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Touro Pays Tribute To Its Past Presidents

by Art Poulten

Since its founding in 1918, there have been 63 presidents elected to lead Touro. Twenty-eight of them are still living and are still members of our great Association.

On Wednesday evening, September 18, Touro paid tribute to the men who guided it to its position of prominence in the community. Past Presidents Night, held in Touro's newly-expanded Social Hall, was a gala evening...one that will be remembered for a long time as a typical Touro "class" event.

Twenty-two Touro past presidents were on hand to help launch a formal Touro Past Presidents Club and to do a little reminiscing. Another four have moved out of state and weren't able to make the reunion.

Touro Chaplain Judah Rosen conducted a brief memorial service in memory of the deceased past presidents and board chairmen. There are eleven past chairmen of the Board of Directors. Only one, the writer, survives.

Each living past president was asked to look back to his term of office and come up with a particular event or activity that stood out in his mind. Board member Barry Shaw, acting as master of ceremonies, compiled them all and then added a little touch of his own so that the evening turned out to be a little bit of



reminiscing and a little bit of roasting. Some of the past presidents had not been to Touro in many years and were quite impressed with what they saw: the enthusiasm of the membership, the professionalism of the presentation and the camaraderie of the evening. They'll be back before the next Past Presidents night.

Board Chairman Bob Miller, a past president himself, said the function of the Past Presidents Club would be to act as advisor to the Association and its officers. "There is a wealth of talent and experience there," he said, "and it would be shameful if we did not tap that most valuable resource."

Until 1990, the Association elected one president. In that year, it split into Harmony and Friendship Lodges and each has elected its own officers since. Each past president received a sweater embroidered with a Past Presidents Club insignia.



Current Harmony Lodge President, Richard Glucksman showcases a portrait of Touro's founding father Jacob A. Eaton

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We live in the illusion that there is a past, a present and a future. In reality, all we have is now. The past is in the past, and we can't do anything about it. Yet we carry our incomplete past around our necks like a heavy chain. We plan for the future as if the future ever comes. We say: "There's always tomorrow" like we have a guarantee of tomorrow. It is important to remember that the future comes as a series of present moments. The future as the future never comes; the future is an illusion. All you have is now. All you are guaranteed is now. Your future is determined by every thought, every action, every word spoken, and every task completed now. You are designing your future now.

What does the future hold for Touro? Recently we honored our Past Presidents. It was a grand evening. This group of men were the leaders of our fine organization in the past. They helped create the future of Touro, which is really today for us.

Confused? Don't be. My point is that without these men Touro would not exist as it does today. Touro will not exist in the future without the contributions of men willing to give of their time and energies in order to move us into the future.

What will your contribution to Touro's



Robert Miller

future be? (2 tickets to PPAC to the 5th caller at 737-7317) How will you be remembered at Touro? We have stories to tell about lots of folks. Good stories, funny stories and frankly some might even be embarrassed by what we could say. Unfortunately we are human and occasionally make a mistake. However, we are also able to forgive.

Over the years, Touro has been the place where healthy arguments accomplished many things. I can remember healthy discussions over which organization we should donate money to. Should we or shouldn't we buy a building? At which restaurant or hotel should we have a function? How many loans to our students

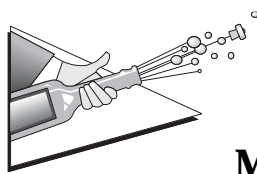
should we give? How many grants? What should the entertainment be at the next event? What color should we paint the walls?

Some discussions became shouting matches. Others were darn close to actual "in your face" confrontations. This, my brothers, is "where the rubber meets the road" for Touro. That's right!! These are the circumstances from where Touro comes. This is the past (2 more PPAC tickets to the 12th caller at 737-7317) which would be their future and our present.

Today we are a vibrant, healthy Jewish organization that participates fully in striving to give our members as many benefits as possible. We are financially sound, even in today's turbulent financial times. We are growing in membership with each of the last two classes averaging 17 new members.

I would like to close by thanking all those who continue today to work hard at making Touro what it is. I also thank those who over the years worked hard for the future and gave us today.

