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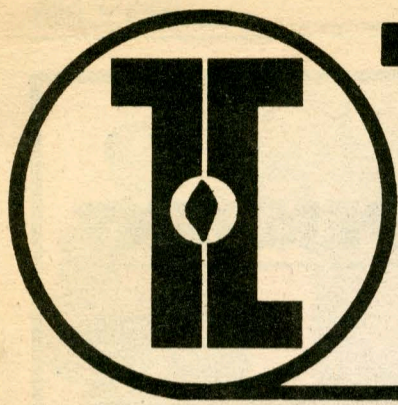
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Dr. Bernard Lander, Touro's President

## President Promises Bright Future

by Jonathan Hill

In a speech at Touro's student faculty mixer on March 14, Dr. Bernard Lander, the President of Touro College, announced several major changes in the structure of the college. First, in order to improve and enlarge the present building housing the LAS Men's Division, a new floor will be added to the building. The tenth floor, which is twenty feet high, will be divided into two separate floors. In addition, the water tank on the roof will be dismantled thus freeing a great deal of space on the twelfth floor. This additional 7000 square feet of extra space will be used for two purposes: as additional space for faculty offices and also as a much needed recreational area for the school.

On another subject prompted by a student's question about the sorry state of Touro's *Bais Hamedrash*, the President announced that the school has received a \$5000 grant to improve and enlarge our Judaic Library. But until a way can be found to safeguard the new books, they will slowly disappear, as has been the case in the past.

It was announced that the school is actively looking for another building to house the SGS Division of Touro. Several possible buildings have been evaluated although none as of yet fit the requirements that the SGS demands. If by September the school has not yet found a building for SGS, then SGS will rent space in a nearby building so that between the hours of nine and five SGS will hold classes there. After five, when LAS finishes, SGS will hold its classes at 44th Street.

In a startling development it was announced that the small elevator at 44th Street would be removed and a larger elevator that is automatically operated would be put in. To accomplish this the dumbwaiter behind the elevator must be removed. This addition of a larger elevator as well as the renovation of the twelfth floor will be completed by the time classes begin in September.

If the physical and curricular changes do occur then they will add to the prestige and development of Touro as a significant force in the educational community.

In several other developments Dr. Lander announced that the school is presently negotiating for a two block area in Queens that he hopes will one day house a full campus for Touro.

In addition, the school is considering starting a third type of program to be available to its students. This would fit in between its *Bais Dovid* Division in Queens where students learn Judaic Studies all day and its regular LAS Division where the hours of Judaic and Secular studies are very flexible. In the new program students would learn Judaic studies from nine to two and secular subjects from then on.

It was also announced that Touro's Women's Division classes would remain at the Central Synagogue but there is a possibility that the dorm would not remain at the Beverly. It was however promised that if the dorm does move it would be to better accommodations and not to worse.

It was further announced that Touro is seeking to join several other institutions in forming a graduate program in business.

## TOURO FIGHTS SPACE INVASION

by Reuven Epstein

Touro Colleges steady growth has caused at least one problem. The West 44th St. building is not large enough for both the LAS and SGS divisions. The administration has been working on several solutions to this problem.

Ideally, the best solution would be the purchasing of a separate building for the SGS division. The additional space would allow for continued growth of both divisions. Touro has been looking for another building, but it is a very long process. After find-

ing an adequate building it is evaluated. Then the Board of Trustees must approve the price. Finally, an architect is called in and he must give his approval. At one time the school came close to buying a building. The board had approved the price, but the architect felt it would cost too much to renovate and strongly opposed the purchase.

Another solution is better utilization of the W. 44th St. building. Dean Stanley Boylan explained that the building will be renovated to help meet this end. 'Slabbing' will be done on the tenth floor. (This process

divides one floor into two floors.) A high speed elevator will be installed in place of the small elevator. The elevator will go up to the twelfth floor, which will be renovated and used. Another step could include building a penthouse on part of the roof. If all the steps are completed they will add 7,000 square feet.

Dean Boylan stresses, "the renovation of this building does not relieve the need for a new building but it does buy us some more time." An architect is drawing up plans and the renovations could be completed this summer.

## Law Society Hosts Israeli Judge

by Mark Carmel

On Wednesday, April 4, the Israel Law Society presented the distinguished legal scholar Dr. Moshe Nacht, Director of the Israeli Judicial System. Dr. Nacht spoke before a capacity crowd in the second floor library reading room of the Touro Law School at Huntington.

This marked the culminating event of the Spring semester Israel Speakers Forum series that had featured a debate on the status of West Bank Jewish settlement with the former President of Haifa University, Eliezer Rafaeli (representing the Labor Party) and Professor Haim Tawil (representing the Herut). Other Israel Speakers Forum events included representatives from the *Gush Emunim* party, the *Shalom Achshav* movement and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

In greeting the audience of Faculty and students Dr. Solomon Simonson, Provost and Vice President of Touro College introduced Judge Nacht and commended him for the democratic method of the appointment of judges. In noting that there were more than 240 judges, Dr. Simonson said, "It was most commendable that represented in this number were Christians, Moslems, and Christian Arabs. This was a tribute to the fair mindedness

and healthy social relations prevalent in Israel".

Dr. Nacht introduced his topic on the Selection and Promotion of Judges in Israel with an historical review of the formation and development of the Judiciary in early Israel, the story of the Temple Judges, the two Lower Courts of 23 persons each, and the Greater Sanhedrin of 71. He followed this by a "cinerama view" of a global journey through contemporary times.

