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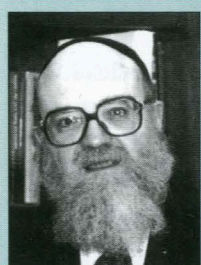
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TOURO

IN FLATBUSH

8 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS JOIN FACULTY

Dr. Bernard Lander, president of Touro College, has announced the appointment of eight distinguished faculty members at the College's Flatbush Campus. "Touro is committed to academic excellence and we welcome the expertise which these new faculty bring to the classroom," Dr. Lander said. In all, 123 faculty are teaching courses at the Flatbush Campus in Spring 1998.



Dr. Melech Press



Dr. Avi Brezak



Dr. Claire Eckstein

The new appointments include:

□ **DR. BARRY BRESSLER**, previously the vice president of academic affairs at the College of Staten Island, dean of undergraduate business programs;

□ **DR. CLAIRE ECKSTEIN** formerly on the faculty of NYU, CUNY at Baruch and Hofstra University, associate professor of accounting;

□ **DR. GARY LOMBARDO**, who served as dean at the Gabelli School of Business at Roger Williams University (RI), professor of international business;

□ **DR. MELECH PRESS**, who taught at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center, chairperson of the department of psychology at Flatbush. Dr. Press has conducted extensive research in the fields of cognitive science and learning disabilities;

□ **DR. AVI BREZAK**, deputy chairperson and assistant professor of education. He has been a principal and senior curriculum development coordinator for the New York City Board of Education, and has served as a consultant to several yeshiva high schools;

□ **DR. MORRIS BENJAMINSON**, professor of biology;

□ **DR. RONALD HAYDUK**, assistant professor of political science.

□ **DR. JACOB LANDYNSKI**, a nationally recognized authority on constitutional law, is serving this year as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Political Science.

Touro offers 27 majors and pre-professional options, including accounting (CPA) and business, computer science and management information systems, education and psychology, pre-medicine/pre-dentistry and the allied health sciences, political science/pre-law and speech therapy.

TOURO COLLEGE OFFERS

2 NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND BUSINESS

Starting in September 1998, Touro College will offer two new degree options - a Bachelor of Science in Special Education and a Master of Science in International Business Finance.

The BS in Special Education, requiring 120 credits, including 48 credits of professional course work, will prepare students for teaching positions both at the elementary and high school levels. "The degree and certification requirements provide students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills in this growing field" noted Dr. Harriet Rabinowitz, chairperson of the Department of Education at Touro. Courses for this degree will be scheduled both at the Flatbush Campus and at the

mid-Manhattan Campus.

Qualified students are able to complete up to 12 credits applicable to the MA degree programs of the Touro Graduate School of Education and Psychology during their senior year.



Dr. Gary Lombardo

The MS in International Business Finance will require 33 credits. Additional prerequisite requirements must be fulfilled by students who completed their baccalaureate studies in a discipline other than business. The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is a requirement for admission.

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FLATBUSH EXPANDS HEALTH SCIENCE OFFERINGS

Touro College has significantly increased its course offerings at the Flatbush Campus for students interested in the allied health sciences careers. More than 20 classes in biology, chemistry, and physics have been offered in the Fall and Spring semesters and eight courses are scheduled for the Summer 1998 Semester. The College's laboratory facilities occupy the entire fifth floor of the Flatbush Campus.

Qualified students at the Flatbush Campus, enrolled in pre-professional tracks in occupational and physical therapy and physician assistant studies, are considered for preferential admissions to the highly competitive programs of Touro's School of Health Sciences, leading to M.A. degrees in Occupational or Physical Therapy and the B.S. in Physician Assistant Studies.

The following 13 women students from the Flatbush Campus were recently admitted to the Occupational Therapy Program at the Touro School of Health Sciences: Rivka Cohen, Leah

Friedman, Miryam Golding, Ahuva Lazarus, Yael Leisman, Miriam Miller, Chava Parnes, Rivky Peretz, Lyudmila Pletnik, Adina Sokol, Zeldia Szanzer, Rivka Taub, and Devorah Weinraub. "We are particularly eager to serve the career interests of Touro undergraduates," notes Dean Joseph Weisberg of the School of Health Sciences.

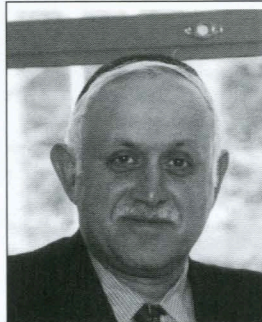
A full pre-medical/pre-dental sequence is available at the Flatbush Campus. Students in this program have participated in research projects at leading medical centers, including Mount Sinai, Cornell University, Columbia, and Downstate (SUNY).

