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### Israel Needs Volunteers

#### by Natan Kahn

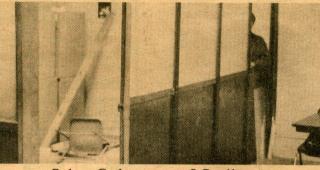
The Middle East has quieted down since this turbulent summer, but there is still much work to be done, especially in Israel. This summer a number of students from Touro, including S.G. President Leon Blankrot, volunteered to work for the State of Israel. They went to Israel and spent two months doing such things as guarding settlements and agricultural work. They also learned to speak Hebrew better and got a feel for the land and its people.

The Jewish Agency is continuing this successful volunteer program on a smaller scale during the year. Kenny Fishman, the director of the program has set up such a volunteer program specifically for Touro students during intersession. Students would leave for Israel on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11 and return on Thursday evening, Feb. 3. We would work from 8am to 4pm five days a week, with all food and lodging included. Weekends are free to visit Jerusalem, get some sun in Eilat, or do whatever appeals to you.

The cost for the entire program, including food, lodging, and round-trip airfare is \$550. This is very reasonable because it is approximately half the cost of a round-trip ticket to Israel. The Jewish Agency is subsidizing the rest of the cost.

As you may have noticed, the departure date is on the second day of finals week, and the return date is on the fourth day of the new semester. This is nothing to worry about since Dean Goldschmidt has already approved the program. However, you must speak with your teachers and be sure you can take all your finals during the first two days, or even earlier.

For those of you interested in this program, please contact me at my home number (212) 496-9348 or call Jay Epstein at (212) 496-0635. There are a limited number of applications, so please call me as soon as possible.



Before: Garbage strewn S.G. office.



After: Sans garbage, with desk and chairs

### **Info Center Opens**

### by Leon Blankrot

For the past few years, one notices an increasing amount of apathy at Touro College, not only in school functions, but as roles we must fulfill as Jews. Location of the school has given us the opportunity to make our voices heard. A few blocks away is the U.N., a block away the Soviet airlines office-Aeroflot. One would think that Touro students would be found demonstrating or protesting, but as you very well know, that is not the case.

As Jews, we have an obligation to be aware of what is occuring around the world, whether it be Soviet Jewry, Falashas, Israel, or antisemitism. Therefore, the Touro College men's division is pleased to announce the beginning of several Jewish awareness programs. The first, which was held November 21st on the eighth floor dealt primarily with the invasion of Lebanon by the Israel Defense Forces. Through films, exhibits, literature, and speakers, Touro students were presented with background information on why it had to happen as well as a look at the bias coverage by the international media.

Other important topics include exhibits on life in Israel, 

information on moving to Israel, and pertinent information in the Jewish world. We hope through these programs we will enrich your understanding, as well as spur you to take an active role in Jewish affairs.



### **Dean Goldschmidt Keeps Promises**

#### by Ronnie Freudenberger

In the last issue of the Independant Dean Goldschmidt promised the student body that various improvements would be made on the facilities in the men's division. In recent weeks, Dean Goldschmidt has rectified many of the Men's Division problems with the facilities. One such problem was the lack of a Student Gov't office. The Dean arranged to have the office cleared and had a desk and a filing cabinet put in. In spite of these improvements the office still lacks a phone and is missing a wall panel.

Not only did the Student Government receive an office but the newspaper also received an office which is now located on the fourth floor.

Much to the surprise of the student body, the 8th floor lounge recently received a paint job, a new, beautiful yellow color. At this point in time the Beth-Ha Medresh is now in fair condition and most of the books are out of their boxes and have been shelved.

Major improvements were made on the food machines. At the time we went to press four out of five of the machines were in working order.

The students demand for lockers was also met. Anyone who wishes to obtain a locker should go into Dean Goldschmidt's office.

The student body greatly appreciates the administration's

**Registration** Fever

students, Men's and Women's Divisions, will be held on the following dates: returning Manhattan students, December 21st and 22nd, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.; returning Flatbush students, men and women, December 28 and 29th, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; new Manhattan students, January 27 at a time to be announced; new

Spring registration for LAS Flatbush students, January 31st and February 1st, between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Late registration for Manhattan students will be held February 10th between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Late registration for Flatbush students will be announced at a later date. All registration will take place at the Main Campus, 30 West 44th Street at building locations which will be posted.

response but there are still a few things that can be done. The video cassette recording system that was promised has yet to be purchased. Also, a sandwich machine and video games will make Touro's Men's Division much more comfortable.

### Israeli **Refutes U.S.** Media **Bias**

by Cherie Oppenheim

One evening in the end of November, 1982 Gideon Shekel of the Israeli Board of Tourism spoke at Touro. About 25 students attended.

According to Shekel, the Arabs are trying to clear up their image, and do a lot of propagandizing right on American college campuses. A very important aspect of his job is counteracting their influence. His weapons include speaking engagements and films showing the Israeli viewpoint.

