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Touro Donates to the Relief Effort in New York

by Bruce Weisman



In recent years, the name of Touro Fraternal Association has been synonymous with giving. Benevolence is one of the three cardinal principles of Touro. So, in light of the recent tragedy in New York, it was no surprise that at the September board meeting the board unanimously voted to donate \$1,000 from the Welfare Fund toward relief efforts in New York City.

Welfare Committee Chairman Michael Smith said that his committee was proud to be able to help those in need. The money will be part of a fund set up by radio station WHJJ and Citizens Bank.

Barbara Morse Talks Mental Health to Touro

by Richard Glucksman

What would bring Channel 10's health reporter Barbara Morse to Touro on a beautiful Sunday morning? Was it our delicious brunch of bagels, lox, and blintzes? It certainly wasn't the fact that the hall was packed with so many virile Touro members. It was the chance to talk health.

When the social committee, now headed by Harmony and Friendship lodge vice-presidents Steve Dinerman and Jeff Davis, first scheduled her appearance, all thoughts were about blood pressure and cholesterol levels. But in the wake of the terrible events of September 11th, Barbara spoke not of physical health but mental health. She teased us about men not crying, but urged us to come to terms with how the tragedy was making us feel – because our health depends on it. She also addressed her dual role

as reporter and mother. Proud of the role the media has been playing in educating the public, she was also concerned about what her children might see and what to tell them. Touching on physical health, she stressed the importance of exercise.



Barbara Morse

Everyone who comes to a Touro event knows that there is also the opportunity to speak informally with the guest before or after their formal remarks. One of the funniest moments of the

morning came during one of those informal conversations, when an unnamed brother told Barbara she looked just OK on camera, but in real life she was an absolutely beautiful woman, and if only he was a little younger...

As always, all the Touro members in attendance left well-fed, both physically and mentally.



WHAT'S RIGHT?

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From the Chairman

I trust this issue of the Tourogram finds all of you are doing well. By now, the major Jewish Holidays are over and it is getting to that time of year of shorter days, longer nights and colder weather.

I am writing this article trying to determine which course I would like to take. Our illustrious Chairman Emeritus Poulten has challenged me, in fact has challenged all of us, with his uncanny writing ability and editorial skills. He was always able to have something to say or write that had meaning.

Herein lies my challenge. Whichever direction I choose with this writing establishes a course that goes on until I either retire or am replaced as Chairman. Regardless of the outcome, I will have been fulfilled as a Touro Brother who had his run at helping to further the growth of this great organization.

There have been many members of our organization, our brothers, who have left their mark on Touro. There are too many of them for me to list in this short column. In my 23 years at Touro some have left an impression I will never forget.

I remember my first meeting. I was initiated at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk. That was a Touro hot spot in those days. I remember one gentleman, still an active

participant today, giving his opinions during Good and Welfare and wanting to give someone a job or two to get something stirred up at Association meetings and Board meetings.



Robert Miller

Then over the next 23 years, there were the "lively discussions" about the direction our investments should take. How involved in the community should we be? Should we

buy a building or not? Should we have a student loan program for our kids? How about Educational Grants? How about this? How about that?

We also had many discussions about what kind of entertainment was good for our brothers and their families. What kind of food we should have, koshered or not!!

My brothers, I give you Touro Fraternal Association. Born in 1917 to help our Jewish brethren in times of need. In those days maybe a bucket of coal, today one of many benefits is available to our members.

Today Touro is vibrant and thriving in our community. Thankfully, we have been blessed with dedicated and fine leaders, men who give of themselves freely for the founding principles of Touro...HARMONY, FRIENDSHIP and BENEVOLENCE.

I invite you to become an active participant in our organization. If you are a regular attendee, I'll see you next month. If you haven't been here in a while...c'mon down. Our social committee does a fine job. All of our lodge officers and members of the board work hard at making this organization the best around. We welcome your input, energy and desire to make Touro continue its rise to the top.

Social Scene

Watch your mail for the following upcoming events:

November 14, 2001

Friendship Lodge's Dairy Dinner/Make Your Own Sundae Night featuring guest speaker "The Independent Man", John DePetro.

November 28, 2001

Saturday Night Fever at PPAC.

December 5, 2001

Harmony Lodge KFC Night featuring our annual "Joke Off" Which lodge will win the coveted title?

December 16, 2001

Annual Touro Family Chanukah Party featuring Sparky's Puppets.

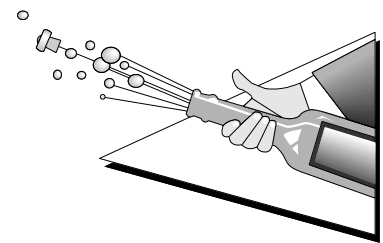
December 25, 2001

Chinese food and a movie. A Touro favorite!

