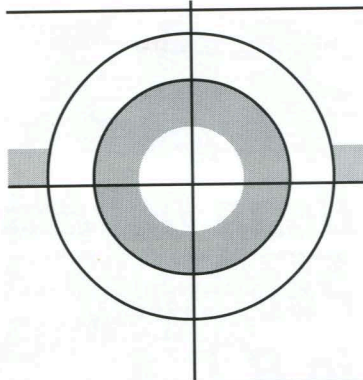
This fifteen-page article, entitled: "Learning with the Rav: Learning from the Rav," has evoked many wonderful memories for former students of HaRav Joseph B. Soloveitchik.

In this article, Dr. Boylan deals with the unique features of Rav Soloveitchik's approach to the study and teaching of Talmud. He focuses on the Rav as "Rebbe" in the classical sense.

He bases his comments largely on his personal experience during the 1960's when he had the privilege of studying with the Rav at Yeshiva University. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the entire article, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs.

**SEE INSERT  
AND PLEASE REVIEW  
THE LIST OF MISSING  
ALUMNI. HELP US  
LOCATE YOUR FRIENDS.**





# FACULTY FOCUS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Howard Feldman on receiving a national Grant to study fossils in the Sinai.
- Dr. Lester Eckman on the marriage of his son, Dr. Israel Eckman
- Dr. Betty Engleberg on the marriage of two of her children in one week!
- Lenny Gutman on his marriage to Carolynne Train.
- Dr. Edith Sands on her retirement. Dr. Sands has taught Finance for many years in both the Men's and Women's Divisions. She will now serve as Professor Emeritus.
- Martin Bodek, lab technician at the Avenue J campus, on finishing number 20,252 in the New York Marathon. His time was 4:46:02.



Tell me and I forget,  
Teach me and I remember,  
Involve me, and I learn.

These widely quoted words of Benjamin Franklin, undoubtedly, enunciate the essence that lie at the heart of "AMERICAN ENGLISH. WE TALK BUSINESS" the course developed by Touro College faculty members Emily Gutman and Lina Maltser and published by Global Language Education in New York. Both authors have been teachers of English as a second language in the School of Career and Applied Studies for five years and utilized their teaching experiences and observations in their publication. The course "AMERICAN ENGLISH" consists of 11 audio cassettes, a textbook, and a set of bilingual flash cards to review the vocabulary presented in each lesson. The course is geared to intermediate and advanced non-native speakers of English whose first language is Russian. Its main emphasis is on understanding and practical usage of conversational American English in various life situations. "AMERICAN ENGLISH" is designed as a comprehensive self-teaching language learning system and is beneficial to ESL learners who want to improve their comprehension and conversational skills.

■ Dr. Mira Morgenstern-Guggenheim was selected to participate in a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Dr. Guggenheim, an Assistant Professor of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is one of twelve scholars chosen to be part of an interdisciplinary seminar studying "Jewish Cultural Studies" at Columbia University.

■ Eric Levi teaches writing in the School of Career and Applied Studies at Touro College in Brooklyn. He has written a short story, "Set Play", which has been published in *Soccer Jr.*, a soccer magazine for young children and teenagers.

■ Dr. Ronni Abramowitz is a professor in the Department of Languages and Literature at the School of Career and Applied Studies. She has recently had her article "Shakespeare's Absent Self: A Search for Identity," accepted for publication in the scholarly journal *Papers on Language and Literature*. The article appears in the May 1996 edition.

■ Assistant Professor, Solomon Wulliger, Chairman of the Department of Human Services, has received the first New York Board of Rabbis/Zagelbaum Family Award as "chaplain of the year".

Dr. Wulliger is an ordained rabbi and is the Jewish Chaplain at the Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Service Office and Center of New York State's Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, a position he has held for the past 22 years.

Dr. Wulliger was honored for pioneering the concept of community-outreach religious and cultural programs for deinstitutionalized people. He has also established dozens of community residences throughout Brooklyn and Queens, observing kosher dietary laws and providing a home-like atmosphere for Jewish people with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Wulliger received his MSW degree from the Hunter College School of Social Work and his doctorate from Adelphi University's School of Social Work.