Shekel began by viewing with us an example of such a filmscript. Entitled "The Meaning of Liberation," the 23minute movie showed the Israeli/Lebanese version of the recent Beirut war.

After "The Meaning of Liberation," Shekel spoke for about 45 minutes on the history of Lebanon, before during and after the war this summer.

After his talk we had the opportunity to ask him questions. He was asked why he thought the American press was so anti-Israel. Shekel responded by laying partial blame on the Israeli government themselves. It had nothing to lose by letting journalists have the complete facts last summer. When they could not get facts from the Israeli side, they went straight to the Palestinians. According to Shekel, it would have been in Israel's best interest to allow journalists as much free inquiry as possible.

# **News From the S.G. Bowling For Scholars** —

### But W.D. Strikes Out

#### By M.L.

A \$20 cash prize was offered by the Student Government for the highest bowling score in a single game. This provoked heated competition during Touro's Bowling Night.

Ricky Kampf bowled a 200 in the first game. He was looking good and was already making plans about spending the \$20 prize.

Dean Goldschmidt and the

Student Government were able

to procure gym facilities for the

Beginning February 1st the

men will have access to the

West Side Gym on 91st and

Riverside Drive from 5:30-8:00

every Wednesday night.

men's and women's divisions.

dreams of his own, however. So eager was he to own a green portrait of Andy Jackson that by his 8th frame he had a mark (either a spare or a strike) in each prior frame. For a while it seemed like Ricky would be outdone.

Ricky witnessed that fateful 8th frame, since he already finished his game. He also watched the 9th frame, where Jay Rand had investment Jay missed a spare. This pleased

Ricky since the spoils of war went to him; Jay only finished with a score of 180.

21 people showed up for this event. Last year, the women bowlers outnumbered the men by a ratio of 1.5 to 1. This year only one woman was able to come to the bowling event.

The Student Government hopes more Touro-ites will come to these activies in the future.

### **Touro Gets Physical**

### By Yitzhak Gold

Membership cards for the Y.W.C.A. on Lexington Ave. and 53rd St. will be available for Touro Women. All those who are interested should contact an S.G. officer. The membership is good for a full vear.

Additionally,

cost of both gyms.

the long awaited purchase of a V.H.S. video system will be made the week of Dec. 20. Dean Goldschmidt raised the money for it and in order to avoid any misunderstanding the Student Board will select it.

### Congrats To Touro "Who's Who"

The school is subsidising the

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### Corrections

It has come to the attention of the Editors that the following names were omitted from last issue's mast head; Lisa Klein, Shira Prince, Chana Whinston. These omissions were purely accidental. The editorial board regrets this mistake.

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# **To The Editors**

The official publication of the Touro College Student Body. All

editorials represent the majority opinion of the editorial board as ex-

#### Dear Editor,

How many times have you called Touro's Financial Aid office, been placed on hold or spoken to one of the ladies and been told to call back in two weeks? How many times after those two weeks have you continued calling and still received no answer?

THE

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It's a shame that in a school that needs students (such as Touro), the Financial Aid office fights against us rather than with us.

I thought that I was the only student being hassled, but I'm not. Why is it that the office is so irresponsible that they lose our forms? Aren't these people hired for their dependability as well as their knowledge of the job. I could understand a delay if there were thousands of students, but they are dealing with only a few hundred. For a school that has been established ten years, one would think that this important problem would have been solved by now.

When students are paying five thousand dollars to attend a private school, they obviously want the best education they can receive . Touro has the finest group of Rabbis, Rebetzen and professors a school could ever find. Why

should students pass up this kind of education when all the Financial Aid office has to do is get its act together.

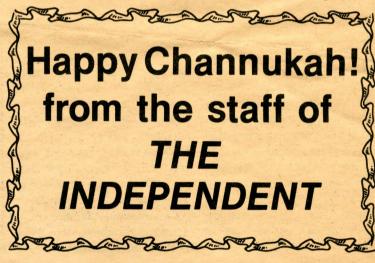
Why do our students have to be harassed, delayed and mistreated for errors that aren't always our fault.

Will there ever be a day that our students will look forward to making a visit to the financial aid office and return not only less frustrated, but with the answer they wanted to hear.

It would benefit Touro to hire someone who could communicate with our students. We need a person who can inform us about work study immediately, and if that's not available, they should give us access to where other aid can be attained. There must be over two dozen girls in the women's division alone, who are still waiting to hear about work study. It's amazing how we are told the results some time into the 2nd semester, and then it's a little late.

If Touro's Financial Aid office did its job properly, we wouldn't have so many students who have to go out into the community in search of a job that should be only steps away. Signed,

A Concerned Sophomore



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Suri Kasirer

**David Seidemann** 

### **TOURO PEOPLE Touro Wants YOU**

#### by Evan Lowenthal

This year Touro has established an active office of Recruitment directed by Suri Kasirer and David Seidemann.