Highly-experienced, senior faculty teach science courses in Flatbush. They include by Dr. David Lapin, chairperson of the Department of Biology; Dr. Emil Kon, professor of chemistry; Dr. Morris Benjaminson, professor of anatomy at the School of Health Sciences, Dr. Demet Gurel, chairperson of the Department of Chemistry and Physics and Dr. Walton Gutierrez, assistant professor of physics.

Dean of Students Serves as Regional Accrediting Evaluator

During the 1997-98 academic year the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools selected Dean Robert Goldschmidt to serve as an evaluator and reviewer of two large higher education institutions in New Jersey and New York. "We are gratified by the recognition given to our dean," stated President Bernard Lander.

The Middle States Association is the major



accrediting body for colleges and universities operating in the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. In the metropolitan area, institutions accredited by the Middle States Association include Columbia University, New York University, Fordham University, Touro College, Queens College, Brooklyn College, and Baruch College.

Pre-Medical & Dental Honor Roll

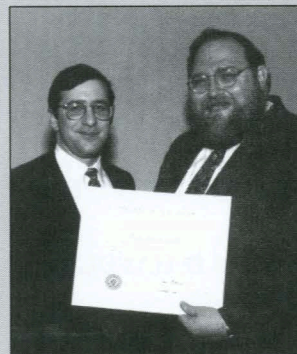
We congratulate the following students for their outstanding achievements in the medical sciences:

- ◆ **Israel Deutsch**, admitted to Albert Einstein School of Medicine and Mount Sinai Medical School;
- ◆ **Dov Seidenfeld**, admitted to New York University College of Dental Medicine
- ◆ **Adam Schulhoff**, admitted to New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry
- ◆ **Reuvein Minkowitz**, admitted to Cornell University Medical College
- ◆ **Daniel Kahn**, admitted to the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Maryland Dental Schools
- ◆ **Jaime Kawelbrum**, admitted to the New Jersey College of Osteopathic Medicine
- ◆ **Devorah Shmulevitz**, admitted to the Ph.D. Program in Biology at Rockefeller University
- ◆ **Michal Luchins**, admitted to the New York College of Osteopathy

BENJAMIN GOODMAN '84 NAMED FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES

Benjamin Goodman, an 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 10 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 a Master's in computer science. He is the first 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 (left) receives his certificate as a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries from president David Holland

Touro College offers a major in mathematics-actuarial studies at the Flatbush Men's Division. According to Dr. Basil Rabinowitz, the program coordinator, approximately ten to twelve students major in the field each year.

ALUMNI PROFILES

Working in the Accounting Field: Challenges and Rewards



Leaving the insulated walls of Touro and entering the work field can be sort of a culture shock. Suddenly you are faced with responsibilities that you were never faced with before. Numerous things can go wrong and the buck stops at your desk. I remember preparing a tax return and asking the secretary to mail it to the client. Only after it was mailed did I realize that I had asked her to send it to the brother of the client I prepared the return for and these two were not on talking terms. Imagine the horror I felt when I realized that the wrong person would be reading confidential information. My first reaction was panic. My second reaction was the feeling of wanting to go home and bury my head under the covers and hope that the mistake would go away. But mistakes don't just go away, and so I took a deep breath and tried to assess the situation rationally. What I decided to do was call the secretary at the receiving end and plead with her to return the envelope unopened, as my job was on

the line. Luckily this story had a happy ending. The important thing to remember is to stay calm, and think rationally in a crisis situation.

Dealing with co-workers is a new experience. In college you can choose who you want to associate or disassociate with. At work, however, this choice is nonexistent. You must learn to get along with the people whom you work with even if you dislike them. It is also advisable not to let your dislikes surface because this can create unnecessary tension among people you have to face every day.

I especially value the personalized attention which I received at the college. My education at Touro enabled me successfully pass the CPA examination. This placed me in a higher earning bracket than women at the firm who were working for a longer time than I, and might be ten or twenty years old than I. I came to realize that these women did not have the opportunity twenty years ago of attending Touro, and so they stagnated in

the work force instead of advancing their careers.

When in the workforce, the accountant comes to realize that the entire profession of accounting is in a state of evolution.

In no area is change more pronounced than in the area of taxation. The accountant who, because she is a college graduate, thinks that she has completed her education is not only naive, but is flagrantly neglectful of her professional responsibility. In order to prepare tax returns competently, it is necessary to continually study changes occurring in the field. There are always new concepts arising from adaptation of current tax law. Keeping abreast of new developments requires year-round attention.

Zissie Gluck '94, CPA Associate, Roth & Co.

