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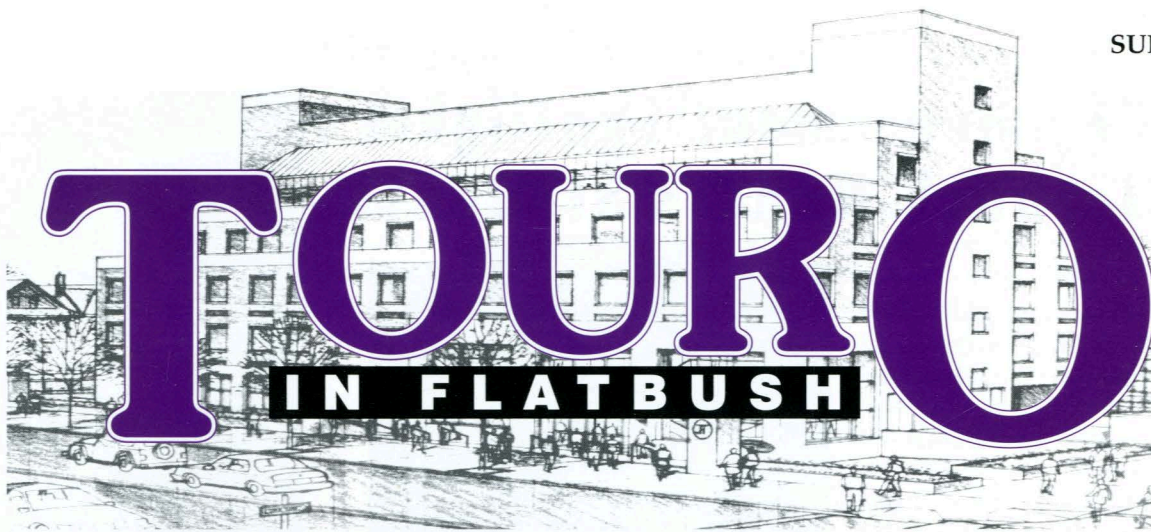
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## TOURO'S TWENTY-SECOND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FEATURE SHRAGE GOLDSCHMIDT AND SIMA LESSER OF FLATBUSH CAMPUS

**T**wo Flatbush graduates were featured at the 22nd Commencement Exercises of Touro College of Liberal Arts and Sciences which was held at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, May 26, 1996.

Dr. Bernard Lander, president of Touro College, presided at the exercises. Congressman Charles E. Schumer, who is completing his eighth term in Congress, delivered the keynote address. Three hundred and thirty three associate, bachelor's and master's degree candidates were presented.



From Left: Congressman Charles E. Schumer, Dean Robert Goldschmidt, Dr. Monty Penkower, President Bernard Lander and Dean Stanley Boylan

President Lander praised the academic achievements of the class, singling out in particular the pre-law seniors who were admitted to Columbia University, New York University, Georgetown University, The University of Pennsylvania and Fordham University law schools.

In his valedictory address Shrage Goldschmidt, Flatbush, a management/marketing major, urged his

classmates to remain steadfast in their commitment to principled Torah values as they pursue professional success and career achievement.

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## NATIONAL MAGAZINE NAMES TOURO ALUMNUS AS TOP SPECIALIST IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY



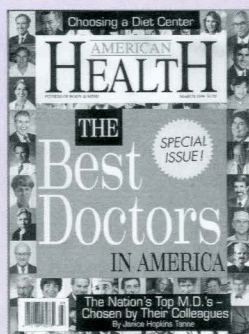
Dr. Ira A. Parnes,  
Touro Alumnus '75

**D**r. Ira A. Parnes, a graduate of Touro College '75 is ranked as one of the top specialists in the United States in the field of Pediatric Echocardiography, in the March 1996 issue of *American Health*. The magazine ranked the best specialists in various medical fields. The ratings were based on survey responses received from more than 3200 medical practitioners across the nation.

Dr. Parnes earned his M.D. degree at the SUNY Downstate Medical College. He is currently Associate Director of Pediatric Cardiology and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Previously, Dr. Parnes was the Medical Director of the Heart Transplantation Program at Children's Hospital in Boston, MA. From 1985 until 1992, he also served as an Assistant Professor at the Harvard University Medical School.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Parnes pursued an interdisciplinary science major at Touro. He says with pride, "Touro College afforded me a unique opportunity in my formative years to participate in a positive educational experience. I was taught a critical lesson: How to take responsibility for my own education and the importance of a nourishing environment in that process."



