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Daniel J. Brody

HARVARD LAW ACCEPTS 3rd FLATBUSH ALUMNUS

Daniel J. Brody, valedictorian of the class of 2007, is the third student of the Flatbush campus to be accepted to Harvard Law School in the past four years. A psychology major, Daniel placed in the top one-half percentile nationally on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). He intends to specialize in criminal law.

Daniel, now enrolled at Harvard, follows in the foot-

steps of David Katz, accepted to Harvard in 2004, and Gershon Silber, valedictorian of the class of 2006, who was admitted both to Harvard and Yale law schools.

Others in the class of 2007 received acceptances from Columbia, Cornell, Georgetown, Fordham, Cardozo, Brooklyn and the Fuchsburg Law Center of Touro College.

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The Newsletter of the Lander College of Arts & Sciences



AT TOURO'S 36th ANNIVERSARY DINNER, Trustee Martin Oliner, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv Rav Israel Meir Lau, and Board Chairman Mark Hasten present President Bernard Lander a beautiful Sefer Torah, in recognition of his lifetime of achievement. BELOW: Dr. Lander (center) presents Dr. Mark and Anna Ruth Hasten a magnificent menorah in appreciation of their generous leadership gift.

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HOENLEIN CHALLENGES GRADUATES: SPREAD TORAH VALUES, SPEAK OUT FOR ISRAEL

College Confers 6600 Degrees

In his keynote address to the Touro College Class of 2007, Malcolm Hoenlein, chief executive officer of the Conference of Presidents of the Major Jewish Organizations, warned of the spread of insidious intellectual anti-semitism prevalent in Britain, where the majority of respondents in a national survey ranked Israel as the leading danger to world peace.

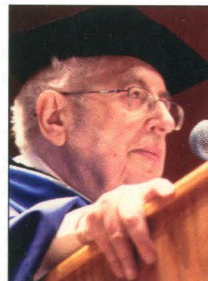
He said the goal of this vicious campaign, which is also spreading across U.S. college campuses, as well as seeping into the nation's mass media, is to delegitimize the State of Israel and to challenge its right to exist.

Hoenlein, who was awarded the Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa, urged the graduates to become thoroughly informed and persuasive spokespersons in defense of Israel and to actively integrate community

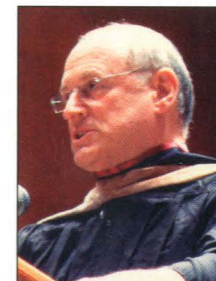
service and civic action into their lives.

An assemblage of 1800 attended the College's 33rd commencement exercises at Lincoln Center on May 27.

Touro's founder and president, Dr. Bernard Lander, passionately exhorted the



Dr. Lander



Dr. Hoenlein

graduates to intensify their study of Torah and to promulgate its truth and values. He conferred degrees upon 692 candidates from the Lander Colleges in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens; the Graduate School of Jewish Studies; the School for Lifelong Education and Machon L'Parnasa.

In tribute to Malcolm Hoenlein, Professor Jerome Miller, dean of communication and college affairs, cited him for his "exemplary leadership in service to the Jewish people and his consummate mastery of the art of political *More on page 3*

FROM THE DEAN REACHING THE AGE OF GEVURAH

Pirkei Avos, in a discussion of a person's lifecycle, describes 30 as the age of vigor – a stage where a person has acquired the maturity and strength to tackle life's challenges. The same may apply to academic institutions.

This year, the Women's Division of Touro in Flatbush is marking its' 30th Anniversary. The first women's entering class of ten students enrolled in Fall 1978 at a small rented facility – three classrooms at the Young Israel of Avenue K. The Flatbush Men's Division had opened two years earlier in 1976 at the Sephardic Institute Building.

The seedling planted three decades ago has grown, evolved, and matured into a major higher education institution serving the pressing educational needs of the frum community in the greater metropolitan area. The prophetic vision of our founder and president, Dr. Bernard Lander, has been realized. The Women's Division of Touro in Flatbush has reached the age of gevurah, the age of vigor, enrolling today close to 1,600 students annually. An almost equal number of students register annually in a parallel men's division.

Touro in Flatbush has touched and transformed thousands, enabling them to pursue professional employment and to support Torah families with dignity. In New York City, Lakewood, Monsey, Los Angeles, and Jerusalem, our women graduates have made major contributions to the communities in which they reside.

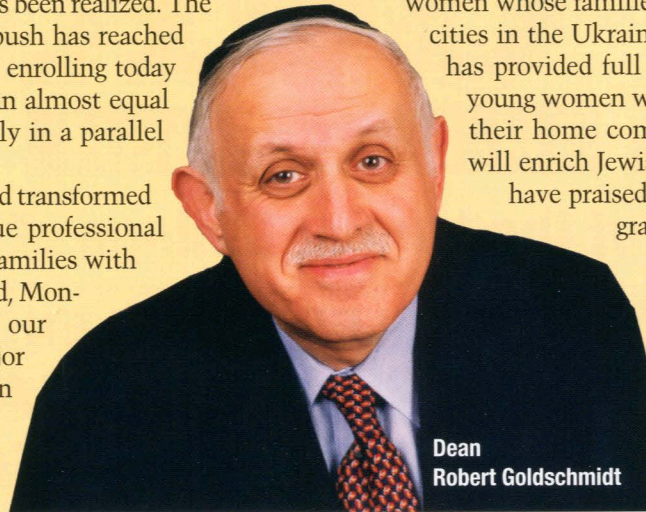
We have grown a lot in these thirty years as we diversified our ac-

ademic programs to include more than twenty options. Our commitment to academic excellence, service to students, and sensitivity to their hashkafos has remained the polestar which has guided our development. Along the way, we have heightened our aspirations, our reach, and our impact.

I consider myself privileged to have been present at the creation of Touro in Flatbush, to have the opportunity to lead this vibrant campus, and to be able to guide students in attaining their degree aspirations. I derive great personal satisfaction when I meet happy and satisfied alumni. I am also gratified when I meet second generation students whose father or mother earned their degree at our school.

In a recent initiative designed to enhance Yiddishkeit in the former Soviet Union, Touro in Flatbush has enrolled 19 young women whose families continue to live in Moscow and cities in the Ukraine. Touro issued student visas and has provided full scholarships to these pioneering young women who will return upon graduation to their home communities where, no doubt, they will enrich Jewish life. Prominent Roshei Yeshiva have praised Touro for this path-breaking program.

We look to the future, proud of our achievements and determined to honor our sacred responsibility to Klal Yisrael. And, as in the past, you, the student, will remain at the center of our purpose.



Dean
Robert Goldschmidt

School of Osteopathy Opens In Manhattan

The Touro College School of Osteopathic Medicine (TOUROCOM), in upper Manhattan, opened in August 2007, with a charter class of 135 students selected from more than 1,800 applicants.

The entering class of 2008 will be chosen from a pool of 3,000 students, according to Dr. Jay Sexter, CEO of TOUROCOM. Touro students with strong academic records will be given preferential consideration for admission.

Touro also operates colleges of osteopathic medicine in California and Nevada.

Students and alumni interested in applying to TOUROCOM should call 646-981-4500.

Touro Moves on Doctoral Programs As University Status Is Sought

The college is moving aggressively toward developing doctoral programs and establishing a medical college in New Jersey, as well as a school of pharmacy in New York. "Our goal is to achieve university status in New York State and to better serve the needs of our community," affirms President Lander.

Touro has requested authorization from the New York State Education Department to offer doctoral programs in education, psychology, and Jewish studies. For many years the college has offered eight master's degrees in education, special education, and school psychology, and an M.A. in Jewish Studies. Vice President Stanley Boylan anticipates approvals for the doctoral programs before the end of this year.

