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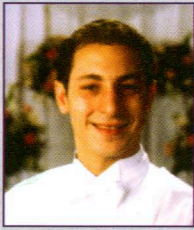
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TOURO AGAIN RANKS AMONG THE VERY BEST IN THE NATION ON THE CPA EXAMINATION



David Fistel

For the fourth consecutive year, Touro College has been ranked among the top five colleges and universities in the U.S. on the National CPA Examination.

The official rankings for the November 2000 test, the most recent exam

for which results have been released, were compiled by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. According to President Bernard Lander, Touro College was the only New York school to make it into the top rankings.

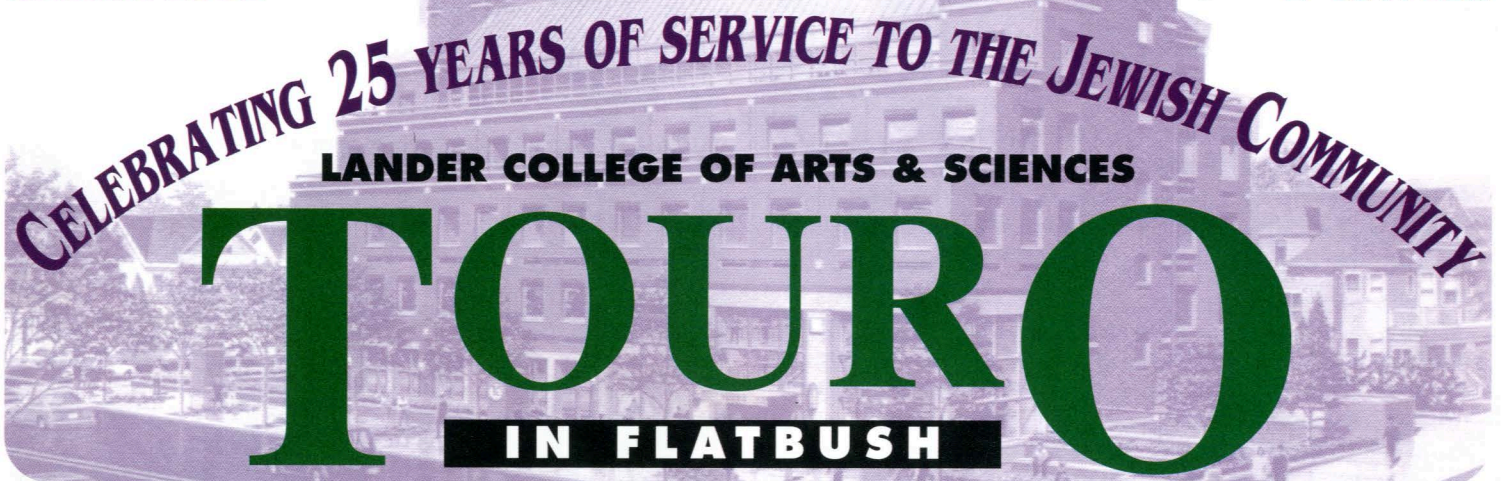
Touro ranked second in the nation on the business law section with an exceptional pass rate of 75%, fol-

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TOURO COLLEGE ENABLES RUSSIAN IMMIGRANT TO ACHIEVE THE DREAM OF MEDICAL SCHOOL

As he stood smiling among 571 baccalaureate and master's degree candidates of The Touro Class of 2001, Chaim Gofman had many reasons to celebrate. He was looking forward to enrolling in medical school in August, having been accepted to Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Chaim was about to achieve his childhood dream of becoming a medical doctor.

Thirty-four years old and the father of four children, Chaim had traveled a long road from his native Russia to Lincoln Center, the site of the 27th commencement exercises.

"I owe a debt of gratitude to the Touro science faculty,

especially to Dr. Emil Kon and Dr. David Lapin, and to Dean Robert Goldschmidt for his continuous support and guidance," said Chaim. "Touro gave me the unique opportunity to complete a rigorous pre-medical program, while maintaining my standards as a Ben Torah," noted Chaim.

At Touro's Flatbush Campus, Chaim excelled in and out of the classroom. "He was always there for fellow students, helping them tackle problems in chemistry and physics, and he always greeted you with a smile," noted the Dean.