January 23, 2002

Friendship Lodge "Islander Night".

Mazels, Mitzvahs & Milestones...



...to Brother and Mrs. Joel Pressman on their 48th anniversary, August 23, 2001.

...to Brother Michael and Marilyn Smith on their 33rd anniversary, September 1, 2001

...to Brother Jerry and Joan Tebrow on their 33rd anniversary, September 1, 2001

Irving Wolpert – Touro's "Representative" of What's Right

By Andy Lamchick

Long before I was on the Board of Touro, or even a member, I worked in my family's furniture business. Throughout the week I would encounter many furniture manufacturers representatives (my Grandfather used to call them Drummers, because they were always pounding away at the owners looking for a sale). Among them was one guy everyone seemed to like more than the rest. He wasn't too pushy, knew his product, knew what was going on at all the other stores, and was genuinely a nice guy with whom my family used to like to do business. He was Irving Wolpert.

I remember Irving telling me about my brother's involvement with an organization called Touro. It seemed to be some kind of fraternity or something, and Irving seemed to have a closeness to my brother because he was a member. As time went on, I eventually joined, and always felt a special closeness to Irving at meetings. Later, when I became the Secretary, Irving welcomed me and seemed to take a special pride in my involvement.

As I became more involved with the board, I noticed that Irving was not always the most visible or talkative member of the board, but every once in a while, when an



Irving Wolpert

issue was deeply in debate, Irving was often "The Voice of Reason". He was the conscience of what was the right thing to do. He was also the first board member I

noticed who was not afraid to question the Investment Committee about a purchase, or if a particular stock had an anti-semitic history, or if there may be too much risk. Irving was also there to remind us of our rich heritage when a community issue would arise related to Israel.

Irving was born outside of Boston, and came to Rhode Island 53 years ago when he married Shirley Sugarman. They have two children and two grandsons who, according to Irving, are the reward of his recent retirement. He has the opportunity to spend a great deal of time with them.

He heads the Assistance Committee, which fortunately, is Touro's least active committee. He has been active on the Investment, Community Involvement and Student Aid Committees. He has been a very active member of the board of directors since 1978, and rarely misses a meeting.

An old advertisement for the National Guard used to say "Sleep well, the Guard is watching." You can have that same kind of confidence with Irving Wolpert on the board.

Community Involvement – Even More Involved

by Andy Lamchick

For many years, Touro has been discussing and contemplating involvement with Camp Jori. We always felt that there should be a connection; after all, most of Jori's campers end up living in Rhode Island as adults. Didn't it make sense to start building up name recognition for Touro when these campers are in their formative years?

The answer was always the same. In fact, many years ago Touro actually began the process to sponsor the entrance to the current facility. Just when we were ready to begin the process, it was announced that Camp Jori had purchased its new Campus.

At last, we are pleased to announce that

Touro Fraternal Association will sponsor the office for the all-new Camp Jori. We felt of all the facilities at Camp Jori that we might sponsor, the Camp office was the one that would give Touro the most exposure in a positive way. So when you or your loved ones visit the all new Camp Jori, the first building you will pass will be, "The Touro Fraternal Association" Office.

Ground was broken in October, and the new campus will be in use this summer. We are pleased that we have formed a partnership with this Jewish Rhode Island camp. Once again, Touro Fraternal Association is a partner with one of New England's growing legacies.



Touro's "Mr. Sunshine" Bob Hodosh requests that anyone who knows about a brother or sister who is in the hospital or a nursing home and would like him to make a visit, should make their request through the Touro office by calling 401-785-0066.



Charlie's Angels Entertain at the Steak Fry

By Lester Nathan

If you couldn't attend the annual Touro Steak Fry back in June, you missed one of our biggest and best meetings of the year. The recently expanded social hall was filled to capacity. The members and new initiates were entertained by a new edition of the Ocean State Follies, produced by Charlie Hall.

Conducted by the Friendship Lodge officers, the monthly meeting featured the initiation of 16 new members, the most in recent memory. Afterwards, we enjoyed a charcoal-cooked steak dinner, prepared and served by Touro members.

After Charlie's warm-up, he introduced Cheryl and Rhonda in "Girl's Night Out". Featuring Cheryl and Rhonda, two hair salon operators from North Providence, they offered their opinions (and lack of opinion) on Touro's furniture, Buddy Cianci and the new polar bear cub. They interacted with the audience, including a bald-headed member who donned a wig for one of their routines. Cheryl & Rhonda did several song and dance numbers, including a Streisand medley and one about



Steak Fry Touro style



Charlie and his Angels



A willing participant?

Can you find another somewhere in this issue?



Scarborough Beach, sung to Simon & Garfunkel's "Scarborough Canticle".