The school of pharmacy, to be located in upper Manhattan, is projected to open in

January 2009. Dr. Stuart Feldman is the dean designate. The school will offer the Pharm D program, now available at only two other institutions in the city.

The Touro University College of Medicine, to be located in Bergen County, New Jersey is slated for opening in September 2009. Under the leadership of Senior Vice President Sholom Hirschman, Touro is now seeking accreditation from the American Medical Association. Dr. Paul Wallach has been appointed dean of the school. The College has signed an affiliation agreement with Hackensack Medical Center, a top-ranked hospital in the nation, which will provide residencies and internship training for our students.

The medical school will offer an accelerated joint Bachelor's-MD program for Touro undergraduates with superior academic records.

36th GALA HONORS FOUNDER - PRESIDENT AND THE HASTENS

Touro's Founder and President, Dr. Bernard Lander, and its Chairman of the Board, Dr. Mark Hasten and his wife, Anna Ruth of Indianapolis, were honored at the college's 36th anniversary dinner at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers in April.

Presented a Sefer Torah for his remarkable achievements in higher education and contributions to the Jewish community, Dr. Lander waxed philosophic in his acceptance address. He told the overflowing assemblage: "One should live a long life, but a life of meaning, purpose, and creativity. This is the purpose of life and the purpose of Touro."

In recognition of Dr. and Mrs. Hasten's exemplary support of the college and their leadership gift of \$10 million, Touro's new building for women in Manhattan has been designated Lander College for Women - The Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School.

Students Commute From All Over

By Rivky Hecht

According to a recent representative college-wide poll, more than 60% of Touro Flatbush students spend at least 31 minutes traveling to school twice or three times a week. Although the leading hometown is Flatbush, followed by Borough Park and other areas of Brooklyn, a considerable number of students come from the Far Rockaway-Five Towns area, Queens, Monsey, the Lower East Side of Manhattan, and Washington Heights. Students also travel from Edison, Passaic, and Lakewood, NJ, Staten Island, Westchester, Long Island, and even as far as Waterbury, CT, which takes three hours each way. Some, who board locally, are natives of Chicago, Atlanta, Detroit, and Toronto.

Nineteen young women come from the former Soviet Union, with their families residing in Moscow, Minsk, and Kiev. In an outreach effort to serve the Russian community, the College is providing special scholarships to cover the cost of their education.

Adapted from The Roundtable, the Lander College student newspaper



Y. Kalikstein



T. Bertram



C. Vail



A. Diamond

PRESIDENT LANDER CONFERS Degrees at 33rd Commencement

Continued from page 1 diplomacy." As a "native son of the City of Philadelphia," Mr. Hoenlein "is indeed his brother's keeper," Dean Miller said.

Valedictories were delivered by Daniel Brody and Malkala Klein of Lander College of Arts and Sciences in Flatbush. Mr. Brody, who is attending Harvard Law School, is the fourth Touro student to be accepted to Harvard in the past four years. Miss Klein is pursuing graduate studies in history at CUNY.

President Bernard Lander presented the David and Goldie Lander Memorial Award to David Casen and the Hadassah Lander Memorial Award to Elisheva Yarmusch, in recognition of their academic achievements and their commitment to Torah and community service.

Vice President and Dean of Students Robert Goldschmidt conducted a spirited two-part awards ceremony. He recognized the following students for outstanding academic excellence: Henni Davidson, Gila Eis, Rachel Lanzkron, Zissel M. Reisman, Esther Weinberger, Elisheva Yarmusch, David Casen, Mark Censor, Abraham Goldberg, Yonah Kalikstein, Julian Tawil, Chaim A. Vail, and Chaim Y. Zeitchik.

The Judah Richman Memorial Award was presented to Asher Diamond; Chaim Vail was the recipient of the Elliot Richman Memorial Award.

Then Dean Goldschmidt presented awards for departmental achievement:



C. Zeitchik



A. Z. Rosenberg

Yehudis Gut, Sora Tzivia Scheiner, Chaim A. Vail, Samuel Wiesner, Accounting; Tzvi Bertram, New York State CPA Society Medal; Yehudith Goldberger, Devorah Shaingarten, Chaim Zeitchik, Becker Conviser Prize; Abraham Goldberg, Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award; Zissel M. Reisman, Avraham Zvi Rosenberg, Biology; Gila Eis, Perel Rena Milman, Memorial Award in Biology; Yonah Kalikstein, Interdisciplinary Sciences; Chana Faigy Lieberman, Todd Isaac Pollock, Chemistry; Gila Engel, Avi Portnoy, Computer Science; Idena Finkelstein, Desktop Publishing; Hadassah Krigsman, Rochel Schwartz, Education; Chaim M. Cohen, Ephraim Y. Schoenbrun, Finance; Avi Norensberg, History; David M. Bergman, Dina Jacobs, Management/Marketing; Sholom Reuben Brody, Management Information Systems;

Also, Dovid Markowitz, Chani Sherer, Dr. Edith Luchins Prize in Mathematics; Daniel Brody, Malkala Klein, Jamie Tabrisky, Julian Tawil, Psychology; Noam Y. Ben-Ari, Henni Davidson, Miriam Hirschman, Batya Tenenbaum, Speech Pathology

Touro College awarded more than 6600 doctor of philosophy, doctor of osteopathic medicine, doctor of physical therapy, juris doctor, master's, baccalaureate and associate degrees by the end of the commencement season.



R. Lanzkron



Z. Reisman

Career Services Expands, Better Serving Students & Alumni

The Office of Career Services has added two new staff members to help better serve the needs of our students seeking fulltime employment or internship.



S. Singer

Sarri Singer, a Touro alumna, is assistant director of career services. She brings practical hands-on experience from such organizations as National Conference for Synagogue Youth, One Family Fund, Voices for Israel, Birthright Israel, Heritage Seminars and the Koby Mandell Foundation. Specializing in helping students and alumni make career decisions, she is available at Flatbush on Tuesdays, from 10:30 AM – 6:30 PM.

Chaim Shapiro earned a master's degree in college student personnel from

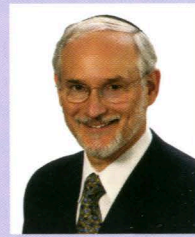


C. Shapiro

Loyola University in Chicago, and pursued doctoral coursework in institutional leadership and policy studies at the University of California, Riverside. He has had experience in Jewish community affairs and in college student placement and development. He meets with students Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30AM - 6:30PM, Thursdays, 10:30AM - 8PM, and Fridays 9:30AM - 1PM.

The Office of Career Services also includes Ron Ansel, director, and Maurice Kofman, coordinator.

Mr. Ansel holds an MBA in management information systems from American University and a BA in accounting from Franklin and Marshall College.



R. Ansel

Prior to joining Touro in 2005, he was the head of his business coaching and organizational consulting firm, Strategies for Success. In 2002 he completed a 25-year career with J. P. Morgan Chase, where he was a vice president in human resources, specializing in team development, organizational change, personal awareness workshops, diversity training, and coaching in career development and transition.

Contact: career.services@touro.edu

Benjamin Goodman '84, Actuary, Directs Consulting Services at TIAA -CREF

Benjamin Goodman, B.S. '84, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries attended Touro in the evenings, while learning at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath. He received Smicha from Rav Pam ZT"L while studying for a master's degree in computer science at Polytechnic University. He has been at TIAA-CREF since 1988, and is currently a director of actuarial consulting services. He lives in Lawrence, NY, and is married to Yocheved (nee Cohen) who is also a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. They have four children, ages 8 to 15.

