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Helen Glover shown with (l-r): Steven Dinerman and Richard Glucksman.

Touro's Open House with Helen Glover

by Barry Jay Schiff

Touro Hall became the setting for Tribal Council on Wednesday, March 26th, as Helen Glover of CBS's Survivor Thailand headlined our annual Open House.

Membership Chair Andy Lamchick outlined the new Membership Incentives Program and welcomed the prospective members.

Following a Touro favorite, Kosher Fried Chicken Dinner, Helen Glover took the podium. Hailing from Middletown, R.I., Glover set a serious tone by revealing that Raoul Wallenberg was her hero. She detailed her interest in Holocaust studies and how a visit to the Museum of Tolerance in Beverly *continued on page 7- Glover*

New Lodge Officers and Board Members Installed

Fifteen new officers and board members were installed May 28 to lead Touro for the coming year.

Elected May 7 to new three-year terms on the board were incumbents Andrew Gilstein, Andrew Lamchick, Nathan Lury, Robert Miller, Bruce Weisman and Irving Wolpert, Richard Glucksman was elected for one year to fill an unexpired term.

Harmony Lodge officers elected for one-year terms were Jeffrey Davis, president; Barry Schiff, vice president; Steven Waldman, secretary, and Peter Hodosh, treasurer.

Installed as officers of Friendship Lodge were Steven Dinerman, president; Edward Deluty, vice president; Richard Levenson, secretary, and Jed Brandes, treasurer.

The Installing Officer was Arthur Poulten, Board chairman emeritus, and Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Aaron Sherman, a lodge past president.

It Pays to Bring New Members to Touro

By Andy Lamchick, Membership Chairman

I was very pleased to become chairman of the Membership Committee this year because I know I could be considered one of the leading cheerleaders of our organization. I could (at the drop of a yamulka) come up with a Top Ten List of reasons to join Touro that would make David Letterman jealous.

To add even more value to our bagel bucks, the first thing the committee did was to establish a new incentive program for our members. Because Touro offers so many free meetings, we felt that we needed to instill even more rewards for members who

brought in a new regular member. To accomplish this we now offer three additional options to your Bagel Bucks. Bring us a new regular member and receive (15) Bagel Bucks. Bring in a second regular member and receive (15) more Bagel Bucks, which can be exchanged for (2) tickets to the Showcase Cinema. Your third regular will bring you the option of a \$25 dollar gift certificate to Gregg's or Twin Oaks.

We held our annual New Member Open House March 26 featuring special guest, Helen Glover, from the CBS *continued on page 3 - New Members*

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From the Chairman

Robert Miller

It has recently become apparent that some clarification is needed on the pricing of some of Touro's Social events.

This month, I will share with you an overview of "the value" our members receive.

Let's start with the monthly in-house meetings. As you are aware, for most monthly meetings there is no charge. Yes, we request a five-dollar payment for reservation purposes; but your money is returned when you check in at the event. If you fail to make a reservation and just show up at the door, you will have to pay the five dollars – if there is room for you. If you fail to show up after you have made a reservation

you also lose your five dollars.

Now, there are some Touro events for which we need to charge. Simply put, these events are much more costly and we must be responsible to the organization. Some of these include the steak fry and the annual installation dinner, a kosher catered affair.

The biggest area of confusion, recently, has been our famous "two-fer" dinners. These originated many years ago under the presidency of Bob Hodosh, now a current board member. This concept allowed a Touro couple to attend an affair and really only have to pay for one person. Over the years, we have tried to continue this tradition. But recently, it has not always worked out this way.

As of this writing and in the future, all Touro Two Fers, both spring and fall, will be just that. If it costs Touro \$25 a person then a Touro couple will only be charged \$25. Now, what you have to keep in mind is

that costs are rising with everything that we do and recently at a Two Fer we were questioned about the cost to our members. Upon further review, it is entirely possible that an event can cost \$25 to \$30 a person. Rest assured we will be certain to abide by the name!! TWO-FER! is really a TWO-FER! Touro style.

There are many other benefits provided by Touro like PPAC, PAWSOX, BOWLING, TRIPS, OUR NEW BUSINESS DIRECTORY, LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE, BJ'S MEMBERSHIP and many more. Have any suggestions for others? Please send them along.