"I dislike the title 'recruiter'," protested David. "It is a narrow minded term. I don't only go out there and get students to come to Touro; Suri and I are more than solely recruiters." The following interview proves him correct.

Ind: How would you appraise vour first year so far?

David: Suri and I view it as successful. We have helped deliver Touro's message, and we have also tried to establish a reputation for efficiency in this office.

Ind: Describe the nature of your work.

Suri: As Director of Admissions I visit schools in the metropolitan area to speak about Touro. I interview and meet with students as well as process application. I try to give my work a personal touch; I don't want to be an impersonal bureaucrat.

David: Most of my time has been spent on the road. I use my contacts that I established working for NCSY among various community leaders throughout the country. I have visited most of the major Jewish communities in the U.S. for Touro. In the last 3 weeks alone I reached about 400 kids, most whom were basically unaware of Touro.

Ind: What do you see as the message of Touro?

David: I stress personalized education. Touro is the only Jewish institution that can provide high quality secular and Jewish education on a college level with an emphasis on the individual.

Suri: Touro gives its students the opportunity to learn Judaic subjects on a college level in a Jewish environment.

David Seidemann travelled the country for NCSY and had

been regional director of the Catskill region, and most recently, the Central East region.

Suri Kasirer has taught and done administrative work for Ulpana Ohr Torah in Queens. She has also taught at Lincoln Square Synagogue and currently heads its Talmud Torah for public school students, a position she has held for the past 3 years. David described her as 'one of the finest administrators in lewish community work todav

Ind: You said that "recruiter" is an inaccurate title. Please eleaborate.

David: Our office effects students already in the school as well as prospective students. I believe in Touro, but the best satisfied advertisement is customers. To that aim, we work internally as well. We make friends with Touro-ites and they help us recruit. If Touro becomes magnificent, starting with this office, Suri and I have a much easier job.

by Steve Geller

look at Dani Zev to place him as

a guy who spent three years in

the Israeli Army. At first glance,

he resembles the tank itself, not

to start him talking about his ex-

periences however, you

become aware of a sensitivity

not-so-deeply hidden by his

Dani, a junior at Touro, was

born in New York and lived

here until he was nine years old,

at which time he and his family

moved to Israel. Upon com-

pleting Yeshiva there, he and

his friends went into the Israeli

Armies Tank Corps, He spent

easy going good nature.

Once you are lucky enough

its driver.



A funny thing happened on the way to the polls in November. Liberal bastions such as Brooklyn went conservative and conservative strongholds such as Westchester County voted liberal. Brooklyn, which has a large percentage of religious Jews is certainly allowed to alter its voting pattern. However, the reason for the switch is very disturbing.

One letter, distributed by so called Jewish Leaders, exhorted conscientious Jews, to vote against rights for "sexual deviates." It went on to condemn the eighties as the worst in history, where murder and immorality go unpunished. A vote for Cuomo would be sentencing us to the mercy of a sick society.

Unraveling the rhetoric, these people seek the dealth penalty for criminals and something even worse for gays. Underlying these requests is an attempt to disregard liberal values.

The question is, do these leaders know what they are really saving? They have contempt for the seventies and eighties, but which decade would they like to return.?

The sixties? A decade of fire. Everything burned. Politicians, draft cards, bras, jungles, villages. Bullets, fire, napalm, personified those years.

The fifties? Street wars, Korean war, escalation of the

Russian Viet-Nam war, Expansion—there was much misery.

The forties? A decade so notorious that world civilization was on the brink of destruction.

The thirties? With the ablebodied men selling apples on every corner.

One can go through each century, decade or year, and I'll take the death penaltyless hell of the present than the utopias of the past every time.

The liberal policies the U.S.A. has for minorities is unequaled in any age. To rational men this is a blessing. Yet it appears that some people are getting cocky. Their rights insured, they are attempting to limit others. It is ironic that the leaders who speak out against Jews being to smug in exile are themselves unconscience.

by Yitzhak Gold.

Bar one group from the public forum and it could-G-d Forbid-cause an avalanche of similar legislation. And how will the Jews protect themselves? Wear a sign around their neck reading "Nolo Meo Tangero" (Do not touch me.)

Constant vigilance is needed to insure that individual rights are respected. It is true that liberal values have their drawbacks. Unfortunately any known alternative is unthinkable.

### "You Go To WHAT?"

by Shira Prince

As a student at Touro, I find that I am often faced with the problem of the school's "image" in both the secular-collegiate and ludaic-collegiate worlds. Attending Touro does not come easily to most students.

Be it Jew or non-Jew, one is ceaselessly bombarded with questions such as "why do you go to Touro? "What kind of school is that?" and, of course, the never ending statement, "I've never heard of it! Don't they make lawnmowers?"

I find myself continuously reflecting upon the reasons that I chose Touro, while at the same time trying to rationalize them

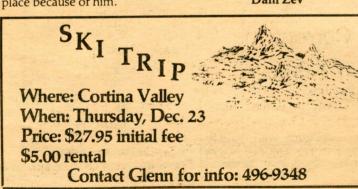
in my mind. I have yet to come across one student who has not had similar thoughts and problems.

