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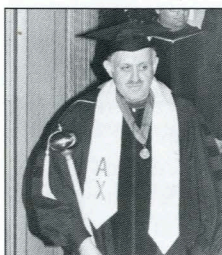
# TOURO

## IN FLATBUSH

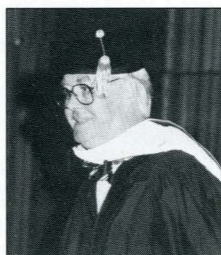
NEWSLETTER OF THE TOURO COLLEGE FLATBUSH PROGRAM

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## TOURO COLLEGE HONORS 9 FLATBUSH GRADUATES & NATIONAL LEADERS AT 17TH COMMENCEMENT



Left: Dean Robert Goldschmidt leads the Faculty Procession.



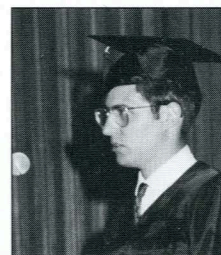
Right: Senator Daniel P. Moynihan delivers the Commencement Address.

Nine students from the Flatbush Program received highest honors at the seventeenth commencement of Touro College, May 26, at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center. The valedictorian of the class of 1991 was Zalman Mordechai Kahn (Philadelphia, PA), who was accepted to seven medical schools including Mount Sinai and Rutgers. Esther Shonek (Far Rockaway, NY), a finance major, was salutatorian. A National Merit Finalist who spent a year at Bais Yaakov of Yerushalaim before enrolling at Touro, she scored in the top percent

tile nationally on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) and was accepted into the MBA program at New York University. The farewell address at the commencement was delivered by Aaron Jonas, who studied at Yeshiva Shar Yoshuv while completing his degree in the Flatbush Men's Program.

Six departmental awards for outstanding scholarly achievements in a specific field were given to the following Flatbush Program seniors: Rochel Bednarsh (psychology), Michael Fried (computer science), Avrohom Horowitz (mathematics), Moshe Sodden (management), Mark Moshe Weiss (New York State CPA Society Medal), and Claire Werceberger (education). Dinah Heschel Katzenstein was the co-recipient of the Orthodox Union Women's Branch Award.

Honorary doctorates were awarded to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who also delivered the major address, and to Aba Klurman, a founding board member of Touro College. The presentations were made by Dr. Bernard Lander, founder and



Left: Aaron Jonas delivers the Farewell Address.



Right: Esther Shonek, Salutatorian, was a National Merit Finalist.

president of Touro College, and Judge Jacob Fuchsberg, a college trustee.

More than 1,200 guests attended the ceremonies. In presenting the degree recipients, Vice President Solomon Simonson introduced the Deans of the Touro Law School, the School of Health Sciences, the School of General Studies and the School for Lifelong Education to briefly report on the separate commencements held by their divisions. A record 812 students were awarded baccalaureate, graduate, and Juris Doctor degrees.

### VOICES OF '91: On Becoming Productive Members of Society

"Our education at Touro has provided for us a well rounded array of courses from politics to business, English, sociology, and pre-med. These programs are designed to give us a mastery of the subjects in our chosen field, enabling us to compete on all levels in the working world, and to give us

**AARON JONAS**

a keen understanding of world events. I remember walking into Touro College unable to read the financial section in a newspaper, and walking out feeling as if I could write it.

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"A college education is the key to unlock doors to opportunity and achievement in our present world.

"Although these words give my Touro degree an air of practicality, has it brought me any closer to the model of Aishes Chayil?

**ESTHER SHONEK**

"Use of one's knowledge in action is basic to Jewish accomplishment. The Mishna states: 'It is not the exposition that is principal, rather it is the deed.'

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## TOURO ALUMNI STAR IN TOP LAW SCHOOLS

**S**eth Chaim Goldstein (valedictorian, class of 1986), Avi Szenberg (class of 1987) and Naftali Dembitzer (valedictorian, class of 1989) graduates of Touro's Flatbush Program, have all recently earned top academic honors at Columbia University Law School, The University of Pennsylvania Law School and Brooklyn Law School.