We also have our traditional benefits for regular members as well, including burial plots, death benefits, sick benefits, student loans and educational grants.

Touro is a great place for HARMONY, FRIENDSHIP and BENEVOLENCE!! See you at a meeting or a social event soon.

Social Scene



By Edward Deluty

The schedule for upcoming events for Touro Fraternal Association is truly one to look forward to.

Our annual dinner dance at the **Venus DeMilo**, featuring the Music of "Windsong," is coming fast. The date is **June 21, 2003**. Please send in your reservations early.

On **Wednesday, June 25** we will hold our annual **Steak Fry** and initiation of new members. It is always a sold-out event, so, again, please make your reservations early.

Next up on the tee is the **golf outing** at the Richmond Country Club. The date is **July 21, 2003**. Your payment covers a bag lunch, golf, a cart and a steak fry.

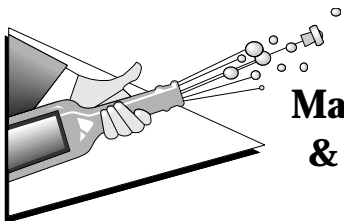
New this summer is a **family day** at the Masonic Park in the Buttonwoods area of Warwick. This will be on **August 2** with food, fun, games and swimming for all. Details will follow.

In the planning stages is our **Fall Two-Fer**. This year we have booked it at the **1025 Club**, with entertainment by the Ocean State Follies. Reserve November 1, 2003 for this one.

Ten New Members Initiated At February 23 Meeting



Shown above are the ten new Touro members (listed alphabetically). Daniel J. Adler, Richard H. Bloom, Robert Cutler, James I. Goldman, David Rappoport, Howard Rappoport, David Sloane, Joel S. Smith, Saul Wilk and Matthew Zalk.



Mazels, Mitzvahs & Milestones...

Congratulations to...

...Brother Bruce and Linda Weisman on their 20th Wedding Anniversary, June 5, 2003

...Brother Edward Wassel and wife Evelyn on 56 years of marriage

...Brother Jerry Hodosh and wife Ruth on 56 years of marriage

He's Minding Touro's Money

By Lester Nathan

Most Touro lodge officers usually occupy a particular office for a year or two. However, one of our officers has been Harmony Lodge's treasurer since the early nineties – Peter Hodosh. He likes it that way, and it meshes nicely with his other role as Touro's bookkeeper.

Peter joined Touro Fraternal 20 years ago, no surprise since his family has a long history of membership going back to the early 1920s. Initially, he saw Touro as a place where he could spend some time with his father, Jerry, and his uncle, Bob. He's made lots of friends since and has found Touro to be a lot of fun, as well as a good team environment for getting things done.

Peter became active in Touro soon after he joined. In 1986, the Association secretary, Charlie Coken, became ill. Peter was then hired as the Association bookkeeper, which involves maintaining the general ledgers, disbursing cash and helping our accountant prepare the annual financial statement. He's often in the Touro office with his dad, the association administrator. Their jobs are mostly separate, though they'll work together on the reservations and deposits for any social event.

As Lodge treasurer, Peter's role is a little different. He deposits into the checking account the money received for lodge-sponsored activities and writes checks to reimburse outside parties and the Association for the expenses incurred. He also prepares an annual



Peter Hodosh

report for the Chairman, which explains the past year's cash flows.

He currently serves on four committees; Budget and Finance, House, Long Range Planning and Social. Regarding future activities and events, he said that Touro needs to keep itself fluid and come up with ideas that make the lodge meetings interesting and different. The organization must make itself attractive to potential members by bringing in interesting

speakers, such as Helen Glover at the recent Open House meeting, and by featuring new dinner menus.

Professionally, Peter's talents lie in accounting. He currently works in the Office of Accounts & Control for the State of Rhode Island. He and wife Joan have been married for 26 years and live in Cranston. They have a son, Eric, attending New England Tech, and a daughter, Sarah, at Rhode Island College.

Peter not only appreciates the friendship within Touro, but the give-and-take. "I like the fact that we can sit around the table," he said, "and can have a heated discussion and then we go and have a coffee and a piece of pastry. The heated discussion's over and everyone's back to being friends. (You) battle it out over an issue and it's forgotten when you walk away from the table." It's all part of the team concept which has persuaded many members to serve as officers in Touro Fraternal over the years.

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Television show Survivor Thailand. She was a dynamic speaker who told of her experiences of survival among vicious living conditions and opponents. Our famous kitchen staff delighted guests and members alike with its 2003 rendition of K.F.C. (kosher fried chicken). Numerous potential members attended the meeting, and several signed up that evening.

It was truly an event worth waiting a year for, so if you missed it, join us at next year's Open House. Of course, that does not mean you have to wait a year to bring new members into Touro; the incentives are in effect as we speak.

Kibitzing with the President

By Steven Dinerman, President, Friendship Lodge



I hope that all of you had a wonderful Passover! The long winter is finally over and summer is just around the corner.

As I begin my second year as lodge president, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Friendship Lodge officers who have helped this past year run so smoothly. First, I would like to thank Social Committee Chairmen Edward Deluty and Jeff Davis for planning great events this past year. I would also like to thank Secretary Barry Schiff and Vice-Chairman Andy Lamchick for their help and dedication to Touro.

Touro continues to diligently work to create an environment which embraces Jews who can come together in Harmony, Friendship and Benevolence. Touro welcomes Jews of all ages by planning events that cater to a variety of interests. On April 30th, we had our annual Joke-Off. It was a great success. Looking ahead to the month of June, our calendar features the annual Venus DeMilo Dinner on the 21st and the Steak-Fry on the 25th. The summer calendar is full of fun, engaging activities, both indoors and outdoors.

I know all of you have busy schedules, but I urge you to attend one of our fun-filled events, or even one of our Wednesday night meetings. The summer is a wonderful time for new members to discover the Touro community or for old members to remind themselves just how exciting Touro's stress-free events can be in the midst of their hectic lives. This summer take advantage of all that Touro can offer to you and your family. You'll be glad you did.



Rahmat Noorparvar
Nice Try!

**FRIENDSHIP
LODGE
CONTINUES ITS
DYNASTY**



**at the
2003
Joke-Off**

By Art Poulten



Webster defines the word "dynasty" as the period during which a certain family reigns.

The Yankees were a dynasty in baseball. The Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers in football. The Montreal Canadians in hockey. And, of course, the Celtics in basketball. (Sorry, can't mention of the Red Sox here!)

Now Touro has the makings of a dynasty of its own.

Friendship Lodge walked off with its eighth victory in 12 tries in Touro's Annual Joke-Off! That should make it a dynasty of some sort.

Seventeen aspiring comics paraded their best jokes - clean, dirty and questionable - before more than 100 of their brothers at the 2003 Touro Joke Off at Touro Hall April 30. Adding to the hilarity were the comments and snide remarks from the hecklers in the crowd - and there were plenty of them.

Friendship Lodge's victory broke Harmony Lodge's winning streak of one in a row.

For the second consecutive year Steve Goldman won the Best Clean Joke Award (and perhaps could have earned one for best choreographed, too!).

A newcomer to Touro, Howie Rappaport, won the prize for Best Dirty Joke.



Howie Rappaport
Best Dirty Joke





**Friendship Lodge
Wins the Trophy**

The Nice Try Award went to Rahmat Noorparvar.

One of the hottest competitions was for the Booby Prize - the worst joke, clean or dirty. The judges had a difficult time making their selection because there were so many that qualified. The award ended up in the hands of Alan Uffer.

Those judges were Board Chairman Bob Miller and Lodge Presidents Steve Dinerman and Rich Glucksmann.

One missing element was Brother Burt Fischman, Touro's Toastmaster General who has MC'd the Joke-Off for years. Burt now lives in Chicago, so Barry Shaw stepped in and did an excellent job, with the help of all the hecklers.

There was the usual abundant deli dinner, but there were no guest speakers, no movies -- just a great All-Touro evening.



**Alan Uffer
takes home the Booby Prize**



**Steve Goldman
Best Clean Joke**



Dear Mrs. Miller,
 We loved
 Beauty and the Beast!
 Here are our
 favorite parts...



Dear Ms. Miller
 April 10, 2003
 Thank you for the chance
 to see the play. I never
 went to one before at night
 I really liked the play.
 Your friends
 Tyler Yachaire



My favorite part was when
 Beauty's father was being
 attacked by the wolves. That part
 seemed like because it was dark.

By Dikori Polart



My favorite part was
 when Gascon pinchelana
 I laughed a lot!

Mrs. Miller
 Courtney



My favorite part
 was when Belle
 wore a beautiful
 dress.

Mrs. Miller Love
 Becca Seamans



My favorite part was
 when the Beast
 and the Beauty
 danced. I loved it
 so much.

Your friends
 Jillian.

Second Graders Write Letters of Thanks

By Art Poulten

"We loved Beauty and the Beast, here are our favorite parts." "We all had a great time. The show was outstanding!"

Those were not comments from some of the more than 60 Touro members and their families who attended the April 9 performance of Beauty and the Beast at the Providence Performing Arts Center, although they did enjoy the show.

Those quotes are from letters written

by the second grade students at the Sherman Elementary School in Warwick who attended the show, compliments of Touro.

They were the beneficiaries of Touro's miscalculation of the response to the super bargain priced tickets for the show. The tickets could not be returned and time was of the essence, so rather than let them go unused, it was decided to donate them to the school where Deb Miller, our

Chairman's wife, is a teacher.

These letters are just a few of those sent to Mrs. Miller by the kids. They clearly indicate that the gesture was much appreciated and that Touro provided the opportunity for them to see their first professional play.

Just another Touro contribution to our community.



Show me the money.



Spring Two-Fer



A little two-step at the two-fer.

Trivia Night has Members Singing for their Supper!

By Jerry Tebrow

Touro's second annual Trivia Night was held on January 22, 2003. Following an American chop suey dinner prepared by Touro Chairman and head chef, Robert Miller, the members were ready to play trivia.

As Touro trivia master, the writer prepared an audio trivia contest of music from the 1950s and 1960s. After listening to a short segment of the song, members had to identify the name of the song and the artist(s) singing the song. The songs ranged from Frank Sinatra singing "High Hopes" to Jerry Lee Lewis singing "Great Balls of

Fire". While checking the answers, the members were encouraged to sing the next line of the song. That line always contained the song's title. The Touro Men's Chorus never sounded better!

The first place team of Bob Miller, Jeff Davis and Steve Shapiro shared the \$100 first place prize. Art Poulten, Ira Davis and David Mossberg shared the second place \$50 prize. The third place team of Joe Goodman, Mike Smith, Barry Shaw and Abe Strasnick each received a gift certificate to Borders Books.



First Place Team (l-r) Steve Shapiro, Bob Miller and Jeff Davis



Third Place Team (l-r) Abe Strasnick, Barry Shaw, Mike Smith and Joe Goodman



Second Place Team (l-r) David Mossberg, Ira Davis and Art Poulten

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Hills made a lasting effect on her.

She went on to list her reasons for applying to Survivor, the process by which she was chosen from 65,000 applicants to compete, and how, above all, she tried to stay true to her principles throughout the process. She detailed the sparse food situation in the part of Thailand where the game was played and how she lost 30 lbs. during the game. One of the main lessons Ms. Glover learned from the game was how hunger can demoralize and rob one's will to survive.

After her presentation, a lively question and answer session took place and many Survivor secrets were revealed. The evening was a great success for the Membership Committee and hopefully will result in many new faces in Touro Hall.



Immunity Challenge? Helen Glover, seen here with Andy Lamchick, hopes to choose the right winner at the 50/50 Raffle.

Touro Business Directory

By Barry Jay Schiff

To put a Touro slant on an old adage: "It's not what you know, it's who knows you!" To make sure every Touro member knows you and what you do, we're producing a Touro Business Directory.

Through this directory you'll be getting your business card into the hands of every Touro member. And all things being equal, wouldn't we rather do business with someone we know?

The Touro Business Directory will be broken down by profession and then alphabetically within each category. It will be distributed, at no charge, to every present and