Before enrolling at Touro in Flatbush in 1998, Chaim had devoted himself to Klal work in the Russian community.

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Chaim Gofman

SIMCHA FELDER ELECTED TO NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

Simcha Felder '80 was elected to the New York City Council, representing the 44th Council District, on November 6, 2001.

Simcha, who ran a grass roots campaign and gained the endorsement of many community and rabbinic leaders, received over 70% of the votes cast, defeating three opponents on the Republican, Liberal and Independent Party lines. His district, with a population of more than 200,000, covers sections of Midwood, Bor-

ough Park, Bensonhurst and Ditmas Park.

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

More than 600 friends and supporters joined Simcha at City Hall for a festive installation ceremony in Jan-

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ZWIEBEL, WEINBERGER SPEAK ON CAMPUS

Chaim Dovid Zwiebel, executive vice president for government affairs and general counsel of



(L-R) Aaron Twersky '02, Rabbi Chaim Dovid Zwiebel, Zev Brachfeld '03

Agudath Israel of America, was the guest speaker in December, at a meeting of the Touro Accounting and Business Society (TABS).

Rabbi Zwiebel discussed the challenges and opportunities of contemporary askonus, citing many examples from his own experience in public affairs, and encouraged

Touro students to assume Klal responsibilities even as they pursued their career goals. Said Aaron Twersky, an economics major, president of TABS, "All of us were inspired and uplifted by Rabbi Zwiebel's presentation."

Gedaliah Weinberger, the founder of American Healthware, a major computer company, was the featured speaker at the women's Computer Society meeting in December. Rabbi Weinberger, a member of the Board of Governors of Beth Medrash Govoha and a Trustee of Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, explored the various career paths available in high tech computer fields.

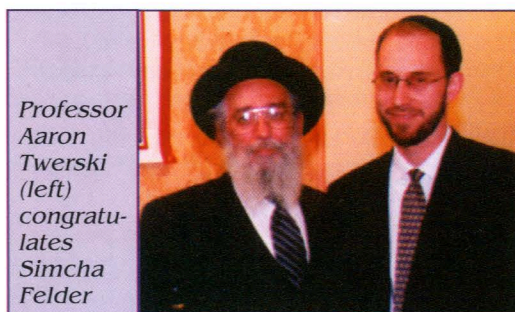
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uary. Those in attendance included Mayor Mike Bloomberg, Senator Charles Schumer, Congressman Jerold Nadler, City Comptroller Bill Thompson, and Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum.

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," he explains,

"and would not have, had Touro not existed. Touro established a school in the neighborhood providing a supportive environment, separate accommodations



Professor Aaron Twerski (left) congratulates Simcha Felder

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

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

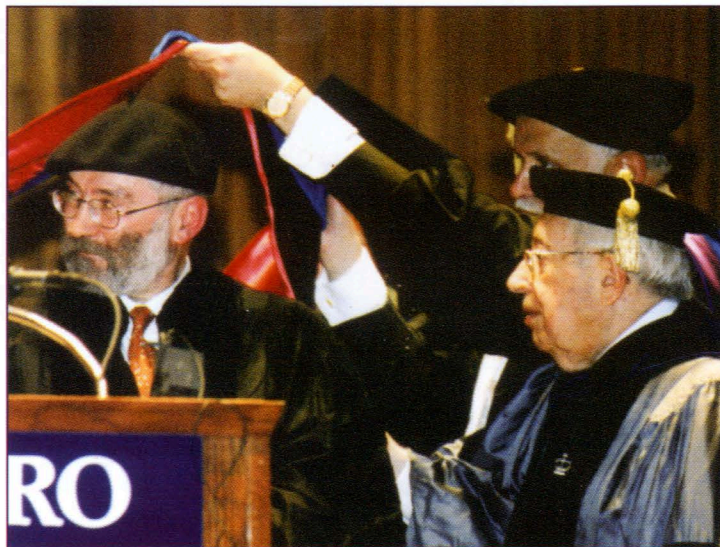
TOURO COLLEGE ENABLES GOFMAN

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When he left Kishinev at the age of 13 and arrived with his family in San Antonio, Texas in 1979, he could not read the Alef Beis. After two years of public schooling, he enrolled at Yeshiva Toras Chaim in Denver. After graduating valedictorian of his class, he was immediately admitted to Beth Medrash Govoha in Lakewood, NJ. In 1989, he undertook a major project of translating Mishnayos into Russian - all of Seder Moed and parts of Seder Zeroim.