Benjamin admits: "I did not attend col-

lege to broaden my horizons or to make myself a more well-rounded individual, but for the perfectly selfish reason of preparing to support myself and my (future) family. I was not sure if I wanted to go into computers, mathematics or finance, so I took courses in all of them. I earned a BS in a dual major of mathematics and computer science.



B. Goodman

"I had a wonderful experience at Touro, and a few things stand out. First, I was able to concentrate on courses I really wanted to take. I was not forced to take courses for which I had no interest.

Second, because of the small class size, I was able to make new friends. One of them is a Rebbe in my neighborhood, and I have been learning with him at night for the past 15 years. Third, during my first semester I had two professors, Dr. Katz and Dr. Yarmish, whose classes were interesting and informative. I made sure to sign up for whatever they were teaching. While I have no longer kept in touch with them, at the time they were more than just professors; they were mentors, advisors, and dare I say, friends. On many occasions Professor Yarmish drove me back to yeshiva after the last class."

Bitton '02 Coordinates Outreach in Seattle



E. Bitton

Elinatan Bitton, B.S., '02, is coordinator of Sephardic Outreach for the Seattle, Washington Kollel. In his position he interacts with the Sephardic community, gives shiurim to baalebatim and young adults, tutors children, and arranges exciting Jewish events. Together with his wonderful wife Jackie and their children, they invite numerous

guests each week for the invaluable kiruv of Shabbat in their home.

"Touro helped give me the tools to be successful in these special efforts," he affirms.

Rabbi Bald '94 Receives Marbitz Torah Award

Rabbi Yitzchok Bald, B.S., '94, received the Marbitz Torah Award at the annual Melave Malka of Yeshiva Torah Vodaath in January.

Rabbi Bald, who served as a learning rebbe in Camp Agudah, is now the sixth-grade rebbe at the Yeshiva of South Shore. He is well known in the community as a composer and singer.

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6 Academics Join Fulltime Faculty

Dr. Stanley Boylan, dean of faculties, has announced the appointment of six fulltime faculty members at the Flatbush campus for Spring 2008.

They are:

Dr. Shaindy Pretter, assistant professor of psychology, formerly an assistant professor of clinical sociomedical sciences at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. Dr. Pretter, an expert in health psychology, has participated in several research studies on the impact of disease on caregivers and family members. Her daughter and son graduated from the Flatbush campus.

Dr. Richard Bronstein, assistant professor, a specialist in forensic psychology, holds a J.D. from Rutgers University, an L.L.M. from New York University and a Ph.D in psychology from Union Institute. He served as a director at the New York State Department of Mental Health's Work Release Facilities in Staten Island.

Dr. Richard Nannes, assistant professor in history, received his Ph.D from the University of Pennsylvania. He received a fellowship from the Institute for European History in Mainz, Germany.

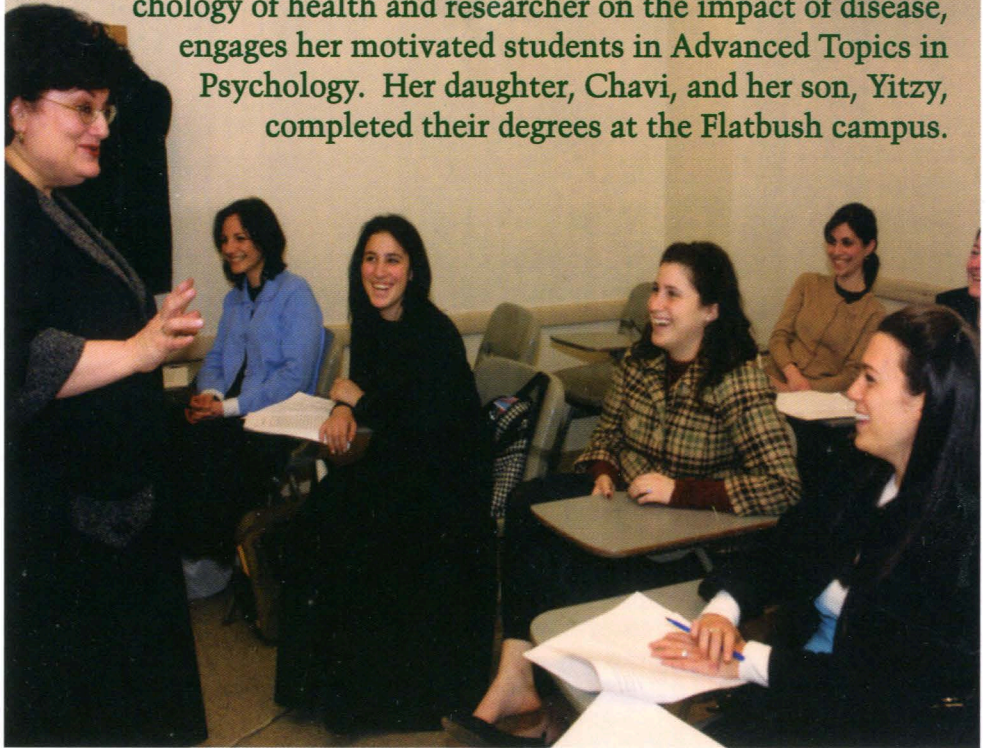
Dr. Aliza Holz, assistant professor of biology, received her Ph.D in biology from Boston University after completing her undergraduate studies at Brandeis University. An editorial consultant and medical writer, she has taught at Vermont College, the College of New Rochelle, and Boston University.

Rita Roitman, M.S., C.C.K.-S.L.P., instructor of speech pathology, has been a speech-language pathologist at the Guild of Exceptional Children, Staten Island University Hospital Challenge Early Intervention Center, and the Williamsburg Developmental School.

Alan Mond, instructor of political science, earned his M.A. in comparative and international politics at New York University. He has served in a variety of communal Jewish organizations over the past twenty years, including the National Council of Young Israel and the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs. He is Touro's former vice president for resource development.

More than 160 faculty members teach at this campus.

Assistant Professor Shaindy Pretter, an expert on the psychology of health and researcher on the impact of disease, engages her motivated students in Advanced Topics in Psychology. Her daughter, Chavi, and her son, Yitzy, completed their degrees at the Flatbush campus.



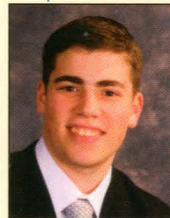
Biology Majors Lutz and Zelman to Present Research Findings on Pomegranate Juice

Elliot Lutz and Zev Zelman, honors biology majors in the Men's Division, have participated in a research project studying the antibacterial effects of 34 natural beverages. Their research findings will be presented June 4, 2008 at the 108th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Boston.

The study conducted by Lutz and Zelman, under the guidance of Dr. Milton Schiffenbauer, a professor of biology at Pace University who

also teaches at Touro in Flatbush, found that pomegranate juice and several POM teas totally inactivated the T1 virus, which infects *E. coli* B and other bacterial organisms. Most other beverages had little or no antibacterial effects.

Elliot and Zev, who are candidates for graduation in June, are pursuing their Talmudic studies at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath. Both are planning careers in dental medicine.



E. Lutz



Z. Zelman

Phys Ed Electives At Kingsway Center

Touro in Flatbush now offers a physical education program, using the swimming pool and gym facilities of the Kingsway Jewish Center.