An added surprise, between Cheryl and Rhonda's two acts, was Stephanie Peters. Hers was comedy on the edge, in the same vein as Roseanne Barr's; it worked and she had the whole room in stitches. Ms. Peters, quite aware of her size, used it to her advantage in making us laugh with her rather than at her. Perhaps our members got some ideas for the next Joke-Off?

Thus, the last lodge meeting of the year concluded on a very high note. We look forward to what the Social Committee will plan for next year's Steak Fry.



*A full crowd and of course plenty to eat.
One of Touro's signatures.*





Touro's Golf Outing Makes a Splash without the Rain

by Bruce Weisman

The date was Monday July 23, 2001. The time: 8:30 am. The place: Cranston Country Club. The event was Touro's 2nd Annual Golf Outing. More than 50 Touro members and their guests were treated to a beautiful day of golf. Unlike the first event, which was hampered by several rainouts, this one went off without a hitch.

Thanks to Golf Committee Chairman Andy Gilstein, the event was a complete success.

The afternoon was topped off with a terrific Steak Fry dinner. There were prizes awarded for lowest team score, highest team score and closest to the pin.

Plans are now underway for next year's event. If anyone is interested in assisting on the committee, please contact the Touro office.



2001 Touro Fraternal Association Scholarships.

by Alan Lury, Chairman, Student Financial Aid

Lynne Ucran and Abby M. Weintraub, both graduates of Cranston West High School, have been named the latest recipients of Touro Scholarships. They were the first double recipients of the grants offered each year by the Association. Two scholarships have been available in each of the past three years but this is the first time that applicants have qualified for both.

Each year Touro offers two scholarships and up to 10 interest-free student loans to its members and their children. Criteria for the grants are much more stringent than for the loans. In addition to these two grants, loans were approved for seven students.

Ms Ucran, the daughter of Stephen Ucran of Cranston, is enrolled at Wheaton College. Ms. Weintraub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Weintraub of Cranston, is a freshman at Livingston College at Rutgers University.



Scholarship recipients Abby Weintraub and Lynn Ucran receive their checks from Committee Chairman, Alan Lury and Association Chairman, Robert Miller



Going, Going...Gone

What a way to cap off the summer Touro style. All eyes were on the Sox, as Touro members and their families were treated to a Labor Day weekend Three-Fer!!! The night consisted of a bar-b-que, Pawtucket Red Sox game and a terrific Fireworks display!



23 New Brothers are Initiated at June and September Lodge Meetings

September 16, 2001 Initiates (listed alphabetically): Alan Field, Michael Schuster, Peter Shore, Adam Smith, Marty Weissman, Stephen White and Mark Woolf.



June 27, 2001 Initiates: (listed alphabetically): Kenneth Adler, Bruce Buckler, Craig Elice, Ira Fleisher, Stephen Gordon, Philip Greenberg, Jeff Horovitz, Harvey Klemer, Max Miller, Richard Perlman, Andrew Port, Frank Prosnitz, Aaron Rosen, Nathan Shapiro, Norman Tobin and Larry Wacks.

First row: Dr. Burton L. Fischman, of Providence, Joel Pressman, Cranston, Morton L. Coken, Warwick, directors; Richard Glucksman, Cranston, president, Harmony Lodge; Jeffrey Goldberg, West Warwick, president, Friendship Lodge; Michael Glucksman, Warwick, treasurer, Friendship Lodge; Steven Dinerman, Cranston, vice president, Friendship Lodge, and Nathan Lury, Warwick, director.

Second row: Gerald Tebrow, West Warwick, Association secretary; Richard Land, Warwick, secretary, Friendship Lodge; Gerald D. Hodosh, Cranston, Association treasurer; Andrew Lamchick, West Warwick, vice chairman, board of directors; Robert D. Miller, Warwick, chairman, board of directors; Arthur Poulten, Cranston, chairman

Touro Board of Directors for 2001-2002

Pictured are the officers and members of the board of directors of Touro Fraternal Association and the officers of its lodges, for the year 2001-2002.



emeritus, board of directors; Rodney Locke, Warwick; Robert Hodosh, West Warwick, and Stevan Labush and Barry Shaw, both of Warwick, directors.

Third row: Peter Hodosh, Cranston, treasurer, Harmony Lodge; Irving Wolpert, Providence, Bruce Weisman and Michael D. Smith, both of Warwick, directors; Jeffrey Davis, Warwick, vice president, Harmony Lodge; Charles Dressler, Warwick, and Alan Lury, Sharon, Mass., directors; and Ronald Berman, Warwick, secretary, Friendship Lodge.

Not present when photo taken: Milton Bronstein, Cranston; Andrew Gilstein and Dr. Aaron R. Sherman, both of Warwick, directors; and Judah Rosen, Cranston, Association chaplain.

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Does this brother get into the act?
Only his "hairdresser" knows for sure!
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