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## Pomp and Circumstance Fills Touro's Hall

by Art Poulten

**T**ouro heads into its 85th year with a line of officers and board members that represents a cross section of its membership, in both experience and age.

In case you haven't heard, the Association held its annual election of officers May 2 at Touro Hall and an unusually spirited campaign resulted in a fairly significant turnout of voters. In addition to electing one-third of the board, the Association's two lodges named new officers for the coming year.

All officers and newly elected board members officially assumed their offices at the annual installation dinner Wednesday, May 22, presided over by Robert D. Miller, board chairman, and Dr. Burton Fischman, past president, serving as Installing Officer and Master of Ceremonies, respectively.

Five incumbents were re-elected to three-year terms on the board: Milton Bronstein, Robert J. Hodosh, Rodney Locke, Alan D. Lury and Michael Smith. The sixth position went to Lester Nathan, a former Lodge and Association secretary, making his first bid for a seat on the board.

All Harmony Lodge officers were re-elected for one-year terms. They are Richard Glucksman,

president; Jeffrey Davis, vice president; Richard Land, secretary, and Peter Hodosh, treasurer.

Friendship Lodge elected Steven Dinerman, vice president for the past year, to his first term as president. Edward Deluty, vice president, and Barry J. Schiff, secretary, are newcomers to the ranks of officers. And Jeffrey Stolzberg, a former officer, returns to the line as treasurer.

The election was under the supervision of an Election Committee comprised of yours truly as chairman and Joel Pressman, Judah Rosen, Gerald Tebrow and Irving Wolpert.

May 22 really was a busy and eventful evening. In addition to the installation, 21 new members were initiated

representing one of the largest classes of new members in Touro's history.

And another highlight of the evening was a tribute to Burt Fischman, a past president and a member of the Board. This would be Burt's final appearance as Master of Ceremonies. He recently retired after 35 years on the

Bryant College faculty and was named a

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*Top to Bottom: Richard Glucksman, President, Harmony Lodge; Burt Fischman, Master of Ceremonies; Steve Dinerman, President, Friendship Lodge.*

## From the Chairman

**W**e come into this world as “internal beings”. Our earliest behaviors are internally motivated. We are intrinsically driven to fulfill our own needs – needs for food, sleep, human contact and stimulation.

I guess this could be the underlying reason as to why one would join an organization like Touro.

Whatever the reason Touro continues to grow each day. Recent initiations of new candidates have yielded classes with ten or more in each. When other organizations are faltering Touro is growing.

We are growing in both membership and financially. We are growing in visibility in the community and the state. It won't be long when Touro will be known in larger circles reaching out across the country.

Think I'm nuts? Think I am dreaming too (4th caller takes their family to the PawSox on the chairman-737-7317) much here? Think maybe I have blown a gasket? Think again.

Currently the Ways and Means



*Robert Miller*

Committee is investigating the possibility of a Florida event for our members there. We have members who have moved away to other areas who could maybe stay involved through technological advances.

Recently Brother Burt Fischman

announced that he was moving to Chicago and he is a sitting board member for The International Brotherhood of Jewish Men's Clubs. So one never knows where the tentacles of Touro will continue to reach.

So my brothers, what is your vision for Touro? Better yet, what is your vision for yourself and does Touro play a part in it?

Have you been to a meeting lately? Why not? Come to a meeting just to eat...absolutely!! Come to hear a speaker...most definitely!! (8th caller takes their family to the Pawsox on the chairman-737-7317) Come to meet new friends...for sure!! Come to reacquaint with old friends – guaranteed!!

We are currently discussing expanding our social hall. This is being done so that we can accommodate more members who are attending regular meetings. If you are a regular attendee keep on coming. If you have not been here in a while I urge you to come and see what's happening.

Harmony, Friendship and Benevolence are alive and well at Touro!!!

## Social Scene

**Y**our social committee is working hard to bring our members some great events. By the time you receive this issue the Steak Fry, on June 26 with Jill Schlesinger, will have taken place. As usual, it was a sell-out. Chef Bob and his crew really out-did themselves this year.

**July 22** Touro Golf Outing at Richmond Country Club.

**August 12** will be our annual trip to the Pawsox. This is one of the biggest events of the summer. Flyers will be out mid July.

**September 18th** will be a special night for Touro. We will be honoring the past Presidents of both lodges and the association that evening. More details will follow.

On **October 23rd** Touro will hold another initiation. Also being planned is the fall two-fer, tentatively on **October 26**. Location and speaker TBA.

**November 20th** we will have our monthly meeting, and Deli Dinner. Speaker TBA.

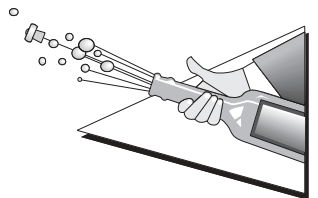
Chanukah is early this year and what would Chanukah be like without a Touro Chanukah party set for **December 8th** at 1:00 PM.