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# 22nd Commencement Spotlights Two Flatbush Honors Students

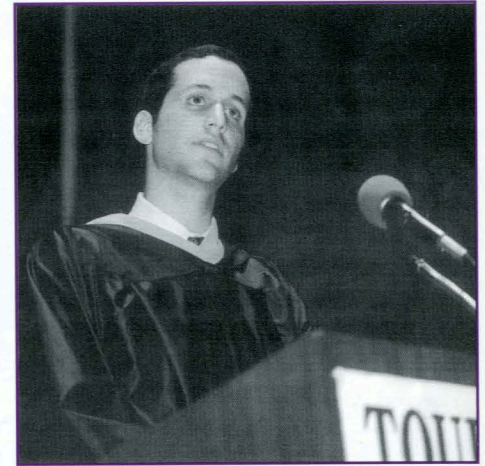
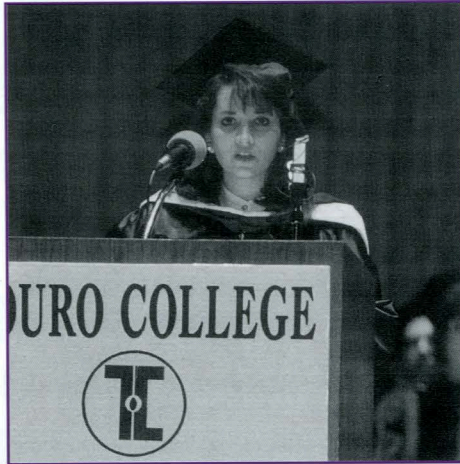
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A second valedictory was delivered by Shulamit Neuman (Manhattan Division). Sima Lesser, Flatbush, (psychology/speech major) and Mordechai Gampel (political science major) were the salutatorians.

The awards ceremony, lead by Dean of Students Robert Goldschmidt, named several outstanding seniors. Recognized for distinguished scholarly attainment in specific disciplines were: **Shalom Meltzer** (Accounting); **Liya Frenklakh** (Biology/Pre-Medicine); **Aviva Aufrichtig** and **Zev Karasick** (Computer Science); **Charnee Lieber** and **Lisa Kaye** (Education); **Ephraim Diamond** (Finance); **Esther Fishman** (Fox Gearty CPA Prize); **Shulamit Neuman** (Humanities); **Shrage Goldschmidt** (Marketing); **Avi Tsapira** (Mathematics); **Michael Haas** (New York State CPA Society Medal); **Rina Schiff** (Political Science); **Gitty Stolik** (Integrative Studies); **Jacob Kader** and **Lisa Uretsky** (Psychology); **Sima Lesser** (Speech Therapy) and **Meir Lebowitz** (Talmud).

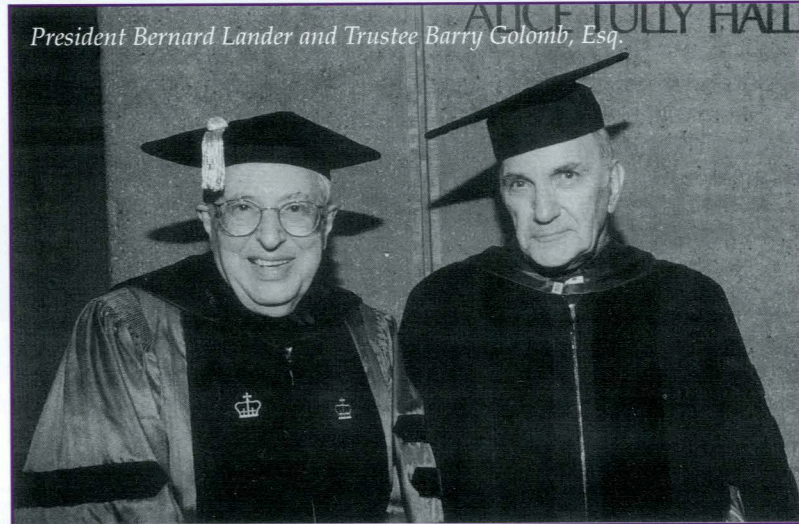
Dean Jerome Miller presented the Hadassah Lander Memorial Award to **Rivka (Sorotzkin) Berman** and the David and Goldie Lander award to **Benjamin Shollar**. **Shalom Meltzer** was the recipient of the prestigious Alumni Recognition Award.