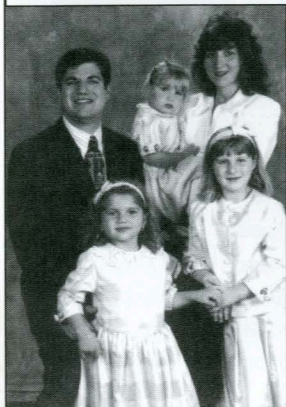
Todfeld '86, Tax Manager At Fortune 100 Company

Michael J. Todfeld, CPA (Touro '86) holds the position of corporate tax manager at Sunkyong America, Inc., a subsidiary of a Korean company with annual worldwide sales of 15 billion dollars. The company's principal products include chemicals, petroleum, machinery, and non-durable goods.

"At Touro I received a first-rate education, especially in auditing and taxation. The instructors cared a great deal about their students and gave valuable advice," recalls Mr. Todfeld. Following graduation, Michael worked for two years at KPMG Peat Marwick, and then joined Coopers and Lybrand, where he was promoted to the position of Senior Associate in the Tax Department. Along the way, Michael also earned an M.S. in Taxation at Long Island University.

What advice does Michael have for today's Touro students? "Be sure to polish your communication skills - effectiveness in preparing clear and crisp written reports, the ability to do a focused oral presentation, and strong computer skills - these are highly prized qualities in the corporate world," he adds.

Mr. Todfeld is married to the former Lisa Katz, a registered nurse, who earned her associate degree at Touro. They have three daughters, Danielle, Aviva, and Jordana. Michael is a regular participant at the 5:25 AM Daf Yomi Shiur at the Young Israel of Woodmere. He also serves as the coach of the shul's Little League baseball team.



NATAN KAHN '84, M.D. Specializing in Occuplastic Surgery

Natan Kahn attended Touro College from 1981 to 1984, pursuing an interdisciplinary science major. Following his graduation, *magna cum laude*, he completed his education at The University of Texas-Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

After earning his M.D. degree, Natan served for two years as a physician in Israel. Upon his return to the United States, he accepted an appointment in the emergency department of Baylor Medical Center near Dallas.

While on duty there decided to specialize in the field of ophthalmology.

Natan has completed a year as chief resident in ophthalmology at Montefiore Medical Center of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Currently he is pursuing a fellowship in oculoplastic surgery.

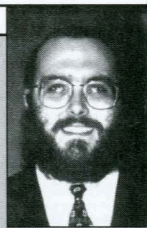
"I received an excellent preparation for medical school at Touro. The courses offered by Dr. Lapin and Dr. Kon were rigorous and challenging," admits Dr. Kahn. He and his wife, Orly, have two children - Eitan and Daniella.



MOVING UP AT SALOMON SMITH BARNEY

Prior to enrolling at Touro, where Heshie Lowenbraun graduated *summa cum laude* in 1996, he spent two years learning in Kollel.

During his senior year Mr. Lowenbraun was placed as an intern in the International Accounting Department at Salomon Smith Barney. After earning his degree, Heshie was offered a full-time position in the firm's Financial Consultant Compensation Department. "I am grateful to Touro College for providing me with the education and credentials needed to launch my career," states Mr. Lowenbraun. Heshie lives in Boro Park with his wife and two children



Mazel Tov

— ENGAGEMENTS —

Israel Deutsch to Michelle Reiss
 Uri Schwartz to Faigy Hershkowitz
 Tzvi Hersh Jungreis to Rivky Lesser
 Sheryl Cristol to Robert Sussman
 Yoel Goldblatt to Chana D. Minkowitz
 Libby Landman to Yosef Kohler
 Leah Polansky to Yossie Bean
 Blimi Seidman to Uri Blackman
 Rochel Yarmush to Zevi Schloss
 Yochanan Itzkowitz to Adina Cohen
 Mindy Chait to Yaakov Paneth
 Moishe Greisman to Elisheva Schechter

— MARRIAGES —

Avrohom Dickman to Batsheva Schuster
 Devorah Klein to Moshe Mindick
 Akiva Bronstein to Raquel Gigi
 Avrumi Lowey to Blimi Diamonstein
 Chana Shifra Hammer to Mordy Edelman
 Perl Kahn to Nechemia Brodt
 Chanala Spira to Eli Lessin
 Esti Wollman to Aryeh Klein
 Goldi Friedman to Avi Kappel
 Rifky Bodner to Moishe Bajnon
 Toby Schwarzman to Baruch Moskowicz
 Yellie Levi to Ushi Koenig
 Simi Koenig to Shemaya Eichenstein
 Zehava Mandel to A.J. Sabo
 Leah Krepel to Eliezer Isaac
 Zehava Gelernter to Avromi Taub
 Ari Schwartz to Chava Sarah Parness
 Miriam Berger to Meir Roth
 Debbie Eisdorfer to Yakov Henigson
 Michael Mann to Rena Gordon
 Daniella Steinberg to Mark Lans
 Yanky Mayer to Tzivia Bohm