The December monthly meeting is scheduled for **December 15**, a Sunday morning. Bring your appetite for a delicious brunch.

Rounding out the year is the annual trip to the Chinese buffet and movie day on **December 25**.

**Save the above dates and plan to spend a lot of quality time with your Brothers and Friends at Touro.**

## Mazels, Mitzvahs & Milestones...



...to Brother and Mrs. Joel Pressman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jared Freeman, June 22, 2002.

...to Brother Steven and Jillian Shaw on the birth of their son Eric Michael Shaw, May 29, 2002. Eric is also the grandson of brother Barry and Gail Shaw. Mazel Tov to all!

*Remember to submit your mazel, mitzvahs and milestones to the Tourogram.*

# Kibitzing with the President

By Richard Glucksman, President, Harmony Lodge

**Editor's Note:** This is the first in an ongoing series as an op ed from our two lodge presidents.

Can we talk? Will we have to talk fast because you have no time? I'm sure that many of you find yourself in that position: out of time. We all seem to have so many demands on our time these days because of work, family, and other activities.

In recognition of how little time we all seem to have, I want to use this, my first article, to thank all of you who take the time to participate in Touro activities. Even if you just attend an event once in a while, you're giving Touro just that little bit of time to help build the sense of spirit and community that makes Touro so special.

I also want to recognize that there are some people who found a way to give a lot of time, and in doing so have really made this a very special place.



There are many people who help make Touro special, too many for me to name them all here, but let me share three examples.

Jeff Davis co-chairs the social committee, ensuring that we enjoy ourselves at Touro functions. Nate Lury makes sure

not just that Touro Hall looks great, but that we're well fed when we're here. And then there's Burt.

Burt Fischman joined Touro in 1962. Since I wasn't born until 1968, I can't speak to those earlier years. But over the last few years, Burt made a real, conscious decision that Touro was worth his time, and having done so, he enriched us all. As head of the Ritual Committee, he makes sure we run the meetings with class. He's generously shared his communications expertise. He's been both our Faithful Guide and Joke-Master extraordinaire. And while he's still a member, the drive from Chicago will prevent him from giving us as much time as he has in the past.

So thank you for giving me the chance to tell you about the gift of time these special people have given to you, Touro, and me. So when you see them, take the time to say "thank you."

Friendship Lodge's outgoing president, Jeff Goldberg, has never been one who likes staying on the sidelines. As a teenager, he played four different sports for Hope High School. So when long-time acquaintance Andy Gilstein invited him to become a lodge officer, Jeff dove right in as the treasurer. This eventually led to stints as lodge secretary, vice president and in 2000, the presidency. He's always believed that if you want to get things done, it's best just "to jump into the fire."

Jeff's been a Touro member for nine years. When he served as vice president during 1998 - 2000, he became co-chair of the Social Committee. "I think that serving as co-chair with Aaron Sherman made things in that position enjoyable," he said. "I had a lot of support in the committee and it worked tirelessly behind the scenes to put together an incredible year of activities for its membership. It's fun when it all comes together." Highlights include Open House nights with Jim Harrick in 1998 and K C Jones in 2000, and the summer outings to the PawSox games and the Bay Queen Cruise off Newport in 1999.

Jeff also has served on the Community Involvement, Membership and Ritual Committees. And as readers of this newsletter know, Jeff has contributed many

## Jeff Goldberg's in the Game

By Lester H. Nathan



articles (including my profile) to The Tourogram. What you may not know is his extensive journalistic experience beforehand. It included two and a half years as a columnist for The RI Jewish Herald, a radio show named "Pep Talk" on WKRI, an interviewer on the Access Rhode Island television channel and one summer as color commentator for the RI Tigersharks in West Warwick.

Jeff enjoyed running the lodge meetings, saying: "I'm really going to miss it, because to tell you the truth, I love being in front of a crowd and I always have." As a member of RI Toastmasters for 12 years, it's not a big surprise!

Jeff grew up on the Providence's East Side. As mentioned, he enjoys playing, coaching and watching sports. He's coached teen basketball at the JCC since his college days. Jeff and wife Linda have been married for 17 years and live in West Warwick. They have two sons, Zack, 14 and Eric, 11. He owns a metal finishing company, New Prime Coating, in Coventry.

As for the future, Jeff has made a commitment to incoming president Steve Dinerman to serve on the Social and other committees. He sees Touro continuing to reach out to the younger members of the local Jewish community. "We've got such an incredible generational span and we work together so nicely," he said. "It really is a true brotherhood - Touro doesn't force its members to do anything they don't want to do - you get out of it what you put into it."