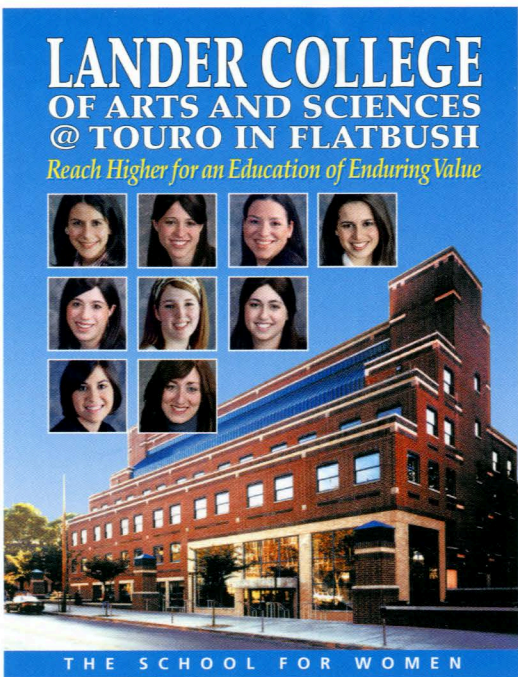
The Spring 2008 schedule includes both beginners and advanced swimming, self-defense, and basketball classes for women on Monday evenings. The men's basketball team meets for practice Fridays at 1 p.m.; a concurrent activity is offered in swimming.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR ALUMNI

President Bernard Lander has announced the establishment of an alumni scholarship providing a 50% tuition reduction for graduates of Touro College who take additional courses at the Flatbush Campus after graduation. No special application is required.

The new edition of the view-book for the women's school is available from the Office of Admissions. Call (718) 252-7800 x 299, 320; or email us at lasadmit@touro.edu.

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THE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

EIGHT ALUMNAE PURSUE DOCTORAL, MEDICAL STUDIES

Eight women who graduated from Touro's campus in Flatbush are currently pursuing doctoral studies at prestigious universities in the United States and Israel.

Tova Neustadt – Schechter (B.S. in biology '05) is a Meyerhoff Honor's Fellow in the Ph.D program in biochemistry at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and the mother of a son. She is the seventh member of her family to have graduated from Touro. Her husband is studying in the Kollel at Ner Israel.

Nechama Rothbaum – Silverstein (B.S. in biology '05) is completing her second year in the Ph.D program in neurobiology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, while her husband is studying in Kollel. The couple are the parents of a daughter.

Dina Honigwachs – Yankelewitz (B.S. in mathematics, '06) lives in Lakewood, N.J., where her husband is learning in Beth Medrash Govoha. Dina is now halfway through a doctoral program in mathematics education at Rutgers University.

Shulamit Fund – Freeman (B.A. '93) has completed the Psy.D degree at C.W. Post. She is in private practice as a clinical psychologist in Flatbush.

Chava Gofer (B.S. '04) is a second-year student in dental medicine at SUNY Stony Brook School of Dentistry, while **Devorah Pliver** is enrolled at the New York University College of Dentistry.

Tybee Pogrow – Eleff (B.S. '05) and **Masha Friedman** (B.S. '06) are both pursuing doctoral programs in optometry at the SUNY College of Optometry in mid-Manhattan.

According to Dr. Robert Bressler, chairman of the department of biology, three women seniors are scheduled to take the MCAT examination in 2008 and will be applying for admission to medical school for September 2009.

LIVING IN TWO WORLDS

Monroe — When Rachel Freier (B.A. '01) opened her office above a deli and a real estate office in a strip mall on Route 17M two years ago, she was no ordinary law school graduate hanging her shingle while studying for the bar exam.

She was a 40-year-old mother of six and a Chasidic Jew. Her budding career was unique: Few people in her intensely religious culture go into law. Too many inducements to assimilate into the secular world are strewn along the path to a law degree.

Only by praying for divine guidance, she says, does she straddle two worlds.

She grew up in the Orthodox Jewish world of Borough Park, Brooklyn, the oldest of five children. She never planned on a career.

At 17, she graduated and landed a secretarial job in a Manhattan law office.

It took a while, though, for her ambitions to develop. At 19, she married David Freier, and then came children. She continued working as a legal secretary and paralegal, eventually making her way to the firm of Wilkie Farr & Gallagher in 1994.

She was working there when her husband earned his accounting degree at Touro College in Brooklyn. Rachel, who by then had turned 30, remembers sitting at David's graduation, thinking: "Now it's my turn. Now it's my turn."

She enrolled at Touro, which had separate-gender classrooms, and graduated in six years with a political science degree. [While at Touro, she was the head of the political science/pre-law society.] Then she went to Brooklyn Law School. In June 2005, her family watched her cross the stage to accept her parchment.

Within her own circles, Freier's pursuit of a law career drew mixed reactions. Some were enthusiastic; others asked David why he was letting his wife do what she was doing.

Those who were dismayed might have thought she was turning away from her community and its traditions. But on the contrary, she says, spending her days working and studying in the secular world only heightened her appreciation of Chasidim.

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Klein '01 Authors Estate & Gift Map

Alexandra Sheindel Klein (B.A. '01) has authored *The Estate and Gift Tax Map*, (Thomson – West.) This large-scale map, presented in a flow-chart format, is designed to help law students and practitioners better understand the rules and structure of the federal estate and gift tax system.

A review in the New York University School of Law newspaper characterizes the map as "one of the more useful tools designed to aid self-study of the internal revenue codes estate and gift tax provisions" and recommends it for any student now taking a course in this field.

Sheindel came to Touro following graduation from Manhattan High School for Girls and after completing her studies at the Beth Jacob Teachers Seminary in Boro Park. At Touro she majored in political science, graduating summa cum laude, with honors in her major. She received her J.D. degree from New York University School of Law and has practiced law in the trusts and estates department at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in New York.



Times Herald Record / Dominick Fiorello

Attorney Rachel Freier, B.A. '01

LIVING IN TWO WORLDS

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"I would take the train back to 18th Avenue; I was so happy to be home," she says.

At least three days a week, Freier drives across the Brooklyn Bridge in her minivan and heads to Monroe, where she caters largely to the Satmar Chasidic residents of nearby Kiryas Joel. She says she opened her office there because she relished working with such a fervently religious population.

One perception she'd like to counter is that Chasidic women — most of whom don't drive or take up careers as she has done — are treated as second-class citizens. Mothers may work if they choose, but being the anchor of the home is the most important job of all, she argues.

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Chris McKenna is a reporter for the Times Herald-Record.*

'I AM FORTUNATE TO BE A TOURO SANDWICH ALUMNA'

By Ahuva (Gold) Ribner (B.S. '87) CPA

I have fond memories of my evenings spent at Touro College from 1984-1987. I attended Touro at the Shulamith building near Avenue M. There was no security guard. Newly married students would leave their shopping carts at the door so that they could do their Erev Shabbos shopping at the nearby Waldbaums. My classes included students of all ages who came from far and wide. Some of them were working for years as bookkeepers and wanted to further their careers. We shared a goal to graduate and take the CPA exam, a formidable objective. Sitting for the CPA exam required lots of diligence, determination and studying. With G-d's help I passed the CPA exam before the impending birth of my eldest child. Graduation was a milestone, giving me the confidence to compete in the marketplace. My Touro degree and state certification have been essential in my more than twenty years as an accountant in the business world.

I have moved from handwritten accounting records to a computerized and paperless office environment.

My experience was gained through employment in a family accounting and bookkeeping firm. In addition to applying accounting theory to practice, I learned how to function in the general marketplace with integrity as a committed Jew. My father, an accountant, continues to model timeless Torah values and discipline as he practices as a highly regarded CPA professional.

During the past decade I have worked as controller for various construction contractors.