*The entire Touro family extends condolences to Rabbi Meir Stimler and daughter, Elisheva (Assistant to the Dean, Women's Division) and their family on the loss of Esther Tika, beloved wife and mother.*



## Publications by our Faculty

.....The Secret of the Torah: A Translation of Abraham ibn Ezra's Sefer Yesod Mora Ve-sod Ha-Torah - by H. Norman Strickman; Jason Aronson, Inc., Northvale, N.J.

The medieval Jewish philosopher's analysis of the Commandments and reasons for their observance.

.....Monty N. Penkower, professor of history and chair, social sciences division, published "Zionist Thought" in *The New Encyclopedia of Zionism* and "Zionism: An Unfinished Revolution" in *Midstream*. Penkower was Holocaust historian for A & E cable's History Channel rebroadcast of Herman Wouk's *War and Remembrance*. He lectured on "Roosevelt and the Palestine Imbroglio" at Louisiana State University's "FDR After 50 Years" presidential conference.

.....The Holocaust and Israel Reborn: From Catastrophe to Sovereignty - by Monty N. Penkower, (University of Illinois Press).

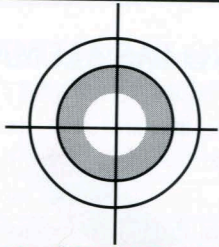
*Our sincere condolences to Professor Martin Miller of the Graduate School of Education and Psychology and his wife, Sara, on the loss of their daughter, Polly. The twenty-four year old, suffering from an asthma attack, passed away en route to the hospital.*

## DIVISION OF SCIENCE

The School of Health Sciences has recently organized a Division of Science under the leadership of Dr. David Lapin, who has been named its Associate Dean.

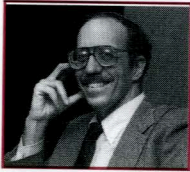
Dr. Lapin, who will have responsibility for all undergraduate science offerings throughout the College, explained that the Division of Science has been organized to provide opportunities for students with special interests in the Health Sciences to complete a highly demanding undergraduate program specifically designed for future health science careers, both at Touro and elsewhere. Opportunities for guaranteed and/or preferential admissions to Touro's upper-division programs (e.g., Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy) are an intrinsic component of the program.





## FACULTY FOCUS

### TOURO COLLEGE ESTABLISHES NEW CHAIR



The Touro College Graduate School of Jewish Studies is pleased to announce the establishment of the Dr. Victor Joel Selmanowitz Chair in the Field of Modern Jewish Studies.

Dr. Selmanowitz had a special love for the field of family genealogy. His own family, through the efforts of his sister, Dr. Livia Selmanowitz Straus and her husband, Dr. Mark Straus, have undertaken to establish a Chair at Touro's Graduate School of Jewish Studies to memorialize and pay tribute to a very special human being.

For several years, Dr. Selmanowitz served as the Director of Research at the Orentreich Foundation in New York. He stood out in his compassion and care of patients at the Foundation as well as in his later private practice, as Professor of Dermatology and Vice-Chair of the Department of Clinical Dermatology at the New York College-Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, and as Chief Dermatologist at the Francis Cardinal Cook Residence for Handicapped Children. During the last several years of his life, he devoted himself to the study of family genealogy and its links to the history and society of the times. Seemingly reaching through the barriers between the here and the

hereafter, interviewing and documenting, he sought to unlock the secrets of family and Jewish history, and to explore the bonds that link us with our ancestors.

Dr. Monty Penkower delivered the first Victor J. Selmanowitz Memorial Lecture on Sunday, May 5, 1996 at the Touro College Flatbush (Avenue J) facility on the topic "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Palestine Imbroglio". Dr. Penkower, who chairs the Division of Social Science, has been a fulltime faculty member at Touro College since 1974.

Professor Penkower is an internationally-recognized scholar of the modern Jewish experience. After completing his B.A. at Yeshiva University and his M.A. and Ph.D. at Columbia University, he taught at a number of colleges. He became a professor of history at Touro College in 1980 and the holder of the Victor J. Selmanowitz Chair in 1996. He has also taught at City University, Rutgers University, Stern College for Women and in the Graduate History Department of New York University as well as at Yeshiva University.

Professor Penkower is a prolific author in American and modern Jewish history. His most recent book, which was published in 1994: *"The Holocaust and Israel Reborn - from Catastrophe to Sovereignty"* was widely acclaimed. He has been the recipient of awards in education as well as for his literary works. He has also been the recipient of numerous grants including the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation, the Harry S. Truman Library Institute, the Hoover Presidential Commission, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Andrew Mellon Foundation and many others.