What does the future hold for you? Is there a place in Touro's history waiting to have your name inscribed? I invite you to find out what you can do to help keep Touro's future alive and well.



Mazels, Mitzvahs & Milestones...

...to Michael and Marilyn Smith on their 34th anniversary, September 1, 2002

...to Gerald and Joan Tebrow on their 34th anniversary, September 1, 2002

...to Adam Smith, son of Michael and Marilyn Smith and a Touro brother himself, who has graduated from the Funeral Institute of the Northeast and has joined his father at Shalom Memorial Chapel.

...to Brother Scott Kaplan on his recent marriage to Heather Phillips.

Social Scene

Below is a listing of the upcoming Touro Fraternal Association events. As you see, we have some great times ahead. Mark your calendars and watch for the mailings. We don't want you to miss out on all the fun!

October 26: A Two-Fer at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. Dinner will be a choice of chicken or baked scrod. The cost is \$30.00 per Touro couple, "The Noteables" will entertain.

November 6: Trip to Mohegan Sun. \$10 for members, \$15.00 for non-members.

November 20: Regular meeting and Deli Dinner. Our guest speaker will be Steve Kass from WPRO AM talk radio.

December 8: The Annual Hanukkah Party at Touro Hall. Hotdogs, pizza and latkes for all. Gifts and special entertainment for the kids! A true Touro family favorite!

December 18: Regular meeting at Touro Hall. We're planning a cookout with hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixin's. A guest comedian will be our featured entertainment.

December 25: Annual movie and Chinese dinner

Kibitzing with the President

By Steve Dinerman, President, Friendship Lodge

Since this is the first edition of the Tour ogram of the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the rest of your 2002-2003 officers.

I am Steven Dinerman and will be serving as president of Friendship Lodge. Vice President Edward Deluty, Secretary Barry Schiff, and Treasurer Jeffrey Stolzberg will join me as officers of the Friendship Lodge.

Our main job as officers of Touro is to help Touro continue to grow. To this end we welcome your ideas and advice. One way we hope to see Touro grow is by increasing the involvement of already existing members. We would love to see all of you at our events offering your input and ideas.



I am also pleased to see that Touro has a new look. Our social hall has been undergoing an expansion project. With the construction complete we are now able to seat more members to better accommodate our growth.

While most members have been vacationing this summer, our social committee has been working hard planning events for the upcoming year. Looking ahead, I can assure you we have a variety of fun-filled events that are sure to please all members, regardless of their interests.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Shana Tova. May this year be a year of health and happiness; and may this year see cessation of violence in Israel.

Student Financial Aid Announces This Year's Grant Recipients

For the second consecutive year, two Cranston High School West graduates have been selected as recipients of educational grants from Touro Fraternal Association.

Winners of the grants were Jonathan Sugerman and Tracy Rappoport. Sugerman has entered his sophomore year at the University of Rhode Island and Rappoport is a freshman at URI.

Members of the Association and their children are eligible for the grants as well as up to 10 interest-free student loans given each year.

Jonathan is the son of Brother & Mrs. Michael Sugerman of Cranston and Tracy is the daughter of Brother & Mrs. Barry Rappoport of Cranston.

This year the value of the grants was increased to \$2,500 each. Loans of up to \$2,000 also were available.



And the winners are: Tracy Rappoport and Jonathan Sugerman received \$2500 scholarship grants from Touro this year from Alan Lury (right) chair of the Student Financial Aid Committee, and Board Chairman Robert Miller (left). Both are graduates of Cranston West High School and are attending the University of Rhode Island, Tracy as a freshman and Jonathan as a sophomore.



Who Is Myer Grossman and Why Is He Picking On Us?

By Andy Lamchick

Almost every Touro president for the last 20 years sweats it out as he runs the meeting. He's not worried about running the meeting, but about what may follow in the Good and Welfare period. That's because very often, long-term Touro member Myer Grossman is out there, ready to speak out as the "conscience" of Touro. Some may think that Myer is just there to find fault with Touro, but in reality he is there to maintain the high level of consistency he expects us to live up to. What are his credentials?