Since 1989 I have given seminars to Bais Yaakov high school seniors and seminaries on issues in the workplace and how they affect us as Jewish women. I share with the students my marketplace experiences as well as those of others. The students and I strategize and develop a tool set that will equip them to maintain their integrity during their working lives. My key recommendation is the importance of maintaining a relationship with a mentor. The objectivity and experience a confidant offers enables one the clarity and courage to make right choices and do what's most effective in challenging situations. 'A mentor encourages us to overcome the fear factor. One cannot do life alone. Despite pressure sometimes to respond otherwise, uncompromised adherence to Torah standards and values leads to professional success and personal gratification.

I am fortunate to be a Touro Sandwich alumna. My mother was a returning student who graduated from Touro while I was in high school. My eldest daughter is now a Touro senior. My second daughter is an AP Touro College high school senior. I am grateful to Touro for offering my family and me opportunities to maximize our career aspirations in a proper environment.

Devora Gurwitz, Senior, Is Finalist For Google Borg Memorial Scholarship

Senior Devora Gurwitz has been selected a finalist for the 2008 Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship.

The prestigious award is given by Google to encourage women to excel in computing and technology and become

active role models and leaders in their profession.

Devora joined 29 other nationwide finalists at the annual Google scholar's networking retreat held in San Francisco in April.

She is editor of Touro's Computer Science Newsletter. Prior to registering in Flatbush she spent her seminary year at BJJ in Jerusalem.

Researchers Present Abstracts at Chemistry Conference

Three Flatbush alumni presented research abstracts at the annual conference of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry in San Diego this past summer.



M. Zions

Michael Zions, B.S. '07, co-authored two papers: the first refines the existing blood test for congestive heart failure, improving its accuracy; the second moves along similar lines, expanding the perpetuation for which the test can be applied and making it available to kidney patients for the first time.

Gitta Pancer, B.S. '07, and Ester Engelman, B.S. '07, collaborated on an investigation into C-reactive protein, typically elevated in patients with pneumonia, acute kidney infection and sepsis, significant conditions in the critically ill.

The trio expressed their gratitude to Dr. Leroy H. Bernstein, chief of clinical pathology at New York Methodist Hospital, who was their mentor and primary author of the findings. Dr. Bernstein continues to accept pre-medical students from Touro to volunteer in his laboratory.

In commending Zions, Pancer and Engelman, Dean of Students Robert Goldschmidt said "their work reflects the ethos of inquiry, research, and service that our faculty seeks to instill in all of our students."



G. Pancer



E. Engelman

National Accounting Firms Employ 37 of Our Best

Many alumni of the Lander College at Touro in Flatbush have joined the Big Four accounting firms as well as other nationally recognized firms, including RSM McGladrey and Grant Thornton.

The following graduates are currently employed in the New York office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, the largest accounting firm in the United States.

Moshe Biderman, CPA '96, director, tax – financial services; Mark Friedman, CPA '03, senior associate, audit – financial services; Mindy Lowy, CPA, '04, senior associate, audit – financial services; Naftali

Zomberg, CPA, '99, manager – financial services; Devoiry Kornfeld, CPA, '04, senior associate, tax – financial services; Pinchas Schwartz, director, tax – financial services; Miriam Abraham '06, associate, tax – financial services; Mark Rubin, associate, audit (CIPS); Yair Akiva Katz '06, associate, audit (CIPS); Adina Jankelowitz, professional assistant; Shira Bass '05, senior associate, tax projects delivery group; Len Berkowitz, CPA, '02, associate, tax international; Brocha Zeitchik '04, senior associate, tax – financial services; Sora Zeitchik '03, associate, audit – technology information

Touro seniors, Lavie Klein of Los Angeles and Judy Eichorn of New York, who will graduate in 2008, will join PricewaterhouseCoopers in August.

Three Touro alumni have achieved part-

nership status at DeLoitte and Touche. They are Samuel Lowenthal, CPA, Boruch Cohen, CPA and Joel Eisenreich, JD. Others at the firm include Avi Shulhof, CPA, senior manager; Estee Weiss, CPA, manager; Avi Ament, CPA, tax senior; and Daniel Buchinger, Chaim Vail, Rivki Steinberg, Yehudis Kaufold and David Berger.

Ten Touro graduates holding positions at RSM McGladrey are David Berger, CPA, '99, tax manager; Michelle Smulowitz, CPA, '95, tax manager; Yaakov Gaffney, CPA, '96, audit manager; Eli Beckerman '02, audit manager; Asher Glatt '07, audit associate; Elad Rosin '97, audit senior associate; Elliot Isaac, CPA, '99, audit director; Menachem Haskelwitsch '05, audit senior associate; Yaakov Tambor '05, tax senior associate; and Alex Tilis '04, senior associate in real estate group.

Workshops Offered On Test Preparation

To better prepare students for graduate school and licensure examinations, the Office of the Dean of Students organized a series of workshops and test sessions in Fall 2007.

The workshops included presentations by the school of health sciences relating to the fields of occupational and physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and oriental medicine and acupuncture. The department of education sponsored three intensive Sunday workshops to prepare students for the New York State Teacher's Licensure Tests.

The college invited the Kaplan test preparation company to administer the GRE, the LSAT, and the MCAT for diagnostic purposes.

The college plans to repeat these programs this Spring and also to add a workshop for the CPA examination.

Touro Again Ranks at Top of Uniform CPA Examination

Based on the passing rate of its graduates on the Uniform CPA Examination during the 2006 examination cycle, the most recent period in the published results, Touro College once again ranks at the top among New York state colleges and universities. The official statistics were reported by the National State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and were analyzed by Dr. Barry Bressler, dean of undergraduate business.

The CPA examination includes four sections. Touro College ranked first in New York state on the financial accounting section, with a passing rate of 58.6%. For first time test takers, the New York state pass rate average was 39.7% and the mean pass rate for the United States was 43%. Touro also ranked first in the regulation and business law section with a pass rate of 64%; the mean pass rate for New York state was 40.4%.

The College ranked second on the auditing section.

"These results are a good indicator of the excellent quality of the accounting program offered by Touro," noted Dean Robert Goldschmidt.

ALUMNI *with* CLASS

1979 Sima Srebro – Feinzeig, principal, Sima Funding, real estate brokerage firm; **Yaakov Feinzeig, JD** (Rutgers), LLM, (NYU Law School), MBA (NYU Stern School of Business), attorney in private practice.

1980 Livia Cohen, CPA, manager, Roth and Co.; **Simcha Felder, CPA, MBA** (Baruch), New York City Council Member and candidate for City Controller; **Dovid Goldstein**, appeals arbitrator, US Tax Court; **Harvey Katz, CPA**, partner, Roth and Co.; **Mark Nachman**, chief financial officer, Wallack Management Co.; **David Neuhauser**, president, Superior Real Estate Appraisals Inc.

1981 Simcha Weiss, CPA, chief financial officer, Farmers Insurance Co., Los Angeles.

1982 Yossi N. Heber, MBA, (Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania), president, Oxford Hill Partners, Oak Park, MI; **Zehava Murciano -Kraitenberg, M.S.**, director of the Bais Yaakov of Midwood pre-school program - opening in September 2008; **Chaim Mozes, Ph.D.** (New York University) associate professor, Fordham University Graduate School of Business; **David Seidemann, JD** (Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center of Touro College), partner, Seidemann and Mermelstein; **Chaim Weidman, CPA**, director of taxation, Millennium Partners.

1983 Yitzchak Gottdiener, executive director, Yeshiva Torah Vodaath and Mesivta; **Vivian Chaya Schneck-Last, MBA** (Columbia) managing partner, Goldman Sachs.