In 1991, with the encouragement of eminent Roshei Yeshiva, Chaim Gofman, moved to Vilna, Lithuania, where he helped organize a yeshiva that enrolled 40 boys in its first year. He served as administrator of the yeshiva until 1994, when he returned to Lakewood to continue his Talmudic studies and then received advanced rabbinic ordination.

He and his wife Miriam, and their four children - Mordechai Boruch, Eliyohu, Leah and Shira- live in Lakewood, NJ.



President Bernard Lander awarding Jozef Straus, CEO of JDS Uniphase Corp., an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Commencement 2001 in Lincoln Center

TOURO AGAIN RANKS AMONG THE BEST

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lowing Rutgers University. Touro ranked third on the financial accounting and reporting section. In the ranking of colleges by percentage of their graduates passing all subjects taken, Touro placed second in the United States, immediately behind the University of Virginia.

David Fistel, one of our outstanding students, passed all four parts of the examination on his first attempt, with grades ranging from 88 to 95. David, who has continued his Yeshiva studies, will join Deloitte and Touche as a tax associate in September 2002.

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ALUMNI ACHIEVING THEIR GOALS

CLASS OF '89: Moti Lichtenstein - CEO of Net2Phone Division, IDT Corporation; **Josh Pruzansky** - Executive Director, Rabbi Pesach Rayman Yeshiva, Edison; **CLASS OF '90: David Koegel** - Vice President, Business Network Group, Sterling National Bank; **CLASS OF '91: Mina Spitz, MS SAS** - Program Coordinator of special education services at Yeled V'Yalda; **CLASS OF '92: Chaya Finegold, CPA** - Senior Accountant, Tax Department, Fiduciary Trust Co.; **Steven Fuchs** - Clearing Services Representative, Spear Leeds & Kellogg; **Moshe Aharon Luchins, JD** (Columbia) - Associate Counsel at Zweig, DiMena Assoc., LLC; **Michael B. Yarmish, M.AAA** - Actuarial Associate, The Guardian; **CLASS OF '93: Elana Edell-Lewis** - Speech Therapist, Har Nof, Jerusalem; **Avrohom Leitner, JD** (Columbia) - Associate, Roberts & Holland; **Rivka Grund-Sender, CPA** - Auditor, KPMG, Jerusalem; **CLASS OF '94: Yom Tov Folger, JD** (Columbia) - Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell; **Tzvi Rokeach, JD** (Columbia) - Associate, Robinson Silverman; **Yitzhok Schuss, CPA** - Tax Accountant, Goldman Sachs; **Michael Yampel, CFA** - Lazard Asset Management; **Daniel Yarmish, JD** (Fordham, Editor of Law Review) - Associate, Proskauer Rose; **Judy Neustadt** - Completing her Ph.D. dissertation at Teachers' College, Columbia University; Coordinator of curriculum design at Ramaz Lower School; **CLASS OF '95: Menachem Engel** - Assistant Vice President, Credit Suisse / First Boston; **Miriam Lowenbraun-Lowinger, CPA** - Tax Specialist, Ernst & Young; **Meyer Mintz, CPA, JD** (Brooklyn) - Tax Supervisor at Berdon, LLP; Now pursuing an LL.M. degree at NYU; **Michael Scharf, JD** (Fordham) - Senior Tax Associate,