That is not to say that I'm not happy at Touro, nor to infer that it is not a good school. It is simply that it is not an "easy" school to attend. While students at Harvard & Yale will not say that being enrolled in their colleges are easy, they mean it in a totally different sense: The curriculum is the most difficult aspect of such Ivy-League colleges. When in a gathering of fellow students, they may proudly announce the schools that they go to, with the knowledge that it will be well-received, and will even grant them a measure of esteem in others' eyes. Touro students however, must often be prepared to explain the school itself, and subsequently to state and to defend their reasons for going there.

This image problem extends to all areas of the school, including Touro student government events Touro may be events as well-planned and innovative as those of other schools but, they do not have a drawing power anywhere near that of the other colleges. This may be explained, in part, by our small student body, which leaves less potential students to draw from. This however does not answer why, as a general rule, students from other colleges refuse to attend Touro events. Is it because they are not aware of them, or is it due to other reasons which are harder to admit?

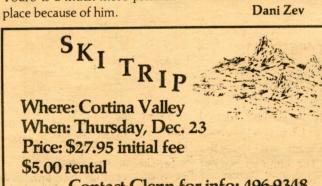
three years in the army and is now studying business at

accent and has had no trouble assimilating with Touro's tionately called "Sarge", Dani's warmth and sense of humor add Touro is a much more pleasant



Saluting "Sarge" Did you know that there is a student at Touro who used to Touro. Dani has no trace of an Israeli drive a Sherman tank to work? It would take more than one

American-Jewish environment after being away so long. Affecto the company he's with.



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### Walking And Talking In New York

### by Shira Prince

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This article is designed primarily to give non New Yorkers some practical guidelines to living in N.Y.C. In addition, it has been written from a factual and unbiased perspective.

1) Definition of "out-oftowner": those individuals, creatures and generally animate organisms who do not habitually reside within the state of New York, its boundaries, or any set of perimeter thereof. This includes New Jersey as well New York and New Jersey, for all practical purposes, are one and the same, the primary distinctions between the two states being in the spelling of the suffixes Y-O-R-K and J-E-R-S-E-Y.

2) Differentiating between New Yorker and non-New Yorker: virtually any individual with one iota of intelligence can immediately tell the difference between a New Yorker and a non-New Yorker; New Yorkers may be seen running down the streets at all hours of the day or night, regardless of the number of people trampled upon in the process; New Yorkers follow the traffic color-coding system particular to that state and not embraced by any of the other states in the nation. (That is, red signifies speed up, green maintain maximum cruising speed of 73 when people present, and yellow interpret and proceed as desired.) Care should be taken by all non-natives to relearn



these traffic laws while residing in the state.

3) General and Everyday Etiquette: Unfortunately for nonresidents, states outside of New York do not endorse the "Charles Manson School of Charm" educational system. As a result, non-New Yorkers often feel that they are being treated by New Yorkers in a manner that this author carefully terms "rude", "obnoxious" or "downright disgusting". Some tips to help non-natives in their everyday dealings with New Yorkers:

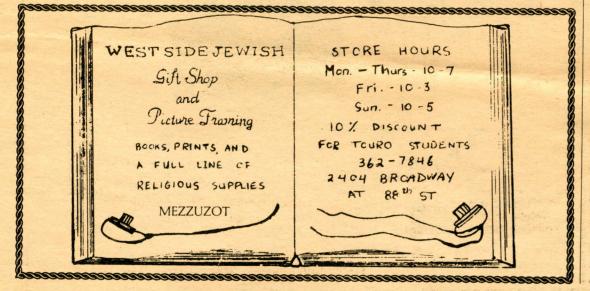
a. Although graffiti uncovered by archaeologists in pre-Byzantine subway tunnels tend to indicate etymological evolution, and hecne, previous societal acceptance of such terms as "PLEASE" and "THANK YOU", keep in mind that New Yorkers are not currently familiar with such terms. Rather, the only individuals within New York who may presently be found using thse archaic terms are out-oftowners, beggars and shopping bag ladies.

h. Incorporation of such current slang as GIMME, HURRY UP, and ME FIRST into one's vocabulary will help a nonnative to blend into New York society.

c. Always remember that no words within the state of New York may end in the letter "R". (For example: Jennifer should be pronounced Jennifuh; waterwatuh; robber-robbuh).

d. Athletes proficient in virtually every dangerous sport will instruct trainees to maintain stances which are most conducive to their safety while competing. Advanced subway riding is no different. While sitting on the subway bench, individuals should always keep their heads bent, downward at a 45 degree angle, eyes lowered (preferably focusing on newspaper headlines), knees and feet close together, left arm resting upon left knee (while elbow remains parallel to abdomen), and thumb and forefinger of right hand cluthing mace trigger in right front pant pocket.