Although most members of the Class of 1996 reside in the New York area, the class also includes seniors from Baltimore, Elkins Park (Pennsylvania), Los



*Commencement Student Speakers:  
Shrage Goldschmidt, above; Sima Lesser, left*

Dean Jerome Miller, (School for Lifelong Education), and Dean Michael Shmidman, (Graduate School of Jewish Studies).



*President Bernard Lander and Trustee Barry Golomb, Esq.*

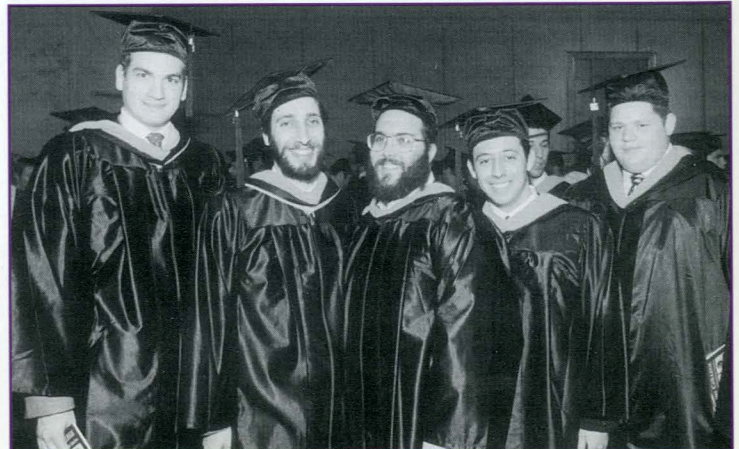
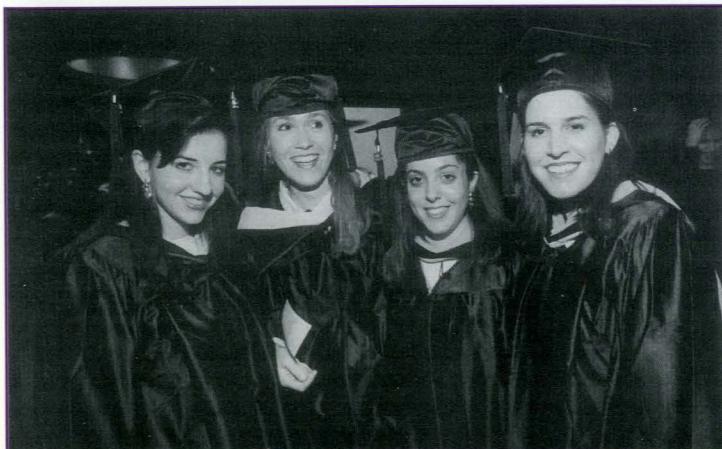
Dean Howard Glickstein presented 240 candidates for master's and juris doctor degrees at the commencement exercises of the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center held earlier in the day.

The Barry Z. Levine School

Angeles, Miami, Saint Louis, Sugarland (Texas), Seattle (Washington) as well as London, Vienna and Zurich.

The degree candidates were presented by Dr. Stanley Boylan, Dean of Faculties; Dean Sara Freifeld, (Women's Division);

of Health Sciences and the School of General Studies will hold their graduations later in the summer. In all, Touro College will have awarded a total of one thousand five hundred and fifteen degrees by the end of the 1996 Commencement season.



# Eminent History Scholar In Residence At Flatbush

**P**rofessor Monty Noam Penkower is an internationally recognized scholar of the modern Jewish experience. After completing his M.A.

## FACULTY PROFILE

and Ph.D. degrees at Columbia University, he taught at Bard College before joining Touro College as an Associate Professor in 1974. In 1980, he became Professor of History, and in 1996, the Victor J. Selmanowitz Professor of Modern History in the Graduate School of Jewish Studies.

At Touro, Professor Penkower is chair of the history department and director of the social sciences division. He teaches required survey and advanced history courses at the Flatbush Campus. "I have always emphasized to students the need for intellectual honesty, judicious expression, and the importance of expanding one's horizon," he says.