Professor Penkower has served as a consultant to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Holocaust Survivors Memorial Foundation. He holds numerous membership in organizations dedicated to American and Jewish historical thought.

He is married to the former Yael Goodman and they have five children, three of whom are now living in Israel.

## Dean H. Carl Haywood receives the Distinguished Service Award



Dean H. Carl Haywood receives the Distinguished Service Award from the President of International Association for Cognitive Education, Dr. Jerry Carlson of the University of California. Other Touro GSEP faculty members at the head table are: Dr. Marilyn Samuels, Dr. Carol Lidz, and Dr. Martin Miller.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HONORS VYGOTSKY'S CENTENNIAL

The Touro Graduate School of Education and Psychology commemorated the centennial birthday of Lev S. Vygotsky, the world renowned contributor to cultural psychology, cognitive education, dynamic assessment, and multicultural issues in education.

At a special conference, November 5, 1996, organized by the Graduate School in cooperation with the NYC Board of Education and the United Federation of Teachers, more than 350 educators and students met to honor Vygotsky's idea of learning as a shared process in a responsive socio-cultural context and to discuss his alternatives to current theories and practices in schooling. The program was introduced by Dr. Bernard Lander, President of Touro College.

Held at the Park West High School in Manhattan, the conference featured Dean Carl Haywood, whose keynote address was on "Vygotsky's Triple Contribution: Culture, Language and Mediation."

Other Touro Faculty who participated were:

- Boris Gindis, who spoke on Vygotsky's life and his views on special education;
- Dr. Carol Lidz, who led a seminar on Vygotsky's dynamic assessment approaches for young children; and
- Associate Dean Yuriy Karpov, who moderated a panel on teaching and learning and discussed Vygotsky's concept of mediation and its implications for education.

*Broadway Shows at Half Price!*

Be sure to check the Calendar of Events for significant discounts on orchestra seats for "Les Miserables" and "Sunset Boulevard". Tickets are limited, call now!





# Class Notes

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH TOURO LAS ALUMNI

The Touro College Alumni Association would like to wish a Mazel Tov to:

### CLASS OF 1977

Louis B. Chapman, Esq., of Feinman & Chapman, Attorney at Law, on the opening of a new office in Teaneck, New Jersey at 1086 Teaneck Road, (201) 833-4500.

Barbara (Fink) Hochheiser and husband Michael ('77) on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yossi.

### CLASS OF 1978

Howard Goldsmith is now the Vice-President and Member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Family Service Agency of Central New Jersey.

### CLASS OF 1980

Ora Baer on her marriage to Eliyahu Gerstl. The couple now resides in Toronto, Canada.

### CLASS OF 1981

Arthur Frisch on his engagement to Joan Friedman.

David Seidemann and wife on the birth of a daughter.

### CLASS OF 1982

Esther Jacobs on completing her M.S. degree at Hunter College. Esther works as a speech language pathologist at H.G. Birch Early Childhood Center in New York City.

Vivian Schneck-Last on receiving her M.B.A. from Columbia University. She is a Vice President at Goldman Sachs & Company.

Rena (Prince) Yellin and husband on the birth of a son.

### CLASS OF 1984

Benjamin Goodman on becoming the first Touro College graduate to pass all parts of the Actuary Exam.

### CLASS OF 1985

Jeffrey Danzer and wife, Elana, on the birth of a second child, Jared Andrew. Doreen (Fox) Winter on receiving her Master's Degree in Social Work.

### CLASS OF 1986

Seema (Sharfstein) Gersten and husband, Seth, on the birth of a daughter, Shayna Rena.

Barry M. Wacholder and wife Kate (Lamb) ('88) on the birth of their third child, Joseph Philip.

### CLASS OF 1987

Pamela (Dear) Birbach and husband, Steve, on the birth of twin girls.

Dr. Israel Eckman on his marriage to Robin Emmer. He is now practicing Dermatology in Buffalo, New York.

Orin Hirschman on his recent marriage.

Aaron Strum on becoming the Executive Director of a prestigious synagogue in Indianapolis, Congregation B'nei Torah. He and his wife, Lidia ('90) and their twins have moved from Passaic, New Jersey.