With a bit of effort, these guidelines should hopefully aid any non-New Yorker in adapting quickly and smoothly to the people and characteristics of that state, while at the same time enabling him to acquire some worthwhile, New Yorkish character flaws.



### Milling Around The Village

The Independent

#### by Natan Kahn

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If you go to school in New York City and have not visited Greenwich Village, then you are missing out on a whole new experience. The Village is an area in Manhattan between West Fourteenth Street and Houston Street that is comprised of outdoor cafes, variety clubs, and Off-Broadway plays.

The first stop on our agenda is the Olive Tree Cafe located on MacDougal Street. The Olive Tree is much more than just a cafe/bar. It is a place where people can spend a quiet evening enjoying the simple pleasures of life,

The tables are made of heavy chalkboards and each table comes equipped with a supply of chalk for doodling or drawing masterpieces. Games such as backgammon, chess, or checkers can be rented for around a dollar an hour.

It is advisable to get a table at the back of the cafe because silent Charlie Chaplin movies are continuously shown on a screen. Food and drinks are served in the Cafe, but there is no cover charge or minimum.

Towards the back of the Olive Tree is a stairwell leading downstairs to what used to be a piano bar. Recently, however, it has been converted into the Comedy Cellar, which is a showcase for up and coming comics. The Cellar is open 7 days a week, as is the Cafe. It opens at 8 pm with the first show beginning at 8:30 pm and the second show at 11pm. The Comedy Cellar has a \$5 cover charge and a \$5 food and drink minimum per customer. Food and a wide variety of drinks are also served in the Cellar.

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New York as seen fro

sure to sit at the tables in order to hear the bands well.

This Saturday night Greg Trooper, a hard rock-n-roller, and his band will by playing at Kenny's together with the Starters, a band with more of a "pop" sound. Shows start at 9:30pm and 12am and go until around 2:30am. There is a 2 drink minimum at the tables (no cover), with drinks ranging from \$1.75 to \$3.00.

A favorite music spot that is a bit cozier and less noisy than Kenny's is the Back Fence. The Back Fence is located on the corner of Bleecker Street just down the block from Kenny's. Tables comprise most of the floor space with a small stage for bands in the corner.

This Saturday night three different groups will be performing at the Back Fence in 45 minute sets per group. Fresh Air is a trio of two guitars and a flute, James Tragas is a solo guitarist, and Train Driver is a trio of three guitars. There is continuous music from 8:30pm until 4am when the club closes. There is a 2 drink minimum (no cover) with drinks ranging from \$1.25 to \$3.00.

These are just some of the innumerable spots to check out in the Village. To get the most out of the Village, you must not be afraid to explore. Sometimes a musty-looking storefront turns out to be a bastion of undiscovered talent.

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These are just some of the innumerable spots to check out in the Village. To get the most out of the Village, you must not be afraid to explore. Sometimes a musty-looking storefront turns out to be a bastion of undiscovered talent.

### Cameras, Lights, And Action

#### by Chana Whinston

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### "Rising Star"

#### by Rick Kampf

For a night of laughter and pure enjoyment, the place to go is "Catch a Rising Star," located in the heart of New York City at 1st Ave. between 77th & 78th St.

It is the "in" spot for college students and young adults. "Catch" is one of the dozen or so clubs for young comics to test their original material on "live" audiences in the toughest city in the country. Monday night, is audition night.

Some of the now famous stars who started out in "Catch" include Billy Crystal, Gabe Kaplan, David Brenner, Robin Williams and Pat Benatar. Every so often top name stars come in and make a guest appearance. Robin Williams and Rodney Dangerfield have appeared in recent weeks.

The show starts promptly at 9:00 p.m. and many in the audience can get involved in the hilarious routines. It is impossible to believe that the time passed so quickly the show ended at about 2:00 a.m. It is a night of guaranteed continuous laughter.

Reservations are recommended and should be made after 5 p.m. on the day of the show.

### "The Comic Strip"

### by Arthur Frisch

Midterms are over, and you, and a friend are determined to spend your evening doing something different. For a great night for laughs head on down to "the Comic Strip" one of the better known comedy showcases here in Manhattan.

A Couple Of Comic Clubs

Located at 1586 2nd Ave\* (bt. 81st and 82nd) the Comic Strip offers an evening with some of the more famous names in comedy and some of the less known as well. Rodney Dangerfield, Eddie Murphy, Joe Piscopo and Jackie Mason are just some of the names representing the famous guests. But the fun is watching a performance by Abby Stein or Gilbert Gottfried.

Ms. Stein's quick witted material is especially good. While many of today's female comics dwell on the difficulties of wearing pantyhose and

There is a cover charge of \$4.00 on weekdays and \$5.00 on Saturday nights. There is also a two drink minimum.

Go once and you will undoubtedly love it, and you will be provided with some funny new jokes that will delight your family and friends.

dating creeps (or is that wearing creeps and dating panty hose) Ms. Stein manages to make the audience feel at ease and enjoy their evening out.