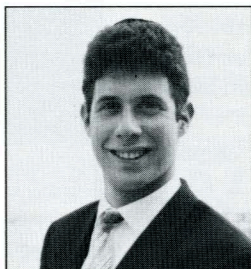
Seth C. Goldstein is an editor of *The Columbia Law Review* (1991) and the recipient of the Hays Prize in Civil Procedure. Seth was also designated a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar both in his first and second years at Columbia. In January 1991, he was again singled out for writing the best examination in Advanced Civil Procedure. Seth has published a twenty page Note in *The Review* titled, "Resident Taxpayers: Internal Consistency, Due Process and State Income Taxation."

At Touro, he served as president of the Accounting and Business Society and editor-in-chief of *The Touro Business Review*, for which he wrote a scholarly article dealing with business ethics as interpreted through the prism of Jewish Law. He was elected to Omicron Delta Epsilon, The International Honor Society in Economics and Business. Seth learned at Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim and at Mesivta Tifereth Yerushalaim, where he received rabbinic ordination.

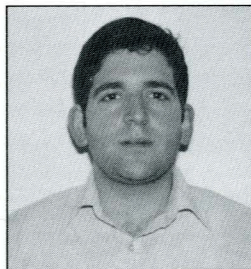
Having received his J.D. in May, 1991, Seth has joined the prestigious firm of Roberts & Holland which has an office in New York and Washington. Although he had offers from several prominent Wall Street firms, Seth chose Roberts & Holland because of its reputation of being the premier tax specialist in the country and because its hours are more conducive to Torah learning. Seth and his wife, Rivkah (nee Weiss, a 1987 Touro College graduate) have two children, Meir and Menachem.



**Seth C. Goldstein**



**Avi Szenberg**



**Naftali Dembitzer**

Avi Szenberg ranked among the top ten students after completing his first semester at The University of Pennsylvania Law School in December, 1990.

Following his graduation from Touro, Avi spent two years at Kol Torah and the Mirrer Yeshiva in Jerusalem, where he received smicha (rabbinic ordination). Avi is married to the former Tova Cyperstein, a student enrolled in the M.A. Program in Jewish History at Touro's Graduate School of Jewish Studies. The couple has a baby girl, Elki.

Naftali Dembitzer completed his second year at Brooklyn Law School as a Richardson Scholar. Naftali, who ranks in the top four percent of his class, also received the American Jurisprudence Award for his performance in his Corporations class. He is a member of the Moot Court Honor Society and president of the Jewish Heritage Society.

Concurrent with his law school studies, Naftali has acquired considerable work experience. During the Summer of 1990, he served as a research assistant to Professor Aaron D. Twerski (products liability research) and in the Fall of 1990 he was a student law clerk to Judge Raymond J. Dearie of the Eastern District of New York.

While at Touro College, Naftali was editor of *The Political Science and Pre-Law Journal*. He published an extensive research paper on two computerized legal databases: Westlaw and Lexis. Naftali learned at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath.

United States Federal District Court Judge I. Leo Glasser of the Eastern District has hired Naftali to serve as his Law Clerk for the 1992-1993 term. Such a prestigious Law Clerkship position is certainly a crowning achievement for this Touro alumnus.

## CAREERS IN PROGRESS

**G**raduates of Touro's Flatbush Program have achieved success in a variety of fields and professional areas. The Class Notes highlight the career paths of Touro graduates.

**Morris Goldstein** (class of '83), C.P.A., is a principal partner in the firm of Goldstein and Associates, P.C., in Memphis, Tennessee.... After graduating first in his class at Touro, **Yossi Heber** ('82) earned his M.B.A. degree at the Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania). He served as product manager of the Post Cereal Division at General Foods and today he is marketing director for the United States at the Dannon Company. In May 1990, the National Kosher Food Trade Association honored Yossi with its Promotion of the Year Award....

**Jeffrey Katz** ('86) is an associate at Kelley, Drye and Warren, a law firm with headquarters in Rockefeller Center. He earned his Juris Doctor at New York University Law School. He spent last year on a sabbatical leave studying at Yeshiva Chaim Berlin.... **Chaim A. Mozes** ('83), earned his Ph.D. in accounting at New York University. He is an assistant professor at the Graduate School of Business at Fordham University. Chaim's articles have been published in several professional journals....