1984 Yoel Krasnow, JD (Columbia), of counsel, Dewey & Leboeuf; **Tzvi Schechter, CPA**, controller, National Health Care Associates; **Adam Thaler, JD**, (Columbia), principal, Tax, Mergers & Acquisitions, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP; **Sara Schechter - Yaroslowitz, OT**, (SUNY Downstate), executive director, Heart to Heart Therapy.

1985 Yossi (Joseph) Rubinstein, vice president, Health Care Co.; **David Sharfman**, magid shiur, Torah Emes Academy, Miami Beach.

1986 Sam Wolf, Vice president for sales and marketing, Fairmont Insurance.

1987 Shayne Gelbfish, MSW (Monmouth University) specializes in trauma victims; **Ahuva Gold - Ribner, CPA**, comptroller, Tessler Development Corp.; **Michael Todfeld, CPA**, director of tax, FlightSafety International.

1988 Ruth Parnes - Buckler, international insurance consultant, ASA Inc.; **Lipa Eichorn, CPA**, chief financial officer, Bronx Funding; **Elysa Manhoff - Kaufman**, director, Keshet Learning center, licensed pre-school in Flatbush; **Michael Lavine**, Executive Vice President, Homeland Security Consultants, Baltimore; **Reuven Lubin**, physician's assistant, Maimonides Hospital.

1989 Jacob A. Beniawski, CPA, partner, Loeb and Troper; **Shmuel Lowenthal, CPA**, partner, Deloitte & Touche; **Bryan Sober**, project manager, Glickman Engineering.

1990 Chaim Kabalkin, MD, department of cardiology, Maimonides Hospital; **David Koegal**, private banker at Signature Bank; **Seth Lapin,**

DO, specialist in gastroenterology, Maimonides Hospital; **Esther Yormark**, resource room director Yeshiva Chaim Berlin.

1991 Penina Sandhauss - Bravmann, director of early intervention and preschool, Strive Right, Auditory School of New York; **Joel Eisenreich, JD** (Cardozo), partner, Deloitte and Touche; **Boruch H. Waldman, JD** (Brooklyn), attorney in private practice.

1992 Chaim Berkowitz, JD (Columbia) associate, Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein and Breitstone, LLP; **Michael Yarmish**, chief actuary, Guardian Insurance Group.

1993 Chavie Katz, M.S. in TESOL, teacher – Tichon Meir Moshe High School; **Benjamin Lapin**, CEO, Stock Market Recovery Consultants; **Barry Kosowsky, M.S.** in education (Touro), headmaster, Mesorah School for Girls, Dallas, TX; **David Stolzman**, general manager, Jump Health & Fitness Center, Jerusalem.

1994 Yehuda Braunstein, JD (Fordham), of counsel, Schulte, Roth, Zabel; **Israel Dahan, JD** (Brooklyn Law), litigation lawyer, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft; **David Freier**, executive in a private real estate financing firm; **Avrohom Horovitz**, chaplain, promoted to major, U.S. Army, Fort Benning, GA; **Frieda Reisman**, assistant treasurer, The Bank of New York.

1995 Avi Dobin, CPA, auditor, office of legislative audits, State of Maryland, Baltimore; **Karen Fireworker - Schneck, M.S.** (Polytechnic University) financial engineering, bank examiner, Federal Reserve Bank; **Malka Krepel - Smulowitz, CPA**, manager, tax division, RSM McGladrey; **David Lieber**, vice president, information technology Global Foreign Exchange, Credit Suisse; **Asher Schoor, JD, MBA** (New York University), senior vice president, HealthMarkets, a Texas based leading provider of health insurance company for the self-employed.

1996 Boruch Cohen, CPA, partner, Deloitte & Touche; **Ephraim Diamond, JD**, (New York University) counsel, DK partners Hedge Fund; **Yaakov Gaffney, CPA**, audit manager, RSM McGladrey; **Shrage Goldschmidt, JD** (Columbia Law School), senior litigation attorney, Ropes & Gray; **Yisroel Grafstein, JD** (Brooklyn) associate, Citigroup; **Elliot Isaac, CPA**, audit director, RSM McGladrey Inc.; **Fraidy Koenig**, physician's assistant, Cardiology Department – Albert Einstein Medical College; **Shaye Mann, JD** (Loyola Law School, LA), litigation attorney, Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, PLC, Phoenix; **Robert Smulowitz, MBA** (Baruch), vice president, the Presbyterian Church Pension Fund.

1997 Shalom Blatt, manager, Citigroup; **Israel Deutsch, MD** (SUNY Downstate) fellow in radiology Oncology, Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital; **Tzvi Diamond**, second-year medical student at SUNY Downstate Medical Center; **Yechiel Eisenstadt, MBA** (NYU Stern School of Business) president, Esplanade Capital LLC; **Chaya Gita Golowinski, M.S.** in Occupational Therapy, (Florida International University), therapist in private practice; **Ethan S. Kahn, CPA**, manager, ERE, LLP; **Rachelle Kreindler - Koenig**, physician assistant at New York Hospital, department of obstetrics & gynecology; **Yaakov Kreindler, MA**, physical therapist, early intervention program, New York City Department of Education; **Reuben Minkowitz, MD** (Cornell Weill Medical Center) chief resident, orthopedic surgery, NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases; **Dov Rubinstein, CPA**, auditor, Brand Sonneschein, LLP; **Avraham Taub, DO** (New York College of Osteopathic Medicine) resident in psychiatry, Maimonides Hospital.

1998 Shraga Eichenstein, CPA, executive, Marathon Hedge Funding; **Aaron Gutterman, MD**, (SUNY Downstate,) physician in private practice, Lakewood, NJ; **Yehudit Hoffman, MA**, administrator, Surfside Nursing Home; **Tzvi Jungreis, MSW** (Wurzweiler) residence manager, Women's League Community Residences; **Binyomin Lieberman, JD** (Brooklyn Law School), assistant district attorney - fraud division, Kings County District Attorney's Office; **Yosef Nussbaum, JD** (Fordham), managing director, Bear Stearns & Co.

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David Greenfield '98 Launches Campaign for Council Seat

On the urging of rabbinical, communal, and business leaders, David G. Greenfield (Valedictorian, B.A., '98) has launched his campaign to succeed Councilman Simcha Felder in New York City's 44th Council District election in November 2009.

As executive vice president of the Sephardic Community Federation, David works with public officials on issues and policies affecting the entire Jewish community.

He is a founding board member of TEACH-NYS and was one of the driving forces behind the recently enacted \$600 million tax-credit for parents of school-age children in New York State.

David is also a member of the New York

City Department of Education Non-Public School Standing Committee, which plays a critical role in addressing important issues affecting the 21% of New York's children who attend non-public schools and advocating on their behalf.



D. Greenfield

with Zev Brenner."

Before joining the Sephardic Community Federation, David served as deputy director of finance for Senator Joe

Lieberman's presidential campaign, as well as chief of staff to Assemblyman Dov Hikind. After graduating from Touro, David went on to receive his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington D.C.

Looking back, David credits Touro for a large part of his success. He fondly remembers the guidance he received from his instructors and mentors who always made time to answer questions and offer advice. Also important to David was the network of friends he made at Touro, many of whom he still keeps in touch with and who are actively supporting him in his bid for City Council.

David resides in Flatbush with his wife Dina and their one-year old son.