Gilbert Gottfried though shy on stature is big on laughs. He recently received a Charlie. This is an award given out by the Association of Comedy Artist, named in remembrance for one of this centuries greatest comics, Charle Chaplin.

The Comic Strip have a \$6.00 cover and 2 drinks minimum on Fri.-Sat. with shows starting at 9:00 and 12:00 on Friday. Sat there are 2 shows the 1st start 8:30 the 2nd at 12 o'clock. Reservation should be made a day in advan e before 4 p.m. Sun-Thursday \$4 cover plus 2 drink minimum. So put a smile on your face and Johe in your heart and try the Comic Strip, you'll be glad you did.





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by Bernie Breen

Humanities requirements-or

perhaps his transcripts were lost

somewhere between the post-

man and the admissions office

and he must make up three

years worth of credits,

whatever his reason, Apathy

returns year after year. Apathy

runs rampant through the halls

of Touro College. The students

Maybe he hasn't fulfilled his

### From The **Dean Of Students** Robert Goldschmidt

### **Coping With Stress**

A few simple steps will help college students minimize stress. First, organize and structure your weekly schedule. This should eliminate the need for cramming in pre-exam periods. Set priorities: some problems must be dealt with immediately, others may be deferred. Decide what is important and what is secondary. Do not allow yourself to be upset by minor irritants that occur in our daily lives.

Secondly, give yourself plenty of time for rest, exercise and relaxation. Without adequate sleep you cannot function properly. Work-out regularly at the local gym or at the Y. If you have breaks between classes, take a walk around campus. Go to a concert, or movie or museum weekly. Pursue a hobby!

Third, remember that your fellow-classmates/room-mates are individuals with the same needs, fears and problems as yourself. If you are bothered by their behavior, make an effort to talk things over.

Above all, do not forget that all of us face difficulties or crises at one time or another. See a counselor with whom you can discuss problems confidentially. Seeking help is neither shameful nor a sign of weakness or failure. It is the right thing to do.

themselves in situations involving a great deal of stress. Although problems and pressure may build at any time (especially during exam season), the freshman year and the senior year are typically the most stress-filled periods.

Stress symptoms are both physical and psychological. Physically, people under continuous stress will feel constantly fatigued and weak. They may have difficulty sleeping and periods of sleep will be fitful and not restful. These individuals will also complain of headaches.

The outlook and frame of mind of this person will be pessimistic. The world will appear to be too heavy a burden. Problems will be seen everywhere. There is a sensation that one is unable to cope with the tasks and responsibilities one faces. There will be a tendency to engage in escapist behavior, to "step outside" the boundaries of the everyday world.

Research studies have shown that some stress is actually good for you. When placed occasionally in such a situation, individuals will perform beyond their routine, normal level, and difficult goals and targets will be reached. Continuous, noninterrupted stress-conditions, on

come and go as does the money College students often find and the professors, but Apathy remains behind. My first encounter with Apathy was in the fall semester of 1981. A student government member was putting up a poster about the party to "Barnum"

Hearing laughter behind me I turned around to see who the person might be. I asked him if he was a new student. He told me that he had been in Touro for a quite a while and that he was a pre-med. He liked the sound of it: Dr. Apathy. I remarked, "that's funny, you

don't look Jewish!" So, it was Apathy who talked me out of my first Touro event. We became very friendly, apathy and I. It got to be that we no longer went anywhere without each other. We attended classes together and made a pact not to do anything about the absence of labs in Bio or the absence of computers in basic. We also decided not to attend student government meetings since they were boring and someone inevitably would ask you to be on some committee

the other hand, are harmful to your health. They may result in ulcers, high-blood pressure and strokes. Or, there may be a tendency to resort to tranquillizers and drugs.

or other. Being active was out! Apathy and I opted to watch T.V. in the lounge whenever there was a speaker or a rally. Of course we always were sure to back up each others excuse when asked to attend an event.

Who Cares About Apathy?

One time my friends convinced me that I spent too much time with Apathy and that I was becoming a hermit. I saw their point and left Apathy behind with the T.V. and went to the Purim Chagigah. I was embarressed to admit that I had a good time. First of all we all know that Touro college events are losers and second of all it would make me look pretty stupid after all of the events I had missed out on with Apathy. I began to see Apathy in a different light.

Hearing students complain-

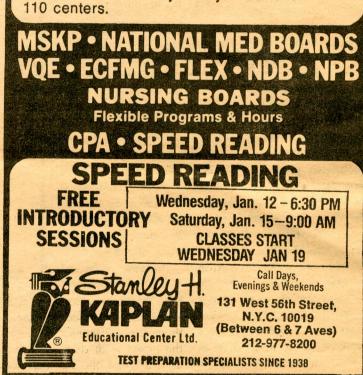
ing about various aspects of the college, I approached them and suggested that we air our complaints in the Dean of Students' office. Apathy informed us that the Dean wouldn't listen to us anyway and with that the group dispersed. Later I spoke to the students but they had all been influenced by Apathy not to take action on the things which bothered them.