**Dov Bronstein** ('82) is an assistant vice-president, with responsibility for strategic planning of new product lines, at Bankers Trust. Previously he was an investment analyst at Kidder, Peabody and Co. Dov graduated from Touro College *summa cum laude* with a major in computer science. Currently he is pursuing studies toward a law degree at Brooklyn Law School.... **Vivian Schneck** ('82) is Vice-President for Computer Data Systems at the investment firm of Goldman, Sachs and Company. She is the youngest person to be named vice-president in the history of the firm.... **Chaim Kupferstein** ('88) completed a computer science/mathematics degree at Touro. Currently he is an actuarial analyst at William M. Mercer, Inc., an investment consulting firm.... After receiving a B.S. in Finance at Touro, **Michael Krull** earned his M.B.A. at Columbia University. Today he is an investment associate at Stanwich Financial Service, Inc., in Manhattan.... **Mendy Moskowitz** ('85) is a project leader and systems analyst at Banker's Trust.... **Shoshana Schick** ('86) is a special education teacher at the Hebrew Academy for Special Children (HASC).... **Barbara Fuchs Silberman** ('81) teaches history and

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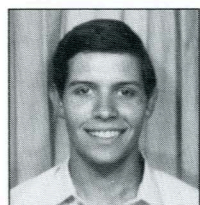
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## RESS: Flatbush Graduates Achieving Goals

social studies at Prospect Park High School.... **Suri Simha** ('87) is a computer programmer at American Health Wear.... **Naomi Wenger** ('88), C.P.A., is staff accountant at Manufacturer's Hanover Trust.... After completing an economics major in the Flatbush Program, **Brian Ladds** ('81) decided to pursue a career in medicine. He took premedical science courses at the Touro Manhattan Campus and earned his M.D. degree at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine.... **Stuart Radin** ('88) earned his B.S. degree in accounting. He is now the comptroller of a sportswear manufacturing firm in Brooklyn. On Saturday nights, Stuart and his brother Jay ('88), also a Touro alumnus, host "Outer Limits" — a Jewish music and talk show program on radio station WMCA (570 AM). Stuart is also pursuing a joint JD-MBA degree program at New York Law School.... **Yocheved Rodkin** ('84) teaches at the Bais Kaila High School in Lakewood, New Jersey.... **Rochel Rosenblatt** ('90) is a systems analyst at Prudential-Bache.... **Ahuva Ribner** ('87), C.P.A., is an accountant with Bernard Gold and Company.... **Chavi Weissman** ('89) is a C.P.A. at Gary Kahn and Company, located in New City, NY.... **Florence Gut** ('87) C.P.A., is employed at Lipsky, Goodkin and Company.... **William Rosenberg** ('86) C.P.A., is a partner in the Madison Avenue firm of Bernath, Rosenberg and Mandel, PC.... **Heshy Katz** ('80) is a senior staff accountant at Miller, Ellin and Company, a mid-Manhattan C.P.A. firm. He is also the treasurer of the Bais Medrash of Flatbush.... **Chani Braun Ledereich** ('90) is a pre-school teacher at the