Professor Penkower is a prolific author on American and modern Jewish history. His extensive publications include: *The Federal Writers' Project: A Study in Government Patronage of the Arts* (1977); *The Jews Were Expendable: Free World Diplomacy and*

*the Holocaust* (1983); *The Emergence of Zionist Thought* (1986); and *The Holocaust and Israel Reborn: From Catastrophe to Sovereignty* (1994). At present, he is writing a study of Anglo-American foreign relations regarding Palestine during World War II.



He has been awarded grants from numerous institutions, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation, the Harry S. Truman Library Institute, the Hoover Presidential Commission, the American Philosophical Society, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Littauer Foundation, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, the National Foundation for the Humanities, and the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Professor Penkower has served as a consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council; the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Holocaust Survivor Memorial Foundation; and the National Jewish Book Council.

Professor Penkower is married to the former Yael Goodman. They have five children, three of whom are married and living in Israel, and two grandsons.

## 'EXTRA' ACTIVITIES ENHANCE LEARNING

**D**uring the Spring 1996 semester, students initiated several extra-curricular activities at the Flatbush Campus. "These activities help students develop their leadership and interpersonal skills and significantly enhance the learning experience," noted Dean Robert Goldschmidt.



Joseph Grun

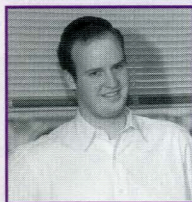
Pioneering staff of the Women's Division student newspaper are *Toby Schwarzman*, editor-in-chief, *Chana Torenheim*, managing editor, and *Malky Tannenbaum*, senior editor. The first issue of *The Touro Transcript* was published in May.

*Joseph Grun*, a pre-medical sophomore interested in psychiatry, served as the charter editor

for the *Touro Mental Health Newsletter*. The journal, containing articles and research notes from students and faculty, is published bi-annually. The first issue appeared in March.

The Men's Computer Science Society hosted a lecture by Mr. Jonathan Maltby, a Washington based anti-piracy computer expert. The meeting was organized by *Zev Karasick* and *Yosef Sebrov*.

*Samuel Zack*, a senior finance major, organized a drive to form the Touro Investment Club. Club members actively trade a portfolio of investments.



Samuel Zack

"Investment clubs, an excellent tool for gaining experience in equities management, are fairly common in M.B.A. programs, but are rarely founded in undergraduate business departments," remarked Dr. Meyer Peikes, Associate Professor of Finance who serves as advisor to the club. In May, the Club's portfolio realized a net gain of 62%.



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## SIMCHA FELDER '80

### From Student To Chief of Staff

## ALUMNI PROFILE

**W**ho's new these days at the office of Brooklyn's local hero, Assemblyman Dov Hikind? Simcha Felder - that's who. Well sort of new - that is. Simcha, a Touro alumnus ('80), left his position as a legislative liaison with Comptroller Alan Hevesi to work as Assemblyman Hikind's Chief of Staff. After years of volunteering his time to assist the Assemblyman in various projects, Simcha finally decided to turn his avocation into a vocation.

So how did this former yeshiva bachur make good? If you ask him, he gives a great deal of credit to Touro College. "I never thought of going to college," explains Simcha, "and would not have, had Touro not existed. Touro established a school in the neighborhood providing a supportive environment, separate accommodations for men and women and a fabulous staff who took a personal interest in every student. The teachers served as role models, I was provided with career counseling, and Dean Goldschmidt, in particular, guided my career choices while giving me first class advice. Even after I finished my B.S. in Accounting at Touro and my

M.B.A. from Baruch College, I returned to him for advice".

Add to the list of his many credentials, C.P.A. credentialing in both New York and Maryland and yes, you can call him Rabbi - a point



Simcha Felder & Assemblyman Dov Hikind

which he understates. Rabbi Simcha Felder pursued his Talmudic studies at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath while attending Touro and received S'micha from HaGoan R' Avrohom HaCohen Pam. He maintains an ongoing involvement in the shul which his father, Rabbi

Herschel Felder, has led in Boro Park for more than forty years.