Myer rose thru the ranks of Touro as a young man, from Faithful Guide all the way up to Vice President. Then at the tender age of 29, he chose to run for President. He was "advised" to wait a while before he ran, by the "current President", but he was determined to run. His election went the way of Buddy Cianci's run for Governor in 1980.

This left Myer a little bitter about Touro. However, after nearly 50 years as a member, you will still find him at just about every meeting. He cherished the years when Touro was run by the likes of Leo Greenberg, Louis I. Sweet, and Lenny Levin, but he is also quick to tell you that Touro has experienced a tremendous turn-around in recent years.

Myer was married to the late Anna Grossman for 47 years, has three children, Anita Olinski, Paul and Maurice Grossman, and several grandchildren. He was Produce Manager for First National Stores for 40 years.

Having been an incredibly active Touro Member for almost 50 years, he's seen and participated in a lot of its rich history. Today he feels as if Touro is going in the right direction, and he says, "it's a wonderful thing". Where was this Myer when I was president?

Golf Tourney Attracts Healthy Turnout

By Lester Nathan

Excellent weather and a great golf course marked this year's tournament, played at the Richmond Country Club on a warm and sunny day in mid-July. Touro members and their guests formed 21 teams for the scramble format event, in which teams play four balls and then select the best shot to determine the position for the next stroke.



Two teams tied with a score of 60. Tie-breaker was determined by comparing scores on the hardest hole. The Touro team shot a respectable 68.

First place team: Marco Belhumeur, Dave Mealey, Barry Miller and Allen Wong

Second place team: Scott Elman, Steve Gergel, Chris Perry and Anthony Silveira

Best Touro team: Richard Glucksman, Michael Glucksman, Dave Resnick and Howard Shaw

High Score: Bunny Adler, Myer Jarcho, Bernie Levy and Morris Satloff



Closest-to-the-pin and longest drive competitions were held for members and non-members. Closest-to-the-pin winners were Ron Richter and Chris Perry. Ron Richter and Lonn Greenberg won the longest drive competitions.

A steak dinner in the clubhouse followed the golfing. Similar to our monthly lodge meetings, we raffled off several cash prizes and a golf bag donated by Inskip Motors of Warwick. Kudos to tournament organizers Andy Gilstein and Jeff Goldberg, who received assistance from Lester Nathan, Barry Shaw and Abe Strashnik.

Everyone had a great time and looks forward to next year's tournament. For more pictures, go to the Special Events page on Touro's website, www.tourofraternal.org.





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Tribute to Past Presidents

Past presidents in attendance and the years of their presidencies were:

- Leonard Levin 1959 & 1971
- Morton Coken 1964
- Judge Howard Lipsey .. 1965
- Arthur Poulten 1966/67
- Dr. Aaron Shatkin 1969
- David Sholes 1973
- Robert Hodosh 1974
- Nathan Lury 1975-76/1977-78
- Mitchell Sugarman 1976/77
- Robert Miller 1982-85
- Allan Gourse 1985-88
- Joseph Shapiro 1988-1990
- Michael D. Smith Association, 1990 and Friendship Lodge, 1990-92
- Andrew Lamchick Friendship Lodge, 1992-94
- Alan Hochman Harmony Lodge, 1993-95
- Charles Dressler Friendship Lodge, 1994-96
- Bruce Weisman Harmony Lodge, 1995-97
- Stevan Labush Friendship Lodge, 1996-98
- Alan Lury Harmony Lodge, 1997-99
- Andrew Gilstein Friendship Lodge, 1998/00
- Dr. Aaron Sherman Harmony Lodge, 1999/01
- Jeffrey Goldberg Friendship Lodge, 2000-02



And speaking of the hall, the summer-long construction is complete. You'll find a new look and plenty of new room, meaning more members will be able to take advantage of all the great meetings held at Touro Hall. Come to the next meeting and see Touro's physical growth for yourself.