— BIRTHS —

Yocheved (Trainer) and Ezra Meir Max - Girl
 Sury Nussen and Eli Weinstock - Boy
 Esther (Lapin) and Meir Meisner - Girl
 Batsheva and Dovid Eisenberger - Boy
 Yael and Elchanan Neiman - Boy
 Shoshana (Lerner) and Dovid
 Kipperman - Boy
 Estie (Klein) and Zevy Fried - Girl
 Sharoni and Alan Botwinick - Girl
 Rochel Leah and Aryeh Leib Klainberg - Girl

Bold Type indicates enrollment at Touro

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ACADEMIC SOCIETIES FLOURISH

A variety of academic clubs and societies sponsor lectures, publications, and extra-curricular activities, which enrich the educational experience of students at the Flatbush Campus.

The Speech and Hearing Society, led by Goldie Gantz and Yocheved Ziegler (pictured), has been recognized as an official chapter of the National Students' Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA). The Touro chapter has sponsored a workshop on approaches to treating stuttering and has participated in a support group for treating the speech impairments of aphasic stroke victims.

The Political Science/Pre-Law Association, mounted voter registration drives and recently hosted Congressman Major Owens. The association publishes a newspaper, *Equal Justice*.

The Psychology Club, with branches both in the Men's and Women's Divisions, held an

informative workshop on graduate education and careers in the helping professions and therapy fields. The presenters were Dr. Rashi Shapiro, Ph.D., M.S.W., who described his work as a clinical psychologist; and Naomi Mendelsohn (salutatorian, '95), currently a Ph.D. candidate at Fordham University. The club also sponsored a lecture on clinical hypnosis by Chaya Memelstein C.S.W. and workshops on writing research papers in psychology. Articles are now being edited for the next issue of *Mind over Matter*, the club's journal.



On May 20, 1998, the Accounting and Business Society hosted a double lecture series featuring Milton Gralla, distinguished entrepreneur and philanthropist and Jodi Ryan, manager of recruiting programs at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

4 SENIORS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACCOUNTING

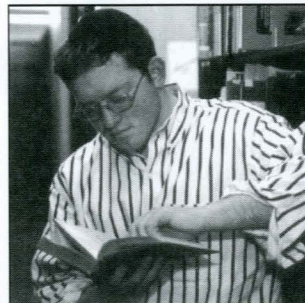
S holom Bogomilsky, Moshe Gelbtuch, Benjamin Karfunkel, and Abraham Schor, seniors at the Flatbush Campus, were recipients of Excellence in Accounting Scholarships for 1997-1998. Dr. Barry Bressler, dean of undergraduate business, has announced.

The scholarships, sponsored by the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, carry a cash award of \$1500.

A total of 76 scholarship recipients were chosen in New York State. Competition for these awards is extremely keen.

"We are gratified by the recognition given directly to these four outstanding students and indirectly to Touro's CPA program" noted Dean Bressler.

Touro also offers a major in managerial accounting, as well as majors in finance, management and marketing, management information systems (MIS) and economics.



DAVID ADLER '97, a management major, enrolled in MS Program in Library Science at the Graduate School of Information and Library Science at Pratt Institute, the oldest such program in the country. Mr. Adler intends to pursue a specialization in law in preparation for a career as a legal librarian.

24 Speech Therapy Majors Enroll in Master's Degree Programs

Twenty-Four graduates of the class of '97, representing an admissions rate of 95%, were accepted to master's programs in speech pathology and audiology. The alumnae are: **Penina Aryeh**, New York University; **Mimi Ashkenazy**, Kean College; **Suri Berger**, Brooklyn, College; **Alonna Bondar**, Brooklyn; **Michel Bressler**, Kean; **Shoshy Frenkel**, Brooklyn; **Gitty Gubitz**, Hofstra University; **Devorah Friedman**, Brooklyn; **Malka Husarsky**, St. Johns Univer-

sity; **Shani Katz**, Adelphi University; **Malki Katzenstein**, Brooklyn; **Shaindy Klein**, Lehman; **Tzippy Lubinsky**, Columbia University; **Chaya Dina Mayer**, Brooklyn; **Rachel Meir**, Brooklyn; **Chani Perlstein**, Brooklyn; **Baila Sax**, Adelphi; **Chana Shurkin**, Hunter; **Barbara Schuster**, William Paterson University; **Devorah Soloff**, Brooklyn; **Devorah Shaefer**, Lehman; **Esther Shwebel**, Adelphi; **Shoshana Thau**, Kean; and **Tamar Weinberg**, Adelphi.