Westchester Day School in Mamaroneck, NY.... **Joel Krasnow** ('84) joined the New York office of Dewey and Ballatine, one of the most prominent law firms in the country, after graduating from Columbia University Law School.... **Jeffrey Hollander** ('83), JD/CPA, is an associate at Mallow, Konstam, Hager & Fischer.... **Eliezer Rosenblatt** ('88) and **Moshe Michael** ('81) are completing their second year at Fordham University Law School.... Recent Touro Flatbush alumni hired by Big Six accounting firms include: **Seth Antine** ('90) and **Alan Goodman** ('87) both at Deloitte and Touche; **David Redlich** ('86) at KPMG Peat Markwick; **Eliezer Rosenblatt** ('88) at Arthur Andersen; **Shloime Schwartz** ('87) at Ernst and Young; **Michael Todfeld** ('86) at Coopers and Lybrand; and **Tuvia Mozes** ('86) at Price Waterhouse.... **Dina Kupfer Rosenfeld** ('87) is a CPA working as an auditor at Borenstein and Company, a Brooklyn based public accounting firm. She is also a proud mother of three children, Simcha, age 3, Moishy, 18 months, and Esti, born in May, 1991.... **Tobi Edell Rosen** ('90) is a systems analyst at ATT. She lives in Lakewood, N.J.... **Debbie Newman Rothenberg** ('85), CPA, works for the Jewish Family Services in Baltimore, MD.... Upon graduating from Touro, **Avrohom Dubin** ('81) passed all four parts of the Certified Public Accounting examination. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor degree at Columbia University and today he is an associate at Cahill, Gordon and Reindel.... **Seth Yavne** ('81) received his Juris Doctor from Fordham University Law School.

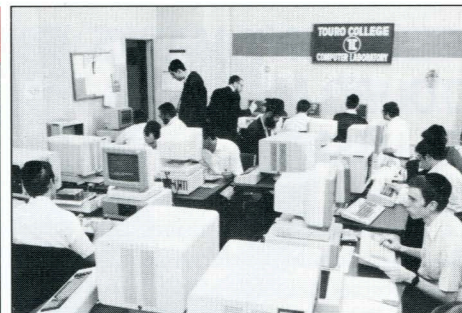
## SHMUEL FINK HOLDS I.B.M. INTERNSHIP



**S**hmuel Fink, a computer science major at Touro College, was selected for a prestigious Summer Internship at the I.B.M. Research Center in Southbury, Connecticut. Interns were chosen on the basis of competitive interviews and a screening examination. During his three months at the Center, Shmuel worked on customized program graphics, external design, and project documentation. The team of interns at I.B.M. included undergraduates from Stanford, Columbia, John Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, Notre Dame, University of Chicago, and Carnegie-Mellon.

The son of Rabbi Jesse and Mrs. Edna Fink of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Shmuel was admitted to Touro on early admissions on the basis of his superior high school average and S.A.T. scores. As part of his studies at the College, Shmuel spent a year on the Touro College Israel Option at Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim in Jerusalem. In recognition of his superb scholastic record, he was selected for inclusion in the 1991 edition of *Who's Who Among American University and College Students*.

Shmuel intends to pursue graduate studies in the field of computer software design at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Concurrently, he will continue learning at the Chofetz Chaim branch in Rochester.



## COMPUTER CENTER ON THE CUTTING EDGE

**F**ollowing a surge in enrollment, Touro College has enlarged the facilities and enhanced the power of its computer laboratory in Brooklyn. The laboratory is now fully-equipped with state-of-the-art IBM PS/2 computers. A LAN system is being installed to familiarize students with networking systems utilized in large corporations and businesses. "These computers, representing the cutting edge of today's technology, will enable our students to receive the most advanced training required to meet the challenges of the job market," said Professor Abraham Grund, deputy chairperson of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

To accommodate the programming needs of the computer science majors, the Flatbush Center computer laboratory is open Monday through Thursday evenings and Sundays from 11 A.M. until 10 P.M. Through its program of studies, Touro students are exposed to eight different computer languages, including assembler, C-Language (two semesters), data structures, and systems analysis.

## HISTORIC EVENT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OPENS IN MOSCOW

**T**he Moscow Branch of the Touro College International School of Business and Management offers courses and studies in accounting, economics, management and marketing, as well as banking and investments. Classes in Jewish history and Hebrew are also available. The first semester started in April 1991, with an entering class of 250, including several engineers, scientists, and astronauts. (See picture Page 4)

## CEREMONY MARKS TOURO MISSION IN USSR PACT

From left, Mr. John Elganyan of the Touro College Trustees; Ambassador Ronald Lauder, Ambassador Thomas Pickering of the United States; President Bernard Lander; Mr. Albert Reichman, Chairman of the International Board of Governors of the Touro International School of Business and Management; Norman Allan, a Touro Trustee; and Yuli M. Vorontsov, Permanent Soviet representative to the United Nations.