### CLASS OF 1988

Martin Friedlander and wife, Lieba, on the birth of a son.

Jeff and Rebecca Mansbach ('92) on the birth of a son, Rafael Simcha.

Mallory Rush on her marriage to Alan Shapiro.

Bryan Sober on his marriage to Shony Ehrlich from Brooklyn.

Cheryl (Topper) Yifrach and husband on the birth of a baby boy.

### CLASS OF 1989

Desiree (Weisz) Epstein and husband, Michael, on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Bayla.

Beth (Storch) Koesterich on her new position at the Orthodox Union.

Adam Liebowitz and wife, Heather (Engel) ('93) on the birth of a baby girl, Tova Dena (Erica).

Sharon (Wolff) Naftali and husband, Yoav, on the birth of a son, Tuvia Raphael.

Bruce Rosenblum on his marriage.

Laura (Ginsberg) Welch and husband, Lawrence, on the birth of a baby boy, Ezra Zvi Yoseph. The family is now residing in Boca Raton where Laura is employed as a Registered Nurse at the Boca Raton Community Hospital.

### CLASS OF 1990

Julie (Weiner) Green and husband, Joey, on the birth of a daughter, Rena Eliana. The couple is residing in Seattle, Washington, where Julie is working as a paralegal.

David Hamel on his marriage to Elissa Sokol from Flatbush.

Eric Greenblatt and wife, Tova, on the birth of a baby girl, Hadassah Malka. Congratulations also to Eric on his new position with Depository Trust Co.

Bonnie Holtzberg on her marriage to Nuni Rosenbaum.

Avidor Horowitz and wife, Ahuva, on the birth of a son, Etan.

Iris (Goliger) Jonas is a candidate for her Doctorate in Psychology from Pace University.

Esther Katzenstein on becoming a Speech Language Pathologist. She is working at the Ocean Parkway Developmental Center and is now supervising graduate students in Clinical Practicum at Brooklyn College.

Jackie (Meyerhoff) Nachman and husband, Chaim, on the birth of a baby boy.

Nussie Sklar on his graduation from the Physician Assistant Program at Touro

College, School of Health Sciences. Joshua Weinstein and wife, Rachel, on the birth of their second child.

### CLASS OF 1991

Stephanie (Rabinowitz) Brown and husband, Mark, on the birth of a baby girl, Perl.

Malka (Singer) Cohen and husband, Dovid, on the birth of a son, Shneur Zalman.

Michelle "Mimi" Cohen on her engagement to Rob Ziv.

Benjamin Eckman on the opening of a law practice in Elizabeth, New Jersey. His practice focuses on "Elder Law" and "Estate Planning". Benji is a member of the New Jersey and New York Bars as well as a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Robyn (Engelson) and husband on the birth of a son. The family is now residing in Israel.

Barry Gluck on his marriage to Shelly Siegel.

Aaron Jonas (Valedictorian) on his marriage to Aviva Peltz.

Zalman Kahn on receiving his Medical Degree from Mt. Sinai Medical School. He is a practicing Resident in Internal Medicine at NYU Medical Center.

Tova (Rosenfeld) Menken and husband, Yaakov, on the birth of son, Zvi Elimelech.

Joely Parker on her marriage to Shimmy Bernstein. The couple is now residing in Toronto.

Yaakov Presworsky on his graduation from Downstate Dental School. Yonasan "Jonathan" Schick is serving as Principal of the Bais Yaakov of Boston High School for Girls located in Newton, MA.



Alana and Larry Shepatovsky on the birth of a baby boy, Jordan Seth.

Shammai and Miriam Esther (Luchins) Weiner on the birth of a baby boy, Yisroel Zalman.

Elise (Hamburger) Zakroff and husband, Randy, on the birth of a second daughter, Nechama Rochel. The family is residing in Denver, Colorado.

Rabbi Baruch Waldman on his graduation from Brooklyn Law School. He is practicing law in the District Attorney's office in Brooklyn, New York.

### CLASS OF 1992

Elliot Feintuch on receiving his Law Degree (LLB). He is now practicing law at Olympia & York Properties, Inc. Scott Feltman on his marriage to Penina Kramer. Scott has been appointed Director of Development for the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) Long Island/Maalot Region. While at Touro College, he was an NCSY advisor and then Director of the Long Island/Maalot Region's Junior NCSY. Scott built the region's fledgling Junior NCSY into an active group of 500 youngsters with chapters throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. During his three-year tenure, he instituted the now widely used "Yeshiva-By-Phone" program. He currently lives in Lawrence, New York.