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1999 David Berger, manager, RSM McGladrey Inc.; **Nechama Cohen**, early childhood teacher, Magen David; **Nechy Desiree-Eisenstadt, M.A.** (Creative Arts Therapy, Pratt Institute); **Sara Rivka Goldschmidt**, director of pre-school programs, Gan Yisroel in Boro Park; **Mark Grinfeld, JD**, (Columbia), tax planner, Hess Corporation; **Esther Kamin, M.S.**, occupational therapist, New York City Department of Education; **Shmuel Kravatsky, MA**, (School Administration, Loyola University), teacher, Beth Tfiloh Community School, Baltimore; **Srully Neiman, CPA** Partner, Kohnen, Neiman & Co., Bergenfield, New Jersey; **Ari Schwartz, JD**, (Fordham), partner, Emery, Will & Pickering; **Shalom Stender**, actuary, Guardian Life, Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

2000 Esty Skovronsky-Katz, M.S., (speech language pathology, Touro), speech therapist for Board of Education, Las Vegas, Nevada; **Chaim Neuhoff, Ph.D.** (Fairleigh Dickinson University), clinical psychologist, child & adolescent Psychotherapy; **Deborah Prager, M.S.**, (mathematics, Queens College), teacher of mathematics, Bnos Bais Yaakov, Far Rockaway; **Yael Farkas - Sperling**, teacher of mathematics - Tichon Meir Moshe High School and Torah Academy for Girls; **Chaim Wanounou, M.S.**, physical therapist in private practice; **Geula Skovronsky-Weiser, M.S.**, special education teacher, Shaarei Torah High School, Queens.

2001 Avi Cukier, MBA, (NYU Stern College of Business), Executive Health Care Company; **Levy Eichenstein**, senior vice president, OTR Media NY; **Ruchie Freier, JD**, (Brooklyn Law School), attorney in private practice, Monroe, NY; **Jacob N. Friedman, JD**, (Columbia), associate, Dewey & LeBoeuf; **Rivka Lebovits, LMSW** (Fordham) social worker, Pessach Tivkah; **Mendy Reichman**, senior actuarial associate, AXA Advisors; **Samuel Reichmann**, asset management analyst, Brookfield Properties, NYC; **Moshe Strimber, JD**, (Brooklyn Law School), senior associate, international tax, Deloitte and Touche; **Jeffrey Unger, JD** (University of Pennsylvania, ranked first in the graduating class of 2005) associate, Wachtel, Lipton; **Daniel Zucker, M.S.**, (Stern School of Business, New York University), evaluation associate, Real Estate Division, Deloitte and Touche.

2002 Eli Beckerman, CPA, audit manager, McGladrey and Pullen LLP; **Yoni Dembitzer, M.S.**, physical therapist in private practice; **Allison Gampel**, enrolled in Psy.D program at Pace University; **Simi Koenig - Eichenstein, M.S.**, physical therapy, early intervention, private practice;

David Katz, JD, (Harvard Law School), associate, Skadden, Arps; **David Knopfler, JD**, (New York Law School), **MBA**, (Baruch), attorney, private practice entrepreneur; **Solomon Mayer, M.S.**, physical therapist in private practice; **Yossi Metal, CPA**, associate, Sandelman Partners Hedge Fund; **David Schachter, JD**, (Case Western University Law School), associate at Hunter Maclean, Savannah, Georgia; **Sara Grossman - Wiederblank**, teacher at Ateres Bais Yaakov, Monsey. Her book, *Save Our School*, was published by Targum Press. She contributes to Binah Magazine; **Steven Zimmerman**, enrolled in Psy.D program at Pace University.

2003 Ita Schneider - Berkovic, teacher, Bais Yaakov of Montreal; **Yitz Lipszyc**, associate, risk management program, Goldman Sachs; **Barry Schachter, JD** (Fordham) associate, White and Case; **Benjamin Stern, M.S.** (Touro), school psychologist at Magen David; pursuing Ph.D in psychology at Walden University; **Esther Honigswachs-Winter**, systems analyst & programmer, Business Solutions Partners, Freehold, New Jersey; **Sara Zeitchik, CPA**, auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

2004 Debbie Eichorn, JD, (Cardozo), assistant district attorney, Kings County; **Menachem Haskelewitch, CPA**, audit senior associate, McGladrey and Pullen LLP; **Naomi Jakobov, M.S.**, (Kean University), occupational therapist at Yeled V'Yalda; **Brandon Kramer**, accepted to Ph.D program in clinical psychology at University of Illinois for Fall 2008; **Ari L. Lasker, CPA**, senior auditor, Perelson Weiner, LLP; **Mindy Lowy**, senior audit associate, Pricewaterhouse Coopers; **Adam Okun**, actuary, Mercer Consulting; **Yisroel Schwartz, JD**, (NYU School of Law), Wilkie Farr & Gallagher, LLP; **Yaakov Skovronsky, MS**, speech therapist at Omni; **Alex Tilis**, senior associate, Real Estate Group, McGladrey and Pullen LLP; **Esther Peikes - Weiss**, accountant, Lightstone Group, Lakewood, New Jersey.

2005 Tybee Pogrow - Eleff, second-year student at SUNY College of Optometry; **Miriam Honigswachs - Gerstein**, (Master's in Accounting, Brooklyn College), real estate accountant; **Asaf Klein**, first-year medical student at SUNY Downstate Medical Center; **Naomi Grossman - Levenspil**, accountant, E.S. Sutton Company, Sayreville, New Jersey; **Meyer Noskow**, second-year medical student at SUNY Buffalo Dental School; **Daniel Peikes**, second-year dental student at University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey; **Elie Perl**, accountant at Hertz, Herson & Company; *More next page*

Councilman Felder, B.S. '80, Ready for Comptroller Mantle



Simcha Felder '80, who is ending his four-term limit as Brooklyn City Councilman at the end of 2009, has announced his plans to run for the office of NYC Comptroller.

Following his graduation from Touro with a degree in accounting, he became a CPA, earned an MBA in management, progressed from the Department of Finance to the Office of the Comptroller, and then to his current council position.

At this point in the campaign, he is the only candidate who is a CPA with tax auditing experience.

"I would not likely have had the opportunity to build a career in public service, started twenty-five years ago as a tax auditor in the Department of Finance," he has said, "if not for my experience as an undergraduate at Touro College. It was at Touro where I came to understand public service by the example set by those faculty and administrators whose personal interest in the success of their students made a measurable and indelible difference in my life and those of my peers. It was this initial experience of perseverance and success at Touro that opened up a world of future endeavors and possibilities."

The Writer's Café Seeks Manuscripts

The first issue of The Writer's Café, a literary magazine showcasing Jewish authors for Jewish readers, features work of two members of the Touro community: Yehoshua November, instructor in English, authored the poems, "The Unseeable World" and "The Arizal's Mikva," and Lonna Gordon, past editor-in-chief of The Roundtable, the undergraduate newspaper, wrote a humorous essay, "Shopping With Mom." Lonna completed her degree requirements in January 2008 and is now studying engineering at Polytechnic University.

The magazine's editor advises, "I prefer writing that conveys a voice, a sense of the personality behind the writing. I'd like an intensity that says that the piece means something to the author, one way or another."

Faculty, students, and alumni are invited to submit fiction and non-fiction, short stories, essays and poetry for possible publication.

For further information, check: www.thewriter-scafemag.com.

LEGACY FAMILY EICHORN 4 Members Share the Touro Experience

Judy Eichorn - Edelstein, who is the 2008 women's class valedictorian, is the fourth member of her family to graduate from Touro in Flatbush.



J. Eichorn-Edelstein

An accounting major who is graduating with a perfect 4.0 average, Judy will join PricewaterhouseCoopers in August as an auditor. She plans to take the CPA exam in the Fall. Prior to enrolling at Touro, Judy spent the year at Bnos Chava in Jerusalem.