His summary statement was:

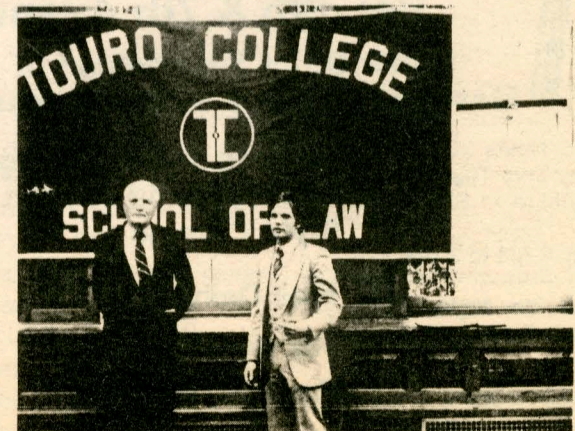
*The United States uses an elective system except for the Federal courts; Britain, an appointive procedure. France trains students for Judicial service. In Latin America, the President and the legislatures join in selecting judges. Japan scorns litigation as an unethical approach to resolving conflict and hence prevents the establishment of a Judiciary. The Soviet*

*Union has its people's judges elected by popular vote and its higher judges named by the regional and Supreme Soviet. The Chinese utilize community centers as places for arbitration of disputes. Israel's method is unique in that it utilizes all three governmental departments along with the legal profession in selecting judges.*

Israel's appointive panel, Nacht pointed out, consists of three Supreme Court members representing the Judicial branch, two Knesset members representing the Legislative branch, two Cabinet members representing the Executive branch, and two members of the Bar representing the Legal profession.

This panel of nine make "a comprehensive, careful and candid study of all prospective judges in the actual and agonizing task of choosing from the mosaic of talents

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Dr. Moshe Nacht (left), Israeli Justice



# Honesty Remains Best Policy

by Lemuel Srolovic

Students wake up! This is no longer grade school or even high school, but college with life in the real world soon to follow. Will we be ready for this world? From what I have seen at Touro, I'm afraid some will not.

I'm referring to the immature attitudes held toward honesty and its intimate companion: truth. Real honesty, of course, is doing anything necessary to get what is wanted or needed, and truth, as we all know, is what actually exists. Now that honesty and truth are totally divorced from any antique notions of wildly utopian morality, we now have a realistic base on which we must build and sharpen skills that are essential for success in life: stealth, speed, cunning, and the proper image.

There are two methods of obtaining what one wants: either by the use of superior power or by subtle craft. What distinguishes man from the animals is that the animal must overwhelmingly rely on physical power and its associated elements such as savagery,

speed or adaptability for survival; while man, although also having physical, mechanical, and technological power at his disposal, can devise more cunning ways of deception and fraud to gain what he desires.

Those who try to tell you there is a higher order and myriads of self-defeating ethics that must be followed are simply people who have been unable to amass much power and are either not industrious or intelligent enough to perfect methods of cunning. Unsuccessful in the real world, they create and try to sell an illusionary one in which what they have failed to obtain becomes taboo. But remember that truth is what actually exists and even the most simple investigation will reveal which world we are in.

But only knowing about honesty and truth is not enough. The world is full of people who have developed these to a high degree and if these people are to be outdone, no small effort must be given to the refinement and polish of practical skills which will allow one to almost always

get what is desired.

In school, simply copying from the next student is tacky, juvenile. Submitting one paper for two different classes is common, unimaginative. Distinction and sophistication must be honed. Preparation and flexibility are the keys to success, with every possibility explored and a plan of action to meet it if encountered. Some work of course is required, but as skills improve this will require less and less time, leaving more for other activities.

Also to be carefully groomed is the proper image. While almost everyone totally embraces honesty and truth, they still like to be deceived that in large matters the old morality is still followed. However, in small matters one need not exhibit morality, or deep suspicion will be aroused. How would you view someone who said, "Excuse me, but I just read the front page headlines from your paper. Here is a nickel to cover my use of your property." One must always actively strive to portray a proper balance.

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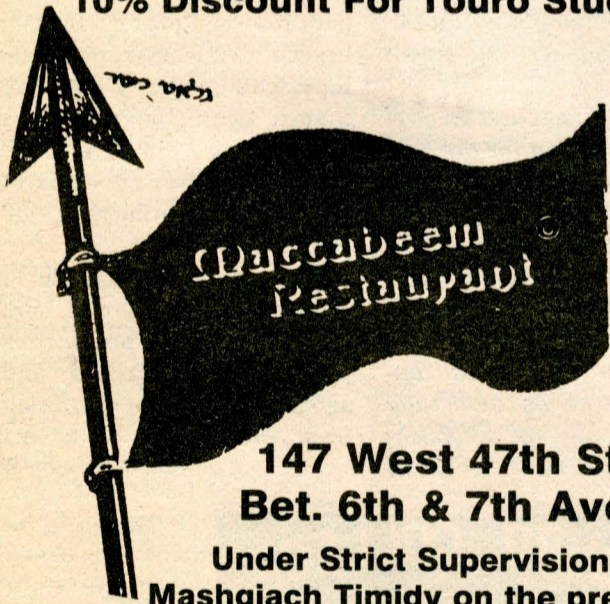
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## S.G. Promotes Student Pride

by Eve Ann Sacks

You should be very proud of the student government this year. For the first time in the history of Touro College we have developed a fine rapport with Yeshiva University and Stern College. This enabled us to purchase Broadway show tickets at a low cost, inviting us to activities and being recognized as one of the other important Jewish colleges in New York.

**AZYF** *The American Zionist Youth Foundation* had 4 representatives from Touro which is more than any other campus in New York. We had 30 students attend an *Aliyah* conference at the Jackson Hotel in October which was 15% of the convention.

**SSSJ** *Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry* sponsored a trip to Washington, D.C. in February to rally for Soviet Jews. 10 students from Touro attended. They were able to meet with congressmen and express their views about an important issue. Touro recognized for the first time as an official college, included in the

struggle and was praised a great deal for concern in these Soviet affairs.

*Network of the American Jewish Students* in North America has contacted Touro College with interests in recruiting volunteers to help campus' across the country organize activities to involve Jewish students and keeping them together.

High recommendations were given by National Chairman Phil Machlin. Rabbi Schulman of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue extended an invitation to Touro in February 84 to sponsor a *Shabbaton* in which the *shul* contributed a generous fund to help pay expenses. Close to 100 students from Touro, Y.U., Stern, Brooklyn College, Queens, Beth Israel, and Long Island University attended. Members of the congregation invited students to their homes for *shabbos*.

With the involvement of all these organizations, we have really created a foundation for Touro's involvement in the community. Don't let these

opportunities pass by. It was a lot of work to stay involved, and now it's *your* turn to take advantage of the many sources we've provided.

I'd like to thank Todd and the Men's Division board for being so cooperative this year. They helped make this year a success. More importantly, I'd like to thank my board: Sheri Greenspan, Adrian Novit, Elizabeth Feingold and Chani Singer for doing a fantastic job this year.