Shmaya Tovey '95
CPA

Arthur Andersen; **Abe Schlisselfeld, CPA** - Marks, Paneth & Schron; **Shmaya Tovey, CPA** - Tax Manager at KPMG; **CLASS OF '96: Yisroel Grafstein** - Legal administrator at Alliance Capital; pursuing joint MBA-JD at Baruch and Brooklyn Law School; **Shani Adler-Herschberg** - Teacher of Special Education, PS203 in Brooklyn; **Richard Kipperman, JD** (Brooklyn) - Tax Department, Deloitte & Touche; **Eli Slomowitz, CPA** - Manager of Tax Department at Fulvio & Associates; **Boruch Travitsky, CPA** - Senior Accountant, Audit, Banking, Securities Division, Deloitte & Touche; **CLASS OF '97: Dvora Shmulewitz** - will receive her Ph.D. in genetics from Rockefeller University in April; **Elliott Becker, CPA** - Senior Tax Consultant, Banking and Securities Division, Deloitte & Touche; **Chavie Pretter-Tyberg** - Systems analyst, The Federal Reserve; **Shaindy Applegrad** - Principal, Bais Fruma Girls School; **CLASS OF '98: Raanan R. Dvir, CPA** - Ernst & Young; **Batsheva Edell-Kass, CPA** - KPMG, Jerusalem; **Chani Fishman** - System's analyst, American Healthware; **Rivka Hertz** - Investment analyst at Carlin Equities; **Yosef Z. Klein, CPA** - Senior Associate in Tax Department at KPMG; **Sharon Noe** - Systems analyst, The Federal Reserve Bank; **Moshe Stahl** - Japanese Services Group, Deloitte & Touche; **CLASS OF '99: Eugene Guindine** - Investment Performance Analyst, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter; **Shoshana Langer** - Speech Therapist, Kiryas Joel School District, Monroe; **CLASS OF '00: Devora Plonczak** - Systems analyst, MetLife; **Aida Junik**, is pursuing a master's in speech language pathology at Brooklyn College; **Yitti Silkes** - Systems analyst, J.P. Morgan Chase; **Yaffa Silkes** - Systems analyst, Prudential Securities.



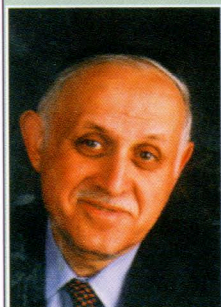
Miriam Lowinger '95
CPA

FROM OUR DEAN

THE SOURCE OF OUR PRIDE

Touro College - Flatbush, over the past 25 years, has touched the lives of thousands of men and women in our community.

This newsletter highlights the source of our pride - alumni who have achieved success in their



professions while leading lives of Torah values and rearing strong Jewish families. What was once a small program is today a major school in a modern campus at Avenue J. As we expand our degree options, our commitment to academic excellence through personalized education within a nurturing Jewish environment remains unchanged.

Dean Robert Goldschmidt

EIGHT GRADUATES PASS BAR EXAMINATION

Eight Touro alumni from the Flatbush Campus passed the New York State Bar Examination in November 2001 and are now pursuing careers at major New York law firms and in public service.

They are:

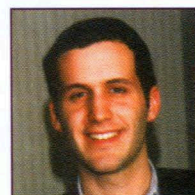
Efraim Diamond '96 - After graduating from Touro with a major in finance, Efraim earned his J.D. at New York University Law School. He is an associate at Paul Weiss. **Shimon Edelstein**



Shimon Edelstein

'96 - Shimon graduated second in his class at Brooklyn Law School and received ten awards at commencement. Shimon is clerking this year for Federal District Court Judge Edward R. Korman, Chief Judge for the Eastern District New York. He will join Sullivan & Cromwell in September. **Shrage Goldschmidt '96** - Class Vale-

dicatorian, Shrage graduated from Columbia Law School, where he served as articles editor of the Columbia Business Law Review and was named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He is an associate in the litigation division at Debevoise & Plimpton. **Dovid Greenfield '98** - Class Vale-



Shrage Goldschmidt

dicatorian, Dovid, a political science major, went on to earn his J.D. at Georgetown University Law School in Washington. In December 2001, he was appointed chief of staff in the office of Assemblyman Dov Hikind. **Yisroel Y. Leshkowitz '95** - Upon graduating from Touro, Yisroel Yaakov passed all four parts of the CPA Examination. He earned his J.D. at

Fordham Law School and is now an associate in the real estate department at Robinson Silverman. **Benjamin J. Lieberman '98** - After graduating with a major in political science, Benjamin pursued his studies at Brooklyn Law School. He is now an assistant district attorney in the criminal division in the Office



Dovid Greenfield

of the Kings County District Attorney. **Esther Noe '97** - A psychology major at Touro, Esther completed her studies at Fordham Law School. She is currently an assistant district attorney in the appeals division in the Office of the Kings County District Attorney. **Alan Schwartz '97** - An accounting major at Touro, Alan earned his J.D. at Fordham Law School. He is now an associate at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy.