Joining Judy in the class of 2008 is her twin sister, Rachelle Eichorn - Daniel. An honors biology major, Rachelle, who satisfied her degree requirements in Jan-

uary, is moving to Baltimore where she will enroll in a master's program and then pursue doctoral studies in environmental biology at Towson University.

Their sister, Debbie Eichorn - Jaroslawicz, valedictorian of the class of 2004, is an assistant district attorney in the Kings County D.A.'s office. She earned her J.D. degree at Cardozo Law School.

Their brother, Steven Eichorn, B.S. '03, graduated from Fordham Law School in May. While studying finance at Touro, Steven continued his Talmudic studies at Yeshiva Chaim Berlin.



R. Eichorn-Daniel

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Tova Neustadt-Schechter, Meyerhoff Honors Fellow, Ph.D. program in biochemistry, University of Maryland, Baltimore; **Yaakov Tambor**, tax, senior associate, RSM McGladrey; **Joshua Tyberg**, third-year medical student at Haifa Technion Medical School, Israel.

2006 Rina Gorokhovskiy - Chandalov, valedictorian, Class of 2006, outreach education program director, Leipzig, Germany; **Volvi Fleischman**, second-year student, SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine; **Tova Fund**, enrolled in master's program in occupational therapy, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; **Ira Jablon**, city Jewish Affairs liaison, New York City Police Department; **Miriam Kamin**, enrolled in master's program in occupational therapy, SUNY Downstate; **Esther Nadler**, enrolled in Physical Therapy program, SUNY Downstate; **Lauren Peikes**, audit associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers; **Naomi Sarfaty**, enrolled in master's program in occupational therapy, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; **Sholom Schneider**, actuary, PricewaterhouseCoopers; **Sarah Jakobov - Sultan**, enrolled in occupational therapy program in Kean University;

Dina Honigswachs - Yankelewitz, enrolled in doctoral program in mathematics education, Rutgers University.

2007 Hadassah Adler - Hoffner, pursuing M.S. in speech and language pathology at Touro; **Daniel J. Brody**, valedictorian, first-year student at Harvard Law School; **Asher Diamond**, accepted to the University of Pennsylvania, Stony Brook University, University of Maryland, and New York University Schools of Dental Medicine; **Adam Frankel**, accepted to Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at Long Island University; **Batsheva Lipsker - Knopfler**, graphic artist; **Alissa Shaindy Mandel**, accountant, Perelson Weiner, LLP; **Steve Neuman**, actuary, AXA; **Adina Levi - Tebele**, enrolled in M.S. program in occupational therapy, Temple University.

2008 Judy Eichorn, will join PricewaterhouseCoopers in Fall 2008; **Lanna Gordon**, enrolled in engineering program, Polytechnic University; **Shevi Grossman**, graphic designer Yeled V'Yalda; **Lavie Klein**, will join PricewaterhouseCoopers in Fall 2008; **Zelda Muller**, accepted to PhD program in Audiology (CUNY Graduate Center).

MAJOR HOROVITZ '94 THANKS TOURO FOR PREPARING HIM TO SERVE OUR NATION

By Major Avrohom Horovitz

'94 Chaplain, U.S. Army, Fort Benning, GA

From deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq to a year tour to Korea, I am indebted to the staff and administration of Touro College for giving me the tools to help me succeed in my career as a U.S. Army Chaplain. The courses I took were not just a stepping-stone in reaching my degree but a great help in my career.

As an example, when I speak to soldiers about their personal trials as they ready themselves for deployment over-



seas, my background in psychology is especially beneficial. Between my own service in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Korea, and the education to back it up, I feel that I have a lot to offer these soldiers.

The staff of Touro College gave me not only knowledge and skills but a feeling of professional competence and the confidence to handle whatever comes up in my service to our nation.

Major Horovitz received Smicha from HaRav Avrohom Pam, zt"l. His daughter, Yocheved, is currently a student at Touro.

'Touro Has Played a Major Part In The Key Events of My Life'

By Yaakov Feinzeig, B.S. '79

There are very few things that I have done in my life that would qualify me for the label "pioneer." Like many others, before me and since, I went to yeshiva, I got married, I established a career. However, one aspect of my education definitely led me down the pioneer path: In September of 1976, I was a member of the very first class to enter Touro College in Brooklyn.

Hardly anyone had ever heard of Touro College back then. In fact when I decided to enroll at Touro and not to attend another college to which I was admitted, even my own mother asked me why I was doing it. After all, who would ever hire someone from Touro College?

The classes were quite small and facilities were very limited. Touro first rented quarters at a small yeshiva on Kings Highway. Then Touro was forced to relocate to a public school on Eighteenth Avenue.

Finally, after three years, I graduated! But I worried that my background at some obscure, small Jewish college would work against me. So I decided that I needed to further my education and I entered both an MBA program and a law program.

Then it was time for job interviews, generally a grueling time for a young law school graduate. Again I worried that my background might be an impediment. But I was lucky enough to land an interview at a prestigious Manhattan law firm. I entered the room with heart pounding, bracing myself to begin the interview—and it didn't help my confidence when I noted the plaques from Harvard Law and Harvard Law Review hanging behind the partner's desk!

Of course, I was going to try my very hardest to steer the interview far away from my undergraduate background at Touro. But to

my chagrin, the first question the interviewing partner asked was to describe Touro College. I began to sweat: how would I get out of this one? Then to my astonishment, the partner said I was the first Touro graduate he had ever met, and that he had been looking forward to having the opportunity to interview a graduate from Touro College. I was astounded—and proceeded to ask him how in the world he had even heard of Touro. He told me that during a plane flight to Israel, he had been seated right next to none other than—

Dr. Bernard Lander! Throughout the flight, Dr. Lander kept talking about the highly motivated, intelligent students who attended Touro College. Before the interview

was over, I received a job offer to work at this prestigious Wall Street law firm! And it had nothing to do with me. It was all due to G-d's hand—and my having attended Touro College!

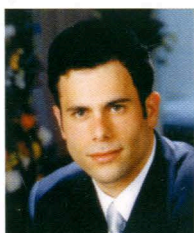
Time went on—and Touro kept playing a major part in the key events of my life. I met my wife, Sima: she was also a graduate with honors from one of the early classes at Touro College Womens' division in Manhattan... we had a couple of kids; now my oldest son, Menachem, is in his third year at Touro, maintaining an outstanding average, while learning at yeshiva.

Things have changed much over the years. Touro is now a well known and well regarded institution. Touro graduates are currently working in major law firms throughout the city. And today the men and women attending Touro certainly no longer consider themselves pioneers the way I did. However, one thing hasn't changed: I am sure that today's students will certainly find their background at Touro an invaluable asset as they prepare for whatever the future holds.

I know I did!

A REFLECTION

Yeshiva and Mesivta Torah Temimah Selects 4 Alumni for Leadership Board



Y. Eisenstadt

Four Touro alumni have been selected to serve the Young Leadership Board of Yeshiva and Mesivta Torah Temimah. They were installed at the Yeshiva's Yovel Dinner, March 16, at the Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn.

They are: Chaim Alter, B.S. in accounting, '99, a life insurance company executive; Shimon Edelstein, B.S. in accounting, '96, JD,

Brooklyn Law School, of counsel at Fortriss Hedge Fund; **Yechezkel Eisenstadt**, BS, '97, MBA, Stern School of Business, New York University, co-chairman and president at Esplanade Capital LLC in Manhattan; and Shrage S. Goldschmidt, BS, '96, valedictorian, JD, Columbia Law School, a senior litigation associate at Ropes and Gray LLP.



S. Goldschmidt