I still run into Apathy every now and then, but I try my best to avoid him. Unfortunately it appears as if the numbers influenced by him increase daily. I believe that if the student body would get together we could help Apathy pass his Humanities, find his transcripts, and graduate him in January. Otherwise who's to say how long he might hang around?

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### A Hotel Beverly Hillbilly Laments

#### by Peanuts

Everyone tells me that the most exciting part of city life is at night. There are a variety of things to do: you can go to plays, movies, a disco, a restaurant or just watch people in the streets and you'll never fail to be entertained.

It can take some getting used to for someone who comes from a small country town where a double feature consists of a cricket concert and a five fly sky light show. Instead of smelling pizza and the nearby deli, you get a whiff of a skunk stickup.

There is another side to city night life aside from the early night activities. The rush and noise is never pacified. Being awake at 3 in the morning a few nights ago made me an eyewitness to that fact.

The garbage truck is fed four times on every block and it sure knows how to guzzle it down while the street sweeper paces the streets like an expectant father.

Our local construction workers seem to think that they can conserve energy by drilling at night. I seriously believe that slam resistant doors would bring a big boom to the automobile industry. And you always have those nightingales who have to scream to be heard over the herds of taxis, zooming to their post-midnight dragraces. For some reason there are always more fires at night or is it that it is easier for the fire department to spot them in the dark?

If you're one of those people who enjoy the hustle and noise of the city, 50th street and Lexington offers front row seats. But if you're a country bumpkin, I'd advise you to shut your windows put your head under your pillow and maybe try to pay more attention to the mice and other such critters which will bring back memories of home.

### Fighting The War Of Words

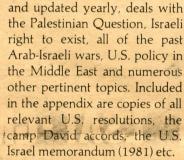
#### by Rina Prince

How many times have you been confronted with anti-Israel propaganda? Have you ever wished that you had the facts to back your position, but not known where to turn to find them? Would you be able to answer these Arab claims?

"Arabs were displaced by Jewish settlement." "Menachem Begin, who was head of the Irgun, is a terrorist just like Yasir Arafat." "The Arab states have had to keep pace with an Israeli led arms race."

If you want to be capable of intelligently defending your position by winning alterations with fact- filled rebuttals or if you simply desire to know the facts for your own peace of mind, I highly recommend that you procure a copy of Myths & Facts 1982—A concise record of the Arab-Israel conflict.

The book, which is revised

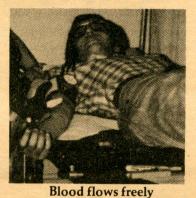


With the aid of numerous charts and maps to supplement the written material, the reader can gain a complete understanding of the Arab-Israel conflict and all of its ramifications.

The book is published by AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) the only group registered to lobby on Capitol Hill on issues affecting Israel. It is well written, easily comprehensible, logically organized, and should be read by anyone who is interested in knowing the facts concerning the Middle East.

only in Israel for the holidays

from the Torah is a reason



### THE VAMPIRE STRIKES BACK

**By: Abby Aronson** On Monday November 22, 1982 many diligent Touro students were faced with a serious dilemma—should they cut a class and give blood or should they just cut a class.

Forty three students decided to roll up their sleeves and donate a pint of blood. Eight of the college's finest from the administrative offices and faculty were caught lying down on the job. In all, 54 people registered, 38 pints were drawn and 16 people were deferred until the next full moon.

The dizzying effects of the day were well compensated for with jelly beans and doughnuts. For all those who took time out from their busy schedules— THANK-YOU! you truly are wonderful human beings. As Dr. Lowin once said, "Remember, after the blood there are only nine more plagues until freedom and the promised land."





#### A number of initiatives currently under way at Touro should hopefully bring about important benefits to the entire college community. One of the major efforts, involving recruitment for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and under the supervision of the Dean of Students includes a vigorous campaign spearheaded by two talented individuals. David Siedemann and Suri Kasirer. A committee on recruitment, chaired by Vice-President Simonson, has been meeting continuously to help formulate and coordinate policies and procedures.

In November, I requested the curriculum committee chaired by Dr. Andre Neuschloss to undertake a comprehensive review of academic programs in the L.A.S. Curriculum is of course related to the problems of recruitment, but is also important in its own right. It is the very essence of the college, defining its unique character and providing the framework for all its educational activities. Touro's curriculum is one of its great strengths and we constantly strive to build and further improve upon it.

Although the curriculum committee is a faculty vehicle, it allows for students representation in its deliberations. Indeed students have been involved in all committee meetings to date and are invited to attend future meetings.