Let us not forget our class reps who really helped me when I needed it the most.

Freshman: Michelle  
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Most of all, I'd like to thank Dean Goldschmidt for always being around when we needed you the most.

Well, thanks for a great year and we'll see you at the Senior Dinner May 24th - "An evening to remember."





Some of Touro's Iranian Jewish students.

## TOURO PEOPLE

by Albert Cohen-Gadol

The Iranian Revolution in late 1978, which scattered more than 15,000 Jewish youth around the world, especially here in the U.S., was nothing more than a regressive step in our culture and in our society and community. Because of the many problems which they faced during the past six years, many Jews who were upset about the future left Iran for the U.S. and Israel. Eventually, many hope to return to Iran, not because of their assets or properties, but because of the tremendous problems they have encountered here. Thus, there has been a lot of pressure and difficulties, such as financial problems, immigration problems, lack of communication, social interaction and many other problems involving students.

The status of Iranian students has not exactly been phenomenal since their entrance to Touro. In fact it has deteriorated to such an extent that the number of Iranian students diminished considerably.

One can attribute this to various factors, the most notable factor being unable to speak the English language adequately. In fact we considered this to be the most frustrating problem. On several occasions our previous representative discussed this issue with us at length and we unanimously decided to make an effort to request a series of special language courses for improving our English, and also special courses in Humanities to replace the regular Humanities courses. But this proved to be a terrible ordeal. We practically begged Touro Faculty for this reasonable request, and subsequently,

through much tenacity, we achieved this goal.

Touro has been nothing more than a source of discouragement and put down. Touro has offered very little encouragement and support to Iranian students for the past few years, academically as well as socially. This tragically results in indecision for Iranian students.

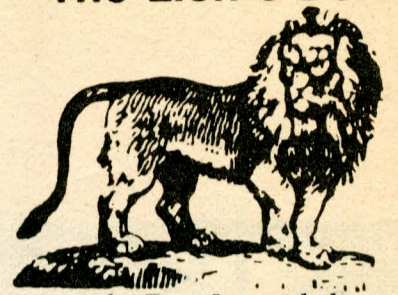
Concerning their educational status, I believe that Iranian students must have as many rights and privileges as the American students. They have constituted as much as 30% of the Touro College students. I believe in a proper and highly coordinated educational system, no student should be pressured to choose what major he or she wants. But Touro College in my opinion can't be categorized as a highly coordinated system.

The social life of Touro College has been nothing less than atrocious. There has always been a conspicuous separation between the American and Iranian students simply because at the beginning the Americans demonstrated very little interest and zeal for fraternization. As a consequence, Iranian students felt that without this cooperation, there wasn't much to be accomplished and eventually gave up.

My main purpose of writing this article was not to criticize any particular individual or any group. But as a whole, I've rightfully had my reservations about Touro. Hopefully this article will eradicate any insufficiency, problems, animosity, and anger and substitute these with warmth, friendship and tranquility.

**The Independent staff  
wishes you a great summer**

## Of Education And Graduation



by Evan Lowenthal

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This column will be devoted to a question that is so basic that no one seems to ask it anymore. It is a question whose answer is usually taken for granted. This question is so important, however, that I believe it merits discussion especially since I am graduating myself this year. It is: "What does a college education mean?"

Chances are very good that if you ask most college students "Why are you in school?", the most common answer will be: "I want a good job". (That is a common answer indeed!) College should not be a career training institute, many such institutes abound. A college should be a school that disciplines minds, not a "diploma mill" that grinds out narrow-minded technicians who know nothing outside the four *amot* of their profession.

College is a preparation for life. It is, or should be, a preparation (in the broadest sense of the word) for *all* aspects of life. It is for this reason that higher curricula should discipline minds to think critically, as well as acquaint young adults with the greatness of their civilization and of other civilizations.

As Jews, this particularly

applies to us. Our religious-ethnic civilization is founded upon study and thought. Since we have to live among other cultures, however, it is important for us to study and understand their very worthy (and some times not so worthy) contributions. This holds true for Israelis as well as Diaspora Jews.

How does my answer relate to being an accountant for example? Since accountants are human beings and not adding machines, my answer relates very strongly to any human endeavor. To be specific - let's suppose our accountant is overworked and underpaid. Let's further imagine that he (or she) has two children and a spouse yet can only afford to live in a two room apartment in a run down section of Brooklyn. Suddenly, two men in fashionable clothes approach our accountant and offer employment. The job, however, is mob related and requires fraudulent practices that will protect an illicit business. Our accountant will be faced with a great dilemma.

For my purposes here, the accountant's choice is not as important as how it is derived. Will the choice be made due to faulty logic, inconsistent

thinking or irrationality? Or will it be made due to critical analysis, logical argument, values, or based on the lessons of history?

Our accountant, for example, may recall that many honest people ended up as Nazis during the late 1930s simply because they needed a job. Or he may recall John Stuart Mill's principle of the greatest good for the greatest number, and meditate upon that. He may even consider the *Halachic* notion of the preservation of life, assuming that he is a graduate of Touro or Y.U. If this is the case, his professional attitudes will have shaped by his attendance of college, and not by ledger sheets and invoices, which are morally neutral.

It is also important to remember that our accountant is also a parent, a spouse, a citizen, a sibling and many other things. In a world of 1984 we *do* need accountants, but we need accountants that can think for themselves, accountants who have culture and intelligence, who can reason and bear civilization's torch. If accountants (or lawyers, doctors, dentists, etc.) don't think for themselves, there will be many Big Brothers that will gladly think for them.

## Uncovering New York's Best Kept Secret

by Paul Babitts

After just 13 years of operation, Touro College has developed for itself a rather impressive academic record, and an incredibly professionally minded student body. What the school lacks, however, is name recognition. No one believes that Touro should, at this point, be as household familiar as Harvard, or even any other college in New York. But one might expect the school's administration would go out of its way to make Touro College known, at least to the residents of the metropolitan area.

Few people in the city know

of Touro, or where it is located. Businessmen across the street from the midtown center are unaware of the school's presence or, if they have noticed the sign on the door, they are unaware that Touro is not a part of CUNY.

A recent issue of the *Village Voice* included a feature on career planning and local colleges and universities. Columbia, NYU, SUNY/Purchase, Yeshiva, Stern, even something called the New York School of Public Service were all listed with program, tuition, and student make-up information. Neither Touro Col-

lege nor Touro Law School made the *Voice's* education supplement. There is a noticeable lack of advertising and publicity, both school generated, regarding Touro College and its attendant programs. Other than an occasional puff piece in *The Jewish Press* (that great Yiddish *National Enquirer*), Touro rarely gets a mention in any of the media. (There is a jazzy radio spot on some funk/disco station touting the School of General Studies, though.)

Indeed, off-Broadway theater is not New York's best kept secret. Touro College is.





# TOURO COLLEGE

## East Side, West Side, A

### Take Your Date to "Someplace Special"

by Shira Lieberman

I first had the pleasure of eating at "Someplace Special" about three months ago. To be truthful, I never knew it existed because its location is close to the famous Bernstein's on Essex Street and it's hidden in the limelight.

Ironically, "Someplace Special" holds the key to the ideal restaurant. It offers the convenience of a deli, yet also serves as a restaurant that has a very quiet and relaxing atmosphere. Unlike Bernstein's, it is moderately priced and offers the same extensive menu.

As you open the menu, your mouth will water when you view the selection of tasty sandwiches which include roast beef, pastrami, corned beef, salami, and bologna, not to mention a scrumptious sliced London Broil. All sandwiches have prices in the range between \$3 and \$4.

Combination sandwiches are no problem for the chef at "Someplace Special." These sandwiches are recommended for the big eaters because the portions, at \$5 and \$6, are extremely generous. They are triple decker sandwiches with

mixed meats. Even better are the hot open-face sandwiches — for a dollar more — that are a whole dinner, served with potatoes and vegetables.

Straight from *Bubbe's* kitchen are the appetizers, with such favorites as stuffed cabbage, potted meat balls, and gefilte fish.

There are also specials dedicated to eggs and omelettes, soups, vegetables and side dishes, and delicatessen platters.

The highlights of the menu are the special dinner platters, which cost between \$6 and \$8 and satisfy every connoisseur's palate. If you can't find anything from this list of fifteen regular items, there are other specials that appear on the menu daily. Desserts and beverages make the menu complete.



Michael Douglas roma



Jeff Danzer, one of Touro's thespians.

### See Shomer Shabbos Shows

by Michael Selig

There are many Jewish Kids with a lot of talent, be it acting, singing, or other such talents. They are held back from using their talents because they are *shomer shabbos* and acting interferes with *shabbos*. Wouldn't it be great if there was a *shomer shabbos* theater?

This has been the dream of Long Island's Lisa Baron for many years. This dream became reality on February 27th in an off Broadway theatre in lower Manhattan.

Under the outstanding direction of Lisa Baron the young *Shomer Shabbos* actors and actresses did a production of Cornelia Otis Skinner's *Our Hearts were Young and Gay*. The play was a success as was evident by the audience's long and appreciative applause.

The lead role of Emily was played brilliantly by Stephanie Baron, who captured the audience and kept them laughing

throughout the play.

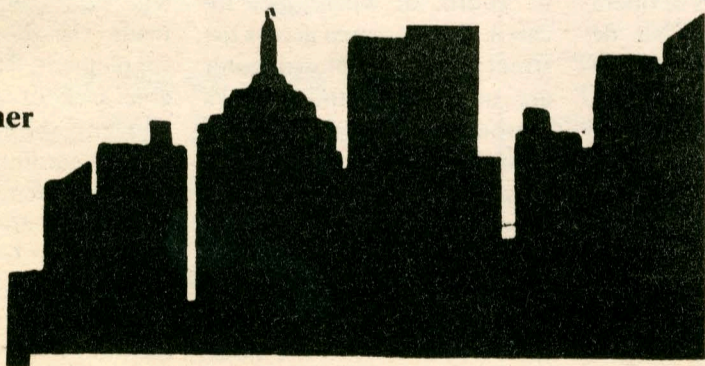
Touro College's very own Jeff Danzer and Nachum Schwartz had parts in the play. Jeff and Nachum are two fine actors with a lot of talent waiting to be unbottled. When I asked Nachum of his future plans for acting in other plays he said "I'm looking forward to Lisa's next play and hope it comes real soon." Nachum added that "there are many talented *shomer shabbos* actors and actresses out there who will be interested in such plays."

The Young *Shomer Shabbos* Repertory Theatre is a necessity for *shomer shabbos* Jews with a love for acting. If you wish to support this theatre or get involved in the next production, contact Lisa Baron at:

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### Israel Moves To Latin Beat

by Reuven Epstein

After many years of British Rock dominating the airwaves, Israeli music is being influenced greatly by Spanish & Brazilian love songs!

Spanish international superstar Julio Iglesias, has sold more than 200,000 records in Israel, a feat that is very impressive when you consider Israel's population of 4 million. Mercedes Sosa of Argentina also has a large Israeli following. But it seems that the singers who translate into Hebrew are the most popular.

David Broza, who endured for several unspectacular years as a standard pop musician, last year recorded *The Woman With Me* and became a superstar. *The Woman With Me* is a collection of Spanish love songs translated into Hebrew. His concerts are sold out,

and the album is Israel's all-time best seller.

"The translation is easy," says Broza who lived in Madrid for 8 years. "The sounds are very similar to Hebrew."

What is the reason for this phenomenon? "Broza released his album during the Lebanon War, when people were looking for tender, comforting, romantic songs to take them away from the present," says CBS's Danny Litani. "The teen-agers like pop & rock. You are a teen-ager until the army, then your head is completely changed, you become an old man. All you buy is *schmaltz* not pop & rock."

Broza, 28 agrees. "There's pressure. People are worried about war. They put on the Spanish music and it's so innocent, so naive, and hardly anybody here is innocent."



# ENTER STAGE



## All Around The Town

### Come To A Different Kind Of Extra-Curricular Activity

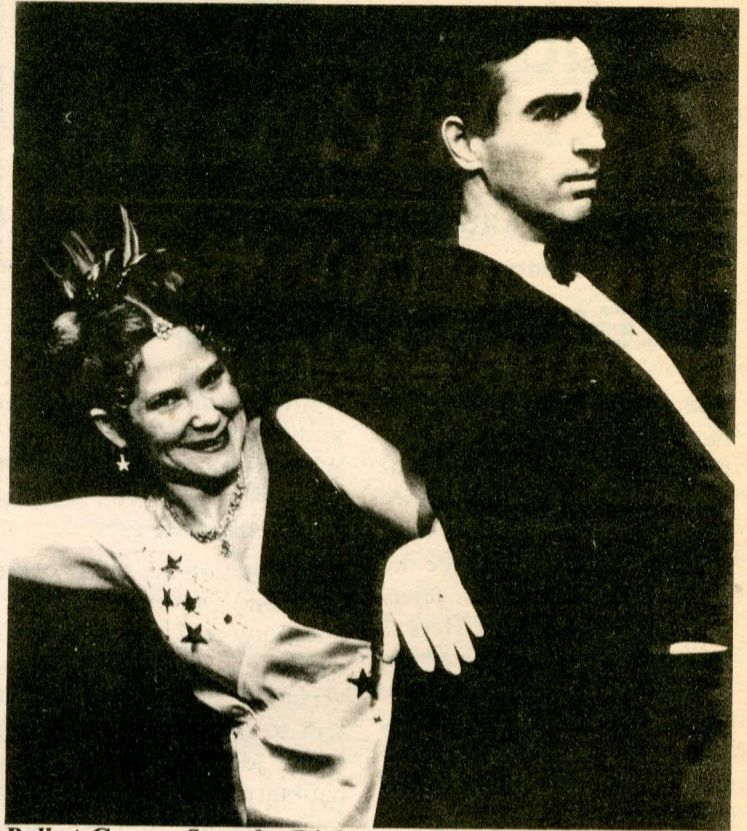
by Avraham Lasdun

Until now, if you heard live human voices when stepping out of the elevators on the 8th floor, you could be pretty confident that you were hearing two (or more) guys arguing as to who owes whom how much in the "I won't say what" game. Now, if you hear contentious voices, you may be listening to an argument over whose interpretation in the *Mishna B'rurah* is correct. Touro now has a once-a-week *Mishmar* on Thursday evening with all the extravaganza fitting this event. Not only are participants provided with a *chavrusa*, but they are served a meal with nutritional values as outstanding as the food emanating from a Shea Stadium vendor's cart. Well, actually cold cuts don't have

that many carcinogens). Far more important, though, everyone has had a really lively hour and a half of learning. The learning was especially fiery right before the Academy Awards. (I was wondering how the name of Shirley McLaine managed to squeeze it's way into the *Mishna B'rurah*!) But getting serious, everybody who has been there has given 110% of themselves.

Needless to say, the *mishmar* people are still not quite satisfied. They really want to double their attendance. Currently they have about 15 guys a week. The *mishmar* learns *Dinim* concerning current and relevant topics. In addition, Rabbi Stern's learning expertise is put on the hot seat every Thursday when they bombard him with their questions. Please - try to be there whenever you possibly can - 5:45 through 7:15 every Thursday evening. Is there any cost? Not for you - only for the school. What the heck - try it once - if you're not happy -

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Ball at Greene St. cafe: Dining and Dancing

### Having A Ball Off B'way

by Chana Whinston

For those who like plays but find Broadway expensive, Dinner Theater is an alternative. These theaters are restaurants with a performance. The cover charge is for the play, and food is extra.

*Ball* is a musical comedy playing at a dinner theater in SoHo. It won first prize at last year's San Francisco Drama Festival. It was written by John Jilar. At 37, Jilar is an actor. This is his third play to be produced.

*Ball* takes place at an embassy ball in London in 1914. The play focuses on four couples at the ball. From con-

versations we learn the relationships and politics that these characters are involved in. The play involved love, infidelity, and spying. There are only eight characters in the play. The actors also form the chorus.

The play gets very raunchy, and is not recommended for anyone who would be offended. It's a cute play, and very enjoyable, but not especially good.

*Ball* is playing at the Greene Street Cafe, 101 Greene St. The cover charge is \$10, very inexpensive for a play. For times and reservations, call 925-2415.



aces Kathleen Turner

### Reviewing *The Stone*

by Natan Kahn

Steven Spielberg reintroduced to the screen the action-packed adventure films of the 1940's in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. A number of films have been made since then that are in this genre. One of the best and most recent is *Romancing The Stone*, produced and acted in by Michael Douglas.

Despite its cumbersome title, *Romancing The Stone* is a well-crafted movie that tells the story of a romance novelist, Joan Wilder (Kathleen Turner), who gets involved in a romantic adventure of her own. Joan, who works out of her apartment on 86th Street and West End, discovers that her sister has been kidnapped in Colombia by some modern-day pirates who are after a mysterious treasure map. This map just happens to be in Joan's possession and leads, of course, to the huge stone (it's an emerald) which

our greedy kidnapppers are interested in.

Our heroine heads for Colombia in order to ransom her sister, but once there she is misdirected by Zolo (Manuel Ojeda), a swarthy detective whose objective is to capture a) the kidnapppers, b) the stone, c) Joan or d) all three. Fortunately for Joan, Jack Colton (Michael Douglas) turns up in the middle of the jungle to help her escape from the evil clutches of Zolo and the bumbling clutches of Ira (Danny DeVito), one of her sister's captors.

The rest of the movie consists of excellent stunts, such as people getting caught in mudslides and waterfalls, and an exhilarating chase for the stone. Although the plot is relatively simple, the movie is a lot of fun and the conclusion does explain what a huge sailboat was doing a block away from the men's dorm at the beginning of last semester.

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## From The Dean Of Students



Robert Goldschmidt

## Interviews And You

The month of May is a period of great tension for many soon-to-be graduated college students. This is interview season. In many instances, this oft-dreaded encounter will be decisive in the selection or rejection of job applicants. Here, I would like to offer some advice to make the experience less intimidating and to help you maximize your chances for being a success at the interview.

Appearances and perceptions count a great deal. Dress conservatively and avoid flashy, or faddish clothes. Arrive early for your appointment; try to remember the interviewer's name. Above all, be prepared. Be knowledgeable and well-informed about the company/organization/business to which you are applying for a position. Remember, the interview is your opportunity to be a good salesperson; it is your chance to sell yourself as an attractive and productive employee, one who will be a definite asset to the company. Personality traits such as sincerity, tactfulness and courtesy are especially important in this respect. Make an effort to project a right attitude.

During the questioning you will be asked routinely to elaborate on the material presented in your resume. Other typical questions may include some of the following: Why should we hire you? Where do you see yourself ten years from now? What are your greatest strengths and your more telling weaknesses? What problems have you overcome and how? What kind of person are you? If you were hiring for this

position, what type of person would you be looking for? What do you want most out of life? What have you learned from your mistakes?

In addition to these overt questions, several "hidden" questions will be addressed during the course of the conversation. The interviewer will seek to assess your enthusiasm for the job, to gauge your compatibility with others, to determine whether you will stay with the company over the long haul and to judge your poise and personality. The point of complex, blockbuster and broad questions is not to elicit some "correct" answer but to probe your ability to think, to see whether you get rattled easily and to evaluate your capacity for handling pressure and managing stress. In other words, the manner in which you answer is far more important than the content of your response.

Speak clearly and in full sentences. Modulate your voice. Do not overlook the importance of non-verbal forms of communication. Do not fidget or slump in the chair. Crossing and uncrossing your legs is disconcerting. Avoid grand gestures with your hands. If you smile constantly you will only look silly.

To perfect your skills, it is advisable to go through a few practice interviews with a counselor. There are many books on the market offering helpful guidance. The best of the lot is H. Anthony Medley *Sweaty Palms, The Neglected Art of Being Interviewed*. You can borrow a copy from my office.

### Attention: Pre-Law Students

The First LSAT in Fall 1984 is scheduled for September 29. The registration deadline for Sabbath observers is August 16. Be sure to pick up your LSAT Registration and Information Packet from the Office

of the Dean of Students before you leave for home this summer.

For more information about the LSAT, including the revised fee structure, please see Dean Goldschmidt.

## Our College Merits Repeat Performance

by Natan Kahn

As a senior, I have often been asked by students from Touro and from other schools: "If you had to do it all over again would you go to Touro?" Invariably I reply in the affirmative without giving it a lot of thought, mainly because Touro has been so good for me and most of my classmates.

I came to Touro as a sophomore, a transfer student from Yeshiva University. During the past three years I have come to appreciate my decision and I have been much happier here than in the confined atmosphere of my previous school. At Touro I felt much more freedom to try new things, both academically and socially. In the more individualized and consequently less highly pressured classes my fellow students and I could ask more and learn more than in a larger college. What was especially helpful was the

open-door policy of Deans Goldschmidt and Boylan who do their utmost to alleviate any academic or personal problems encountered by students.

Of course every school has its difficulties and Touro is no exception. Touro has suffered financially but it has always kept its tuition one of the lowest for a private college. Student body size has also caused some problems - such as the ability to offer a wider range of courses at more varied times - yet whenever a student or students have wanted a certain course the administration invariably provided it, even for as small a class as 3 students and even making it co-ed when necessary.

Unfortunately, Touro has begun to change. There has been an influx of students and administrators who have not been made aware of the close relationship existing at Touro

between these two groups. Students have begun to abuse the attempts of faculty to make college life easier, and certain administrators have tended to come down rather hard on minor infractions - compared to the methods employed by more established faculty.

If incoming students and faculty take for granted the unique situation that exists at Touro academically and the time-honored manner in which the administration and student body work together we will no longer be an advantageous alternative but a poor substitute. If, however, Touro can grow and become diversified, yet not lose the intimacy of its student-faculty association, then, in response to the earlier question, I would undoubtedly go to Touro again; but this time as an incoming freshman and not as a transfer student from anywhere.

## Touro Launches New M.A. Program In Jewish Education

by Shira J. Lieberman

Starting in the fall of 1984, Touro will begin a new Master's program which will be incorporated into the Jewish Studies Program. Touro hopes to give a stipend for this Master's program in Jewish education. Dean Boylan explained that the program will also have a separate tract for placement.

The M.A. will not only concentrate on the primary grades but will educate Touro graduates as well as other educators to teach secondary

school levels. Dean Boylan remarked that this course of study "is for those committed to *Chinuch*."

The man behind this tremendous effort is Dr. William Brickman. Dr. Brickman believes that the aims of the Master's program should be to: Prepare committed and scholarly teachers for Judaic studies in Jewish day schools. The basis of these studies will be in Talmud, Holy Scriptures, the Hebrew Language, Jewish

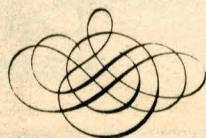
History, Philosophy and Law. This program is for public as well as private schools.

The program, being developed in its' last stages, is based on the Jewish studies major at Touro. Equivalent acceptance for students from other *yeshivot*, seminaries, and other higher education facilities is expected. Anyone interested in this program, please contact Dr. William Brickman, Dr. Michael Shmidman, or Dean Boylan.

## Extra-Curricular

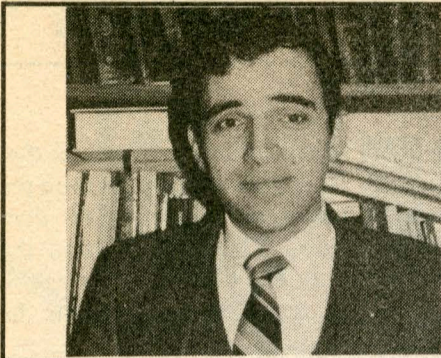
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mark it as a deduction on your taxes - just don't mention my name to the IRS. If you do like it - who knows what will rain down on you from our Touro clouds - like a *Mitzva* or two. It may help the next time you are audited by some agency somewhat larger than the IRS. Guess who.



Thursday Mishmar: Hot dogs and Halacha





## From The Dean of Faculty

Stanley Boylan

# Graduation Is Just The Beginning

This time of year, the period following *Pesach*, the festival of Liberation, is one filled with introspection and anticipation. The counting of the *Omer*, leading to revelation and the Giving of the Law, reminds us that achievements are never to be taken for granted, but come only after purposeful preparation and lengthy effort.

These reflections are appropriate at commencement time as well. The graduates are also counting the days until their day of celebration is upon them. The achievement of the degree, too, represents the culmination of years of effort and intellectual striving. It is our hope that graduation, like *Shevout*, will be an occasion to inspire further learning and that the educational process begun at Touro will be merely a foundation for future study.

Commencement is, for many of us, the most gratifying occasion of the year, for it gives us an opportunity to realize the fruits of our efforts. The accomplishments of our students as they enter into the world of careers and further

academic study is the best indication of the success of our educational program. The record of past graduates is indeed a great source of pride to Touro. I am confident that this year's graduating class, the largest in the history of the college, will add further luster to the Touro record.

There is an even greater reason for satisfaction this year, for Touro is now entering into a new period of maturity. Under the leadership of our founder and President, Dr. Bernard Lander, our thirteenth or *Bar Mitzvah* year which begins next year will see several milestones in the College history.

We are planning shortly to expand our offerings in the field of education and particularly Jewish education, on both graduate and undergraduate levels. The College has long played a leading role in preparing teachers for the Jewish Day School movement. Over sixty Touro alumni are active presently in Yeshivot, day schools and seminaries in

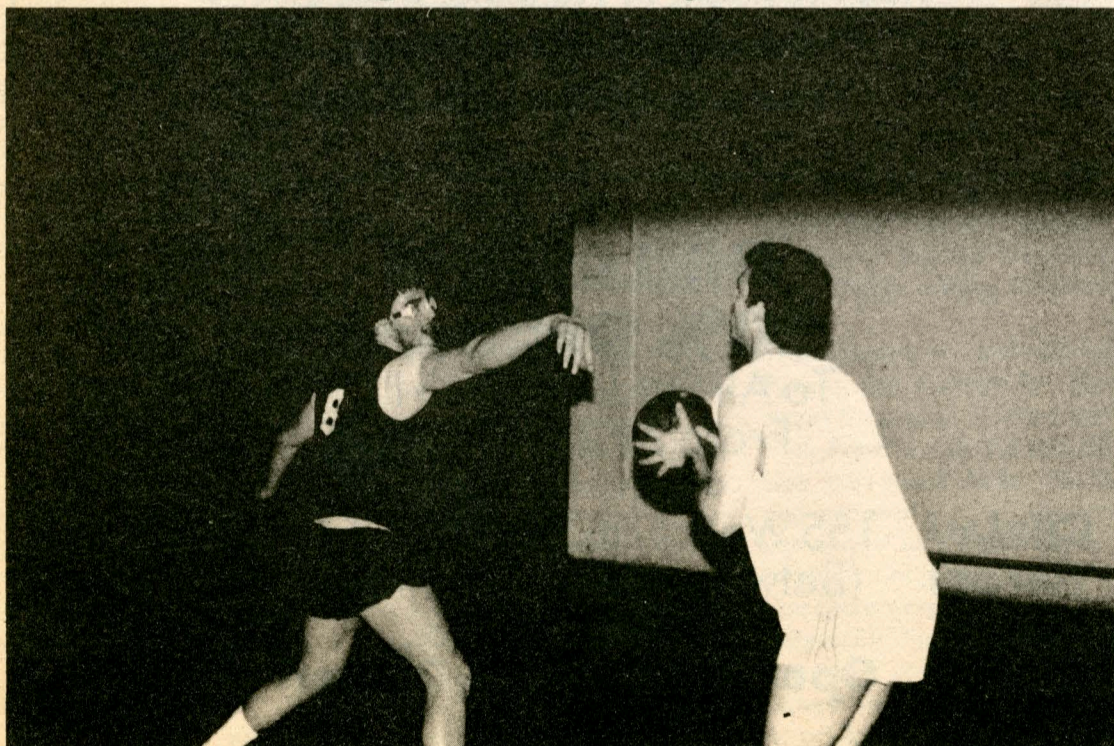
both America and Israel.

We now plan to develop graduate offerings in Jewish education as part of our graduate school of Jewish Studies and to develop specialized masters programs to prepare teachers and administrators for Jewish schools in communities throughout the country. We plan to make education courses available in the Men's Division as well, and to introduce a track for secondary school education. A placement service will complement our academic offerings.

To implement Touro's aims in this regard, the college has the privilege to have the services of Dr. William W. Brickman, who has an international reputation as a distinguished scholar and educator. Dr. Brickman has drawn up plans for the graduate school of education which will be starting shortly.

I would like to congratulate the graduates and their families once more. Good luck on finals and have a healthy and happy summer!

## Touro Changes History



In a reenactment of the Civil War, Grey defeated Blue 71-69. This was Touro's first intramural championship

# Report Finds Bad News About Nukes

by Lemuel Srolovic

"It is not even impossible to imagine that the effects of an atomic war fought with greatly perfected weapons and pushed by the utmost determination will endanger the survival of man."

So wrote Edward Teller, the man who played a crucial role in developing a "greatly perfected weapon" - the thermonuclear bomb. But this was written in February 1947, six years before the development of this weapon and the ensuing centrality it assumed and continues to hold in defending nations.

In the years that man has lived under the threat of a nuclear war, he has been most inventive of schemes to win a nuclear exchange, has drawn up first strike and retaliatory contingencies, and has devoted much attention and money to civil defense. All these actions are based on the theory that a nuclear exchange would be devastating, but survivable on a national and certainly on a global level.

But recent research overwhelmingly shows this to be unlikely at best. A group of scientists; including meteorologists, planetary scientists, and geophysicists conducted extensive research and published the celebrated TTAPS report which was further analyzed by some forty biologists trying to determine the long-term biological effects of a nuclear exchange.

The findings of these studies support Dr. Teller's fears of the survivability of the human species in a nuclear exchange. But the findings also show this almost unimaginable catastrophe likely to occur in even a limited exchange involving only a fraction (500-2,000) of the world's approximate 18,000 strategic thermonuclear devices. The use of tactical or theater nuclear weapons (generally smaller and with a more limited range than strategic weapons), some 32,000 of which are operational, would only contribute to rapidly reaching the climatic catastrophe threshold. As this threshold is approached and passed, the probability of human extinction rapidly rises.

This is due to a combination of factors. Social disruption, the unavailability of electricity, transportation, food, communication, and health care have all been long recognized

as lethal complications accompanying the immediate destruction from blast, fire, and radiation poisoning. Modern society is highly complex and interdependent, thus increasing its vulnerability.

But the findings of the TTAPS and the biological studies are even more ominous. By examining the amount of dust and fine particles propelled into the atmosphere by thermonuclear blasts, along with smoke and soot from burning cities and rural firestorms, it becomes evident two reactions would occur.

First the atmosphere would absorb heat, cooling the surface land temperature of both hemispheres, the amount depending on the exchange scenario. But even a nominal exchange of 100 megatons (which could be as few as 20 missiles), if exploded over cities, could drop the surface temperature in the Northern Hemisphere to -20(°C) for almost a month. The effect of this on vegetation and the water supply are obvious.

Second, the amount of sunlight reaching the Earth's surface could fall to twilight at midday or worse. For more than a week following a threshold exchange, it would be too dark to see, even at noon in the northern mid-latitude exchange zone. Both the reduced temperature and light level would require from between six months to a year to return to normal.

The Southern Hemisphere might escape total climatic catastrophe depending on many factors still poorly understood. But it would experience the effects of reduced temperature and light severely, and considering its heavy dependence on the Northern Hemisphere's agriculture, would greatly suffer from a lack of food.

With the dust and soot slowly falling out of the atmosphere, a new threat would now emerge. The rising fireball from a thermonuclear explosion enters the atmosphere causing destruction of the gas ozone layer which absorbs biologically dangerous ultraviolet radiation from the Sun. Nucleic acid and proteins, essential molecules for life on Earth, are especially sensitive to ultraviolet radiation.

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# TOURO TATTLE

We Congratulate the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Abraham Ancelowitz has been admitted to the New York University Dental School

Yaffa Ancelowitz has been admitted to the Downstate Medical Center (SUNY)

Harris Bram has been accepted at the University of Arkansas Medical School

E. Mark Gross was admitted to Boston University Law School and is on the waiting list at Columbia University

Natan Kahn has gained admission to seven medical schools. He will be attending the University of Texas Medical School at Dallas

Joel Krasnow scored in the top 3% nationally on the LSAT. He will apply to law school next year.

Shira Prince has been accepted at New York University Law School and was also awarded a coveted scholarship

Evan Lowenthal has been accepted to the Master's Degree Program in English Literature at NYU. He will be valedictorian at graduation.

We congratulate the 98 Touro men and women who will graduate on May 31, 1984

A fond farewell to Peggy Rice upon her retirement and to Shirley Brown. These two hard-workers will be missed.

## Democrats Discuss Israel

by Shira J. Lieberman

As far as the New York primary went, Walter Mondale walked away as the big winner on April 3, as he won 45% of the votes. He left Senator Gary Hart with 27% of the vote and Rev. Jesse Jackson with 25%.

Mondale was favored by Jewish voters with 55% of the vote. It is estimated that one-third of the Democratic Party are Jewish voters.

The main topics at hand were that of Senator Patrick Moynihan's proposed bill to move the United States Embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem. It was noted that Mondale supported this bill from the beginning while Hart changed his view as the New York primary approached. Mondale accused Hart of his flighty stand and Hart retaliated by bad-mouthing Mondale on his support of the sale of the F-15's to Saudi-Arabia during the Camp David accords.

Hart and Mondale both appeared before the National Council of Young Israel in New York. Mondale was received cordially. Hart iterated his strong support for Israel and pointed to his pro-Israel record in the Senate. The Mondale people criticized his record and called it "tarnished".

Mondale recently reaffirmed that he opposes a Palestinian homeland while Hart evaded any clear-cut position.

Jackson said he supported a Palestinian homeland that should have "non-militarized status" that allows the Palestinian people, to engage in self-government and self-development.

This particular debate was held at Columbia University and was monitored by Dan Rather. Rather asked the candidates "if they felt that the Palestinians needed a homeland?" Mondale responded "No!" He said "I oppose a homeland because the Camp David accords provide the only responsible resolution of this dispute and Israel is a signator and has agreed to negotiate and yet King Hussein of Jordan refuses to sit down."

Hart answered stating "The organized entity of the Palestinians, the PLO has a solemn covenant to destroy the state of Israel. I think we can achieve a resolution of the Palestinian issue, autonomy or whatever, but only after the other nations in the region are willing to abandon that commitment to destroy that one nation."

Jackson stated "The Palestinians deserve a homeland just as other nations deserve a homeland. So long as we ignore that basic right and that basic quest we can only prepare for war in the Middle East as opposed to peace." He added, "Israel deserves the right to security within internationally recognized borders".

## Judge

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under consideration."

The qualities sought for in judges by the panel which is headed by Dr. Nacht are integrity, ability, experience and temperament. Among the attributes of temperament that are deemed significant by the panel, Nacht said, are courtesy, dignity, patience, trust, humor, and the power to listen. A final quality to which Dr. Nacht referred was non-irascibility. "Even Moses the great law giver and greatest of prophets couldn't meet the conditions of the panel's criteria, because of his moment of irascibility in breaking the two tablets." The audience responded with laughter and applause at this juncture.

In a more serious vein, the speaker mentioned the seven virtues of judges that the Rambam espoused: wisdom, modesty, fear of God, aversion to accumulate wealth, love of truth, being loved by people, and good reputation.

With such expected virtues

and high standards for the choice of judges, it was not a surprise to learn that throughout the history only three judges were ever tried for misconduct, one of whom received a reprimand. The other was acquitted, and the third was removed.

A reception followed in the Faculty lounge where the students and Faculty had the pleasure of meeting personally with the most congenial Dr. Nacht.

The Israel Law Society is distinguished among student

organizations at Touro in that its membership spans both the undergraduate and law divisions. The I.L.S. is also the only law student organization in America dedicated to the study of Israeli Law.

The executive board members representing the law division are Mark Carmel, President; Carol Rosenberg, Vice President; Jacob Azoulay, Treasurer; and Emanuel Bernstein, Fundraiser; representing the undergraduate division are: Yossi Weinberg and Debra Gewirtz.

## Nukes

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Apocalyptic predictions are never popular. Part of this is due to what psychologists call denial: simply not thinking about an overwhelming problem for which there is no easy resolution. The problem of nuclear weapons is one that has

slowly grown increasingly complicated over time. It cannot be solved with one quick solution. A realistic knowledge of this threat and acceptance of the responsibility to remove it must certainly be the first step. The future of Homo Sapiens may depend on us.

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