Today, Rabbi Felder makes good use of the guidance and education he gained from Touro, as well as the experience he acquired in more than 10 years in management at the New York City Department of Finance. When he is not at home with his wife Elana (nee Cheifetz) and kids, or at work, he enjoys teaching management courses at Touro. "I have been teaching at Touro for four years," says Rabbi Felder, "and I appreciate the opportunity to take a personal interest in my students. This is my way of saying thank you to Touro."

# Marzel Tov

## - MARRIAGES -

Michelle Barr to Elchanon Aryeh  
 Yochie Blatt to Yitty Sphitzler  
 Tully Bryks ('96) to Hindy Ginsberg  
 Yehudis Davis ('95) to Yisroel Bernstein  
 Shimon Edelstein ('95) to **Chanie Rheinhold**  
 Pesi Eisikovics ('96) to Yanki Bash  
 Scott Feltman ('92) to Penina Kramer  
 Shani Fuchs to Dovid Heger  
 Yom Tov Folger ('94) to **Frady Rosenberg**  
 Aliza Friedman ('95) to Menashe Frank  
 Avrohom Gottheil ('95) to Shifra Wolman  
 Shneur Grossberger ('96) to Mimi Lieber  
 Yossi Hardoon to Rachel Van Dam  
 Avrumi Hirsch to **Faigy Kemelhar**  
 Chana Jacobowitz to Moshe Aryeh Noble  
 Yisroel Leshkowitz ('95) to **Esther Kurzer**  
 Asher Schoor ('95) to Etty Feuer  
 Ben Jacobi to **Debbie Simonson**  
 Gittel Mann to Eliyahu Chaim Bender  
 Norman Schoenfeld ('96) to Maiti Hollander  
 Elie Silkes ('93) to Shoshana Cahane  
 Elly Slomowitz ('96) to Toby Pfeffer  
 Don Steinberg ('96) to Chana Gila Greenspan

## - ENGAGEMENTS -

Nechama Matti Adler to Yehoshua Michaeli  
 Ahuva Fishman to Shmuel Cohen  
 Esti Friedman to Aryeh Gelbard  
 Rachel Meir ('96) to Dovi Newman  
 Leah Slomowitz to Yekusiel Bittman  
 Sora Baila Winkler to Dovid Schachter  
 Mimi Zweig to Mendy Strauss  
 Menachem Jacobowitz ('96) to Elisheva Rudman  
 Aryeh Silverberg ('96) to Shoshana Ravenstein

## - BIRTHS -

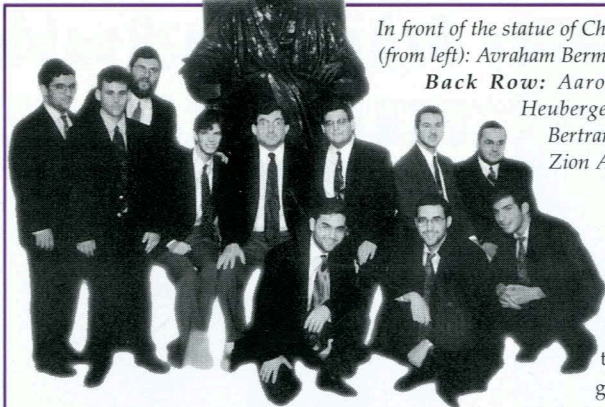
Cheryl (Uretsky) and Aryeh Bernath - Boy  
 Baila (Sussman) and Shloime Drillick ('92) - Boy  
 Tzippy (Lubinsky) and Tzvi Fettman - Girl  
 Ruchie (Itzkowitz) and Pinchos Fisher - Girl  
 Lieba and Martin ('88) Friedlander - Boy  
 Sabrina (Lantos) ('95) and Ira Grotzky - Boy  
 Hindy (Dubin) and Yehuda Langer - Boy  
 Nechama (Slater) ('95) and Donny Sherwinter - Boy  
 Yaffa (Feder) and Aryeh Spielman - Boy  
 Chashie (Kuritsky) ('92) and Mordechai Stempler-Girl  
 Nechama (Saltz) ('95) and Yaakov Vann ('92) - Boy

**Bold Type indicates enrollment at Touro**

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In front of the statue of Chief Justice John Marshall are: **Front Row** (from left): Avraham Berman, Steven Eisenberg, Dov Braunstein.