For Jeff Goldberg, it has been a privilege and honor to serve Touro and become a part of its legacy. He often says to members that they ought to be very proud of belonging to Touro because it's a real special thing.

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Professor Emeritus. Now he and his wife Rhoda are moving to the Chicago area to be near their children and grandchildren. Burt has resigned as a member of Touro's Board of Directors but not as a member of Touro. He has promised to fly back to Cranston at least once a year to serve as Master of Ceremonies at an event where he has become a most popular fixture, the Touro *Joke-Off*.

The more than 120 men in attendance gave Burt a resounding farewell!



*Harmony Lodge Officers (l-r): Rich Land, secretary; Peter Hodosh, treasurer and Jeffrey Davis, vice-president.*



*Newly elected board members for 3-year term (l-r): Michael Smith, Lester Nathan and Alan Lury.*



*"Thanks Cuz!"  
Chairman Emeritus,  
Arthur Poulten, hugs  
his cousin Burt  
thanking him for his  
service to Touro.*



*Although Burt says adieu to many of his Touro brothers, he pledges to keep in touch and if possible return for the Annual Joke-Off next year.*



*Friendship Lodge Officers (l-r): Barry Schiff, secretary; Jeffrey Stolzberg, treasurer; and Edward Deluty, vice-president.*



*Newly elected board members for 3-year term (l-r): Rodney Locke, Robert Hodosh and Milton Bronstein.*



*Outgoing president of Friendship Lodge Jeffrey Goldberg receives a gift of thanks from newly installed Friendship Lodge president Steven Dinerman.*

# Twenty New Brothers Are Initiated



*Pictured above are the newest members of Touro, 20 in all! They are (listed alphabetically) Larry Berman, Mathew Brennan, Alan Friedman, William Fahnil, George Galkin, Michael Goldstein, Jeffrey Haipel, William Karetny, Albert Krasner, Edward Krasner, Richard Levinson, Fred Lury, Jonathan Rubin, Mark Rotenberg, Jeffrey Salk, Michael Scholar, Marvin Wasser, Steven Waldman, Harris Yetra and Charles Ziegler. Welcome to the class of May 2002!*

## Election Night May 2, 2002



*Cast your vote – as many Touro members did on the night of May 2nd.*



*"Vote for me!" say election hopefuls. (l-r) Ronald Berman and Alan Lury.*

# URI Football Coach Guest at Open House

*By Lester Nathan*



*(l-r) Chairman Robert Miller, U.R.I. Coach, Tim Stowers and membership committee chairman, Stevan Labush.*

University of Rhode Island football Coach Tim Stowers was our guest speaker at Open House Night, held March 20th. New coach Tim Stowers guided the team to an 8-3 record, the team's third best ever, and nearly made the I-AA play-offs. In addition to drawing greatness from his players, Coach Stowers apparently has the ability to draw a crowd. This Open House drew a huge pool of potential new Touro members to our hall. After an introduction to our organization, our guests were treated to a delectable deli dinner.

Tim Stowers grew up in Huntsville, Alabama and played football at Auburn University. His opening remarks were about overcoming adversity, including anecdotes about Michael Jordan and Abraham Lincoln. The coach explained his four main coaching principles to us. First, players must have a good attitude to be successful, and second, go full speed on every play. Third, communication between coach and players is important, and lastly, keep it simple. They do this by running only five or six basic plays, each of them well.

Coach Stowers then took questions from our members. Regarding next season's schedule, it includes games against Bryant College, Hofstra and Syracuse University as well as Yankee Conference games. Asked about recruiting, the team has seven assistants who cover New England, the Mid-Atlantic States, Florida and Georgia. One clue to Stower's success was his reply that selling the URI program to high school recruits was not that difficult. He also discussed graduation rates among his seniors; the impact of increased funding for women's sports on football; drug testing; disciplinary actions and whether he had aspirations to coach at the 1-A level. It sounds like Coach Stowers approach has turned around the program and this will attract more quality players. After last year's surprising season, the Rams will be challenging for the conference title and will not be underestimated by their opponents.

When all was said and done, our membership enjoyed one of its most successful Open Houses in recent memory. Touro had 12 applications for membership, and our current members had a great night.

# A Night Of Trivia

by Jerry Tebrow

The April 24th membership meeting featured the cooking of Chairman Bob Miller who prepared his famous American Chop Suey, and the trivia of Jerry Tebrow. Following the meeting a trivia contest was held with a \$100 prize. The winning team (\$33.00 each) included Barry Schiff, Alan Lury and Fred Raisner. They answered 12 questions correctly. How many can you answer?