*Fun for all at
Touro's Annual Two-fer held at
the Venus De Milo in June*



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*Out & About
Summer Fun!*



Touro goes to the Pawsox



*Guest Speaker, Financial Advisor,
Jill Schlesinger*



*Chefs galore at our
Annual June
Steak Fry*

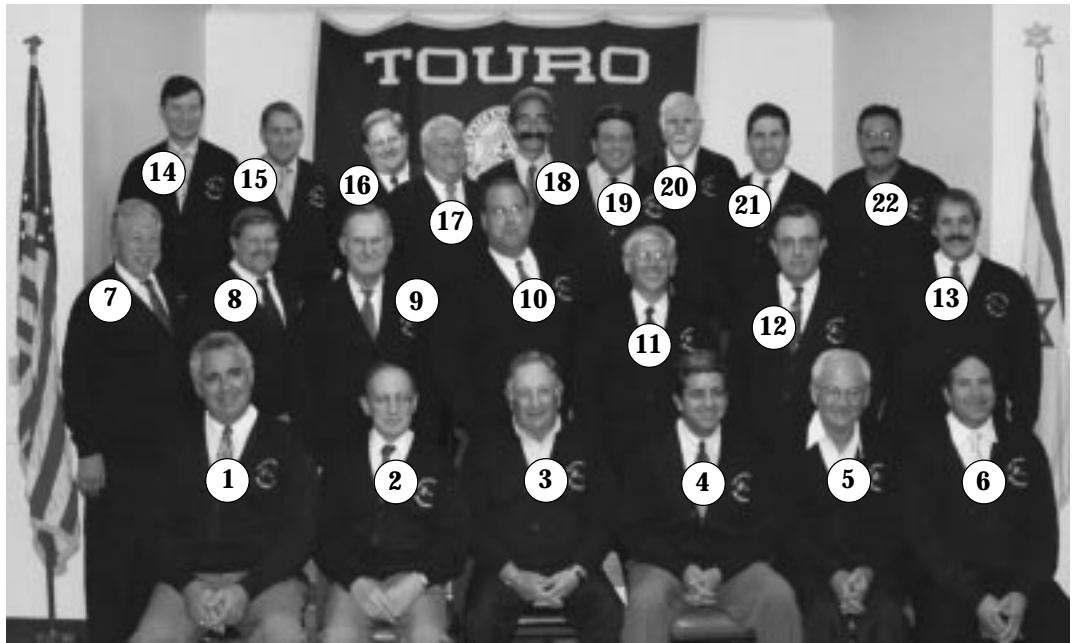
Win Bagel Bucks!

These are the 22 Past Presidents who attended the very successful Past Presidents Night at Touro in September and who now make up the Past Presidents Club. Depending on how well you know your Touro history, you could earn 10 Bagel Bucks! Here's how.

Just identify these men and note their location in the spaces provided in the alphabetical listing to the right.

The first 10 who identify all 22 properly will receive 10 Bagel Bucks. Past presidents themselves, Jerry Hodosh and Peter Hodosh are not eligible.

Send your entry to Past Presidents, Touro Fraternal Assn., PO Box 3562, Cranston, RI 02910. The right answers will be published in the next Tourogram and on our website at a later date. Here are the names in alphabetical order:



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Hodosh | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Miller | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitchel Sugarman |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Weisman |

How Many Can You Match?

Hall Expands as New Membership Grows

By Barry Jay Schiff

Late summer brought the din of demolition and construction to Touro Hall. The Long Range Planning and House Committees, headed by brothers Barry Shaw and Nate Lury, received approval from the Board of Directors to hire Bowerman Associates, Inc. to renovate and expand Touro Hall.

The plan included the removal and relocation of the existing men's room and removal of the storage room to expand the hall's capacity by 35-50. The new men's room is now located side to side with the existing women's room, both being fully handicapped accessible. Renovations to the kitchen include the addition of a convection oven and a new utility sink. The soda machine has been relocated to a recessed area near the rear door access. The stage area has also been repaired and updated.

Nate Lury plans to reorganize the eating and serving areas to make dinner traffic flow more efficiently. The results are a grand new hall befitting our expanding membership.

Why expand the hall? There are several reasons. Touro's membership is growing...the Social Committee continues to plan



Before



After

exciting new events to attract current members to meetings ... and it's not fair that we turn some members away because of lack of room. We're trying to meet all those demands with this new expansion.

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