Curricular innovation is a prolonged but worthwhile undertaking. In probing the sufficiency of our program requirements the committee has focused on the Touro mission which emphasizes the relevance of the Jewish heritage to the general culture of Western civilization. Here the lack of requirement courses in either the Hebrew language or Jewish History is especially striking. At its last meeting, considering motions to redress this situation the committee voted to recommend the adoption of proficiency in Hebrew as a graduation requirement. Students will be able to demonstrate this proficiency by passing an examination offered by the language and literature department, as is presently the case for English Composition. The question of Jewish History will be decided shortly.

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Also on the committee agenda are requirements for intensive Talmud students, flexibility in the humanities, core courses in Judaic Studies and choice of majors.

We will be greatly aided by student suggestions for adding new majors and adapting those already offered. As you know there are very exciting opportunities in the health sciences fields of physical therapy, physician's assistant, medical record administration, nursing and pharmacy. I hope to report on those matters to you in the next issue.



## A Channukah Thought

#### by S.H.

There is an underlying difference between Channukah and Purim, and the rest of our holidays. Channukah and Purim were established due to the merits of the people. They actively defeated their enemies, established the holiday and G-d agreed to it's holiness. While the rest of our holidays from the Torah, were initiated by G-d and include many things that can be done in Israel, these holidays from the Torah have a greater holiness in Israel than they do outside of Israel. This special holiness attained

kah given by Chachamim for havbur ing two days outside of Israel rim and one in Israel. The extra day the is to give the holiday the added ac-holiness which cannot be ies, achieved in one day outside of G-d Israel.

> Because Channukah and Purim are holidays which are based on the merits of men and therefore not subject to place, there is no difference between the numbers of days observed in Israel and the numbers of days observed outside of Israel.

### **Keeping** Abreast

From The Locker Room

Did you know that there is a guy in Touro who is so popular that whenever he calls the Stern Dorm they have to put his conversation on the intercom. (Sorry Frankel, it's not you). That was a meritorious stand that Bernie and Chana took on mixed dancing at La Mouche. They want everyone to know that they will be giving seminars on Yikud and Dancing in room 711. What does a Thanksgiving meal and Yisroel Galinsky have in common? They're both turkeys that you have for days. Ricky Frankel has gone to so many singles mixers that Harvey's Bristol Cream had considered him for one of their commercials. After an interview however they found him to be downrightdownright. For the best in JAPanese Cuisine go to BERNIE CHANA'S 50th and Lex. For reservations call 328-7448.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mazal to David Seidemann and the Davidowitz twins on their Bar Mitzvahs.

#### QUOTES OF THE MONTH:

From Touro's Keystone Cop (who carries a colt 45 and drives car 54): "Freeze, or I'll wet my pants".

Upon being informed of the death of Leonid Brezhnev Marc Antzis was overheard saying, "I feel like I lost my own father...In-Law". To The Powder Room

What do you call a goodlooking, competent president of Touro's Men's Division? The custodian!

Do Touro men have a reputation? . . . What men!

Attention Girls: Nigguns for X-mas will be held 18 minutes before Shgiah around the tree in the lobby.

We heard a guy in the Men's Division went to the clinic to combat Herpes.

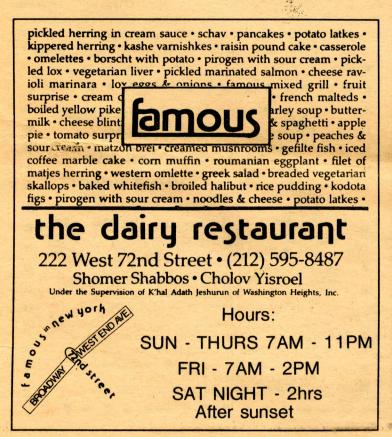
Blood Drive will be held at the Women Division. All MEN are advised to stay home. Touro guys are welcome.

Hey seniors—no need to worry about next years employment. Join other Touro grads working in a familiar and pleasant atmosphere. Interviews will be held on the 10th floor Mens Division in the Spring.

Mazel Tov to Karpie on her engagement to Reuven.

Larry Hagler, '83, on his engagement to Melissa Fell.

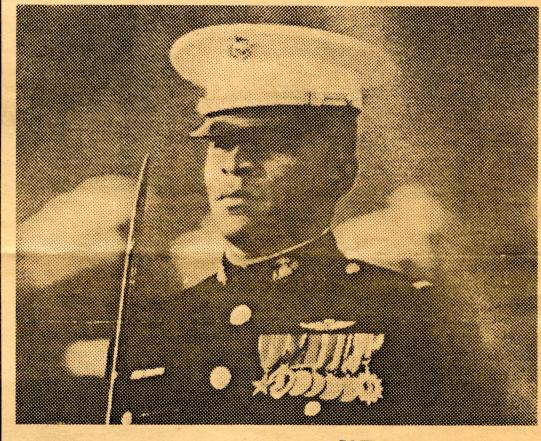
Rumor has it room 511 has been having some security problems... Beverly Hotel in an uproar over the stolen banana belonging to these girls. Search parties are being organized throughout the hotel and it seems punishment for the guilty is deportation.



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