**The answers are on the bottom of page 7.**



*Photo left: Is that a "Speezy Spiecy Meatball" cookin'? Not at all says Chairman Bob Miller as he is seen here with brother Nate Lury cooking up Bob's "special recipe" American Chop Suey for all the brothers at trivia night.*



*Tops in Trivia! Winners of the Touro Trivia contest were (l to r) brothers Barry Schiff, Fred Raisner and Alan Lury.*

- 1 The "Chatanooga Choo Choo" departs from what track?
- 2 Number of US presidents who were only-children?
- 3 The score when the Mighty Casey struck out?
- 4 Number of strings on a violin?
- 5 Number of players on Harry Potter's quidditch team?
- 6 The length of the original Star Trek mission "to go where no man...?"
- 7 Number of points on the crown of the Statue of Liberty?
- 8 Number of digits (not including letters) in the serial number of a \$100 bill?
- 9 Maximum number of golf clubs in a bag per USGA rules?
- 10 Number of questions to answer to win 1 million on "Who Wants to be...?"
- 11 Number of Emmy nominations by Susan Lucci before she won?
- 12 Number of years a US patent stays in effect?
- 13 Number of circles on a Twister vinyl sheet?
- 14 Number of Amendments to the US Constitution?
- 15 Number of "vitamins, minerals and other essential elements" in Ovaltine?
- 16 Number of times its weight in stomach acid a Tums tablet will absorb?
- 17 How fast the car in "Back to the Future" had to travel to activate the time machine?
- 18 Number of secretaries hired on "Murphy Brown"?
- 19 Number of tiles used in a Scrabble game?
- 20 76 trombones led the big parade. How many cornets were right behind?
- 21 Number of laps traveled at the Indy 500?
- 22 Daily fee charged by Jim Rockford?
- 23 Cost of a vowel on Wheel of Fortune?
- 24 Minimum number of electoral votes needed to be elected president?
- 25 The telephone area code of Cape Canaveral, FL?

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**TOURO  
TUMBLE**

Unscramble the letters on each line to get a word that is associated with Touro. Then unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to get the TOURO TUMBLE answer.

**Answers are on the bottom of page 7.**

# Community Involvement Rides Again

By Andy Lamchick

The Community Involvement Committee met on May 15th to discuss this year's awards. After meeting with representatives from the Bureau of Jewish Education about a new program that would educate the community about Judaism, it was decided that they would come back to us with a proposal. We had originally planned to support a student for this year's March of the Living, but unfortunately, it was cancelled due to security issues.

After a review of some of the charities Touro has supported for the last few years, the committee went to work. It was decided that we would once again donate to the Louis Feinstein Alzheimer Center to support the good work it does. This year we are giving \$1500. Next it was decided that we would make a one-time donation of \$500 to Touro Synagogue for a lifetime membership in its Historical Society. Finally we chose once again to support the Providence Journal's Summertime Fund in the amount of \$500.

The committee will reconvene in October to discuss other proposals that have been submitted to us.

# PC Basketball: A Win or Loss?

By Andy Lamchick

Last February, about 60 Touro family members got together on a Saturday Night for more of Chef Nathan Lury's kosher spaghetti and meatballs, followed by a bus trip to the Dunkin' Donuts Center to watch the PC Friars take on St. Johns. The game started out very slowly, with PC trouncing the lowly St Johns team. After almost 20 minutes of play, St Johns had scored about six points to PC's twenty-eight.

It was at this point that Brother Stevan Labush commented, "If St. John's scores fifty points, I'll take my shirt off and show the whole Dunkin' Donuts Center." Just to show how slow moving the game was, this unique offer seemed to electrify the entire Touro section. Instantly, the group started to root for St. Johns to score points. Coincidentally, the team seemed to come to life, and within a short time St. Johns had broken the magic barrier.

With a little coaxing Brother Labush let it shine for all Touro Brothers and non-Touro Brothers alike to behold. St. Johns lost the game, but won the bet for some brothers with too much time on their hands.



*Fun and frolic  
for all at  
Touro's May Two-fer  
held this year at the  
West Valley Inn.*



**Answers to Trivia Questions on page 6:** 1. 29; 2. 0; 3. 4-2; 4. 4; 5. 7; 6. 5; 7. 7; 8. 8; 9. 14; 10. 15; 11. 19; 12. 17; 13. 24; 14. 27; 15. 27; 16. 47; 17. 88; 18. 93; 19. 100; 20. 110; 21. 200; 22. 200; 23. 250; 24. 270; 25. 321.

**Answers to Touro Tumble on page 6:** Touro, Brother, Hatikvah, Lodge, Election

**Tumble Answer:** Kitchen

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*Is this the Unknown Comic standing beside  
President Rich Glucksman?*



*No, it's Brother Burt Fischman.  
Touro brothers offer a warm send off to  
a cold climate for Brother Burt as he models  
his new attire for the big move to  
the Windy City.*