Debbie (Simon) Fremerman and husband, Don, on the birth of a baby girl, Netanya Chaya. The family is now residing in St. Louis, Missouri.

Heather (Elfman) Hagler on her graduation from Brooklyn College's Master's Program in Psychology.

Avigail (Boylan) Halberstam and husband, Benjamin, on the birth of a baby girl, Faige Golda.

Miriam (Brafman) Rosenbluth and husband, Gary, on the birth of a son.

Robin Seed on her engagement to Jeffrey Rodus.

Ron Simon and wife, Chana (Schuck) ('94) on the birth of a baby girl, Sara.

Alain Spira on receiving his M.B.A. in Finance from Columbia University School of Business. He is now employed as a Senior Staff Analyst for Tenneco Management Company.

Chashie (Kuritsky) Stempler and husband, Mordechai, on the birth of a daughter.

Yaakov Vann and wife, Nechama (Saltz) ('95) on the birth of a son.

Dena (Rosenberg) Wruble and husband, Dr. Gary Wruble, on the birth of a son.

### CLASS OF 1993

Sarah (Lerman) Cohen on receiving her M.S. Degree from the College of Staten Island in Special Education. She is working as a Resource Room Teacher at the R.J.J. School for Girls on Staten Island.

Michael Eisenband on his marriage to Tova Satz. Michael is currently attending Tufts Medical School.

Seth Fuchs on his marriage.

Sabrina Gilbert on her acceptance into an elite program in Global Marketing, Communications and Advertising in Brussels, Belgium.

Jonathan and Debra Green on the birth of a son, Yonah Yekutiel.

Rebecca (Wagshall) Kaplan on receiving her M.S. in Education and Professional Certificate in School Psychology from Queens College.

Abraham Leitner on his graduation from Columbia Law School.

Sara Lichtenstein on her engagement to Geoffrey Green.

Ruchie Niren and husband, Lee, on the birth of a son, Shimon Asher.

Debbie (Costa) Roffman and husband, Ariel on the birth of their third son, Yaakov Shmuel.

Elie Silkes on his marriage to Shoshana Kahana.

Minucha (Winder) Strassfield on receiving her M.S. from Brooklyn College. She is working as a Speech Language Pathologist at the Retberg Children's Center in New York City.

Bari Tuckman on her marriage to Chaim Dahan, Esq.

Shoshana Weiner on receiving her degree in Paramedics in the field of Emergency Medicine. She is working for the New York City Fire Department, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

### CLASS OF 1994

Mori Eyal and Shlomo Sokal on their marriage.

Chaya Feuerman on receiving her M.S.W. from Adelphi University.

Yom Tov Folger on his marriage to Frady Rosenberg.

Greg Rothschild on being honored at the N'vei Zion Dinner.

### CLASS OF 1995

Maya Balakirsky, former Editor of the Independent, on receiving a prestigious fellowship in Art History at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. Maya is working towards her Ph.D. in Art History.

Alexander Berger on his marriage to Devorah Taitelbaum of Staten Island.

Yehudis Davis on her marriage to Yisroel Bernstein.

Shimon Edelstein on his marriage to Chanie Rheinhold.

Aliza Friedman on her marriage to Menashe Frank.

Avrohom Gottheil on his marriage to Shifra Wolman.

Sabina (Lantos) Grotsky and husband, Ira, on the birth of a son.

Yisroel Leshkowitz on his marriage to Esther Kurzer.

Eric Maslin on his marriage.

Daniel Montag on his marriage to Memphis Mayer.

Tally (Feuer) Rush and husband, Josh, on the birth of a baby girl, Maya Sarah. They are currently residing in Cleveland, Ohio.

Asher Schor on his marriage to Etty Feuer.

Nechama (Slater) Sherwinter and husband, Danny, on the birth of a son.

David Whitehead on his new position at Expert Ease Software Company.

### CLASS OF 1996

Heather Barr on her marriage.

David Bauer on his marriage.

Tully Bryks on his marriage to Hindy Ginsberg. The couple is now residing in Miami, Florida.

Stephanie Gerson on her marriage.