The Agreement to open the Moscow Branch of Touro College was signed February 7, 1991, at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.



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"But, Touro is not interested in just teaching us how to read a balance sheet, how to write an essay, or how to analyze the literary classics. For with these talents alone it would be impossible to change the nature of man and correct the degeneracy of society. Touro is essentially interested in our Torah education as can be seen by the many classes and programs that it has established to facilitate these needs. For the study of Torah provides us with an all encompassing ethical outlook on life, and with a way to change our nature. As the sages of the Talmud say, 'אין לך בן חורין, אלא מי שעוסק בתורה' 'The true free man is one immersed in Torah study.' It is with our Torah study that we may take our talents, skills, and education and become positive, productive members of society."

## ESTHER SHONEK

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"Predating the women's liberation movement by thousands of years, Shlomo described an *Aishes Chayil* as a professional powerhouse of a woman who manages her family and career responsibilities with equal flair. She is a wise woman 'whose mouth exults in wisdom's song' - wisdom intertwined with deed -- based on Torah.

"I can only hope the path of action I choose will bring me closer to fulfilling the ideal of the Jewish woman, and I hope the knowledge gained at Touro may be practically applied to help and guide my becoming an *Aishes Chayil*."

## WOMEN LAUNCH BUSINESS SOCIETY

An Accounting and Business Society has been launched in the Flatbush Women's Division. The Society's first lecture series was held January 3, 1991. Ahuva Ribner, CPA, and Chaya Vivian Schneck, Vice President at Goldman, Sachs and Company, both Touro graduates, provided an overview of the challenges and problems faced by "frum" women pursuing careers in accounting and in the corporate world. A capacity crowd of more than one hundred and twenty women business students attended this program.



Esther Shonek, a finance major from Far Rockaway, was selected to serve as president of the Society. The recipient of the prestigious Empire State Scholarship and coveted Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, Esther was the salutatorian of the Class of 1991. Bracha Hochman, an accounting major from Hartford, Connecticut, will serve as Vice President. Bracha graduated from Prospect Park High School; Esther is a graduate of Torah Academy for Girls (TAG). After high school, Miss Shonek spent a year at Bais Yaakov Yerushalaim (BJJ); Miss Hochman studied at Machon Dvora.

## COLLEGE INTRODUCES ACTUARIAL STUDIES

A new major in Actuarial Studies/Mathematics was introduced at Touro College in September, 1990. The major is offered both at the Flatbush Center and the College's mid-Manhattan campus.

The Actuarial Program comprises forty-seven credits of course work in calculus, computers, statistics, probability theory, numerical analysis, and the mathematics of insurance. In addition, recommended courses include economics, finance, and investment principles. The curriculum was developed by a committee chaired by Dr. Stanley Boylan, Dean of Faculties, and Professor Basil Rabinowitz of the Equitable Life Insurance Company.

The actuarial field is well suited for students who possess a strong aptitude in mathematics. Excellent career opportunities exist with insurance companies, pension consultants, large corporations, and law firms. Advancement in the profession is based on passing a series of ten examinations, demonstrating advanced technical proficiency acquired both through college courses and work experience. For a brochure describing Touro's program, please contact the Office of the Dean of Students at (212) 447-0700, ext. 419 or 420.

## GRADUATES RETURN TO TEACH AT TOURO

Shmuel Lowenthal ('89), the recipient of the New York State CPA Society Medal for outstanding achievement in the accounting field, taught Principles of Accounting I at the Flatbush Center in Spring 1991. Shmuel passed all four parts of the Certified Public Accountancy Examination and is pursuing a MBA degree with a specialization in Taxation at Baruch College. He has assumed a position as staff auditor at Deloitte and Touche, a Big Six accounting firm.

Nechama Sorscher ('83) has returned to the Flatbush Center to teach Child Growth and Development, a course in the Department of Education. The class is offered for women on Sunday mornings. Nechama is pursuing a doctoral degree at Adelphi University. Her dissertation deals with the experiences of the children of Holocaust survivors. Nechama expects to receive her doctorate this semester.