LOOKING BACK

'FOR ME TOURO WAS LIFE ALTERING'

Life has been both fascinating and adventuresome since my graduation from Touro College almost a decade ago. The journey I have taken has led me to a momentous meeting with Dean Goldschmidt. It is with tremendous gratitude to Hashem that I find myself in the position of forming a relationship between Touro College and a new girl's high school,



A. Ginian

Reenas Bais Yaakov, in Hewlett, Long Island.

Working at varied business ventures, traveling, cramming - there have always been goals to pursue, but it was actually at that pivotal, life altering institution named Touro College that my true and enduring goals for the future were redefined and established. What I experienced at Touro in Flatbush was a safe and supportive environment to exercise my burgeoning independence; I had the opportunity to discover talents and nurture the seedlings of future success. A number of ideas crystallized for me during that time: among them the importance of giving to the community, and that holding a college

By Ari Ginian '93

degree could be used in the services of Torah and the Klal.

In fact, in measuring success by standards of ruchniyus, I am humbled and impelled to aspire to greater heights. I can count now over a decade of experience working for the klal, first as executive director of a then brand new boys Yeshiva, establishing a preschool, elementary and high school for boys, and a kollel, and presently as executive director of Reenas Bais Yaakov. In my role of American representative of Yeshivat Ner Yaakov (Eretz Yisroel), I have the opportunity to assist students with post-Yeshiva educational direction. I am gratified to know that Touro offers the students the same opportunities for continued growth and achievement as it did for me. And now b'ezras Hashem, as it will for the students of Reenas Bais Yaakov.

These crucial years have taught me that in order to make a significant impact, one cannot go through life on cruise control. Driving with force and vigilance requires focus and creativity. This entails as well driving with a stickshift because of life's ever-abundant opportunities for change and growth.

COMING HOME

'I AM PROUD TO SAY I WAS THERE, WHEN....'

As I parked in front of the impressive building in the heart of Flatbush's Avenue J in preparation for my meeting with the Dean of Students, I was gripped by an intense feeling of nostalgia. It is hard to believe that this beautiful building, its halls bustling with students, is the same Touro College that I attended in the Spring of 1979. It was a proud feeling to be able to say "I was there, when...."

I was there when Touro College, in an effort to provide religious women with an opportunity to earn a legitimate college degree in a frum environment, opened its doors in the basement of Young Israel of Avenue K with twelve students. I was there when Touro College arranged and paid for transportation for all of us with a frum female driver so that our parents wouldn't have to worry about how we got home late at night. I was there through

By Sora Schechter-Yaroslavitc '84

moves to PS 199 and to the Shulamith Building. I was there when Touro Flatbush, a seedling of an idea, was planted. And as all seeds grow when watered and nurtured, Touro grew....and grew.

I graduated Touro as an accountant and married Moshe Yaroslavitc, also a Touro graduate who was in the first Touro Flatbush Men's Division class. He too has the fondest memories of those early Touro years, when the feelings of camaraderie between faculty, administration and students gave education an entirely different profile. He spent seventeen years employed in private accounting firms and

now runs his own accounting practice.

Early in our marriage, our second child was diagnosed with complete deafness, visual impairment and autism. Through multiple surgeries, therapies, hard work, and heavenly intervention, our daughter hears, sees and interacts normally. It was about her college education that I came to meet with the Dean that day, and was rewarded by the Touro's "open arms" policy. I had indeed "come home".

Throughout the last 18 years, as I raised my daughter and learned more about various disabilities and how they could be overcome, I decided



to continue my own education and pursue studies in rehabilitation. My degree from Touro

College helped me matriculate at SUNY-Downstate where I graduated as an occupational therapist. I have since opened a private practice, Hand to Heart Therapy, Inc., which treats children ages birth to eighteen with many varied disabilities. We incorporate a behavioral and sensory approach in treatment.

My husband, Moshe, also affected by our experiences, has established and directed Haazinu Charitable Foundation.

It is an emotional experience to return to the institution that contributed directly to my family's professional accomplishments and to relive history through my children.