Michelle Plotzker is working towards a Master's in Social Work at the Wurzwiler School of Social Work and will be graduating in May 1997.

Stacey Siegel on her engagement to David Frank.

Sari Singer is working at Machon L'Banot as an Administrative Assistant. This is the same school where Miriam



Esther (Luchins) Weiner ('92) serves as Administrator.

Pesi Eisikovics on her marriage to Yanki Bash.

Alana Feiner on her recent engagement.

Rachel Feingold on her marriage.

Shrage Goldschmidt on his recent engagement to Sara Leshkowitz.

Shneur Grossberger on his marriage to Mimi Lieber.

Joanie Huth on her engagement to Neil Harris.

Menachem Jacowitz on his marriage to Elisheva Rudman.

Amy Lowen on her engagement to Daniel Brody.

Rochel Meir on her marriage to Dovi Newman.

Norman Schoenfeld on his marriage to Maiti Hollander.

Aryeh Silverberg on his marriage to Shoshana Ravenstein.

Elly Slomowitz on his marriage to Toby Pfeffer.

Don Steinberg on his marriage to Chana Greenspan.

Lisa Uretsky on her engagement to Yankie Sheinhouse.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thursday, December 5th - **First Night of Chanukah**

Monday, December 16th - **Recruitment Tea - Monsey**

Tuesday, December 17th - **Recruitment Tea - Teaneck**

Friday, December 20th - **Fast of 10 Tevet**

\*Tuesday, January 21st - 8:00 P.M. at the **Imperial Theatre** -  
“**Les Miserables**” - \$70 Orchestra Seats for only:  
(Members) \$40.00; (non-Members) \$45.00.

Thursday, January 23 - **Tu B'shvat**

Saturday night, February 22nd - **70's Class Reunion**

\*Tuesday, February 25th - 8:00 P.M. at the **Minskoff Theatre** -  
“**Sunset Boulevard**” - \$70 Orchestra Seats for only:  
(Members) \$35.00; (non-Members) \$40.00.

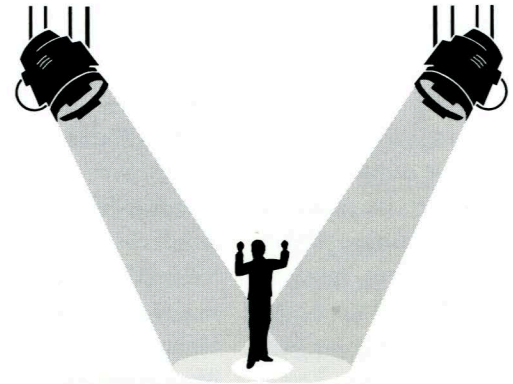
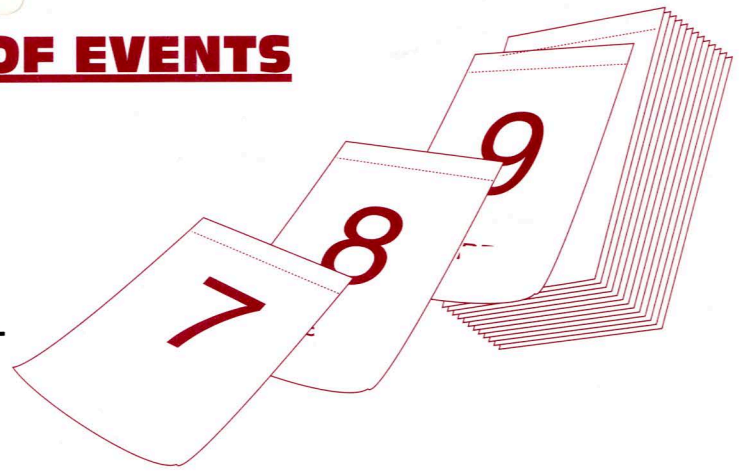
Saturday night, March 8th - **80's Class Reunion**

Saturday night, March 15th - **90's Class Reunion**

Thursday, March 20th - **The Fast of Esther**

Sunday, March 23rd - **Purim**

Monday, April 21st - **First Night of Passover**



**\*Limited seating is available for these shows. Tickets will be sold on a “first-come, first-serve” basis. Please call Susan Stern in the Office of Alumni Affairs, (212) 643-0700, Ext. 116, to reserve your seats!!**



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