**Back Row:** Aaron Solomon, Justin Frishman, Aaron Heuberger, Yitzchok Feuer, Instructor Norman Bertram, Mordechai Gampel, David Blashka, Ben Zion Akselrod.

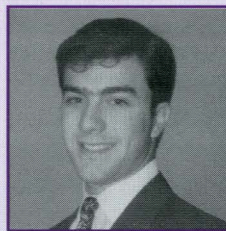
## Touro Students Visit U.S. Supreme Court

Political science students visited the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. in April. The students heard arguments on the case of Reno v. Koray dealing with the issue of confinement in half-way houses.

## PRESTIGIOUS LAW SCHOOLS ACCEPT OUR ALUMNI

**D**uring the past decade, Touro pre-law students have compiled an impressive record of admissions to the nation's most prestigious law schools.

In 1995-96, these recent graduates and seniors have extended Touro's remarkable law school record: **Yom Tov Folger**; **Tzvi Rokeach** and **Herschel Langner** were admitted to Columbia University Law School. New York University Law School admitted **Asher Schoor** and **Dov Elias**. **Yehuda Braunstein** was accepted at the University of Pennsylvania. **Eli Katz**, a resident of Toronto, was admitted to Georgetown University. **Moishey Sharf** enrolled at Fordham



Dov Elias  
Columbia University

University. Other successful pre-law seniors included **Zechariah Abend**, **Avrohom Berman**, **Yehoshua Gelbstein**, **Avram Kestenbaum**, **Meyer Mintz**, **Shulamit Neuman**, **Norman Schoenfeld** and **Jonathan Wellish** (all accepted to Brooklyn Law School); **Jacob Korn** (Touro Law School); **Mendy Mayberg** (University of Miami Law School); **Jason Goodstein** and **Matityahoo Rogel** (Cardozo Law School). **Moshe Fein** and **Yitzchok Shmulevitz** (Cardozo) and **Naftali Leshkowitz** (Fordham University), all '94, were selected to *The Law Review* at their respective schools, on the basis of their high academic standing and writing proficiency.

## 34 Admitted to M.A. Programs in Speech

**I**n 1995-96 thirty-four Touro graduates were admitted to graduate programs in Speech Pathology and Audiology at universities and colleges in New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Florida. "Admission to graduate speech programs is extremely competitive and the success of our students is a tribute both to the quality and dedication of the faculty and the caliber of our undergraduates," commented Mrs. Hindy Lubinsky, coordinator of the speech pathology track.

Touro offers a major in psychology with a speech pathology track. The speech sequence comprises 27 credits.

Alumnae admitted to M.A. degree programs include: **Osnat Bick** (Adelphi University), **Tzippy Biderman** (Brooklyn College), **Malka Blau-Husarsky** (St. John's University), **Michel Bressler** (Adelphi University), **Hindy Cohen** (Trenton State, New Jersey) **Rivkah Deutsch** (New York University), **Miriam Dick** (Kean College, New Jersey), **Chaya Eisikowicz** (St. John's University), **Shoshana**

**Farber** (Kean College), **Susan Feinberg** (Adelphi University and Brooklyn College), **Faigy Fink** (St. John's University), **Chaya Gibber** (Brooklyn College and Florida Atlantic University), **Shani Greenfield** (Towson State, MD.), **Risa Herman** (Long Island University), **Rachel Keningsberg** (NYU), **Naomi Kurant** (Brooklyn College), **Carol Lazarus** (Hunter College and Brooklyn College), **Sima Lesser** (Brooklyn College and Hunter College), **Gitty Lev-Walkin** (Brooklyn College), **Avigail Levine** (Adelphi University, Brooklyn College and St. John's University), **Chana Lieberman** (LIU), **Cipora Lieberman** (NYU), **Malka Lipschitz** (Adelphi University), **Sara Maizes** (Hunter College and Hofstra University), **Prnina Nockenofsky**, (Kean College and St. John's University), **Chavi Pinter** (Kean College), **Leah Richter** (NYU), **Hadassah Rubin** (Kean College), **Chumie Scheiner** (Hofstra University), **Rochelle Stern** (Adelphi University and LIU), **Yael Tarter** (St. John's University), **Batya Twersky** (Brooklyn College), **Shifra Yanofsky** (Brooklyn College) and **Rachel Zelowitz** (Brooklyn College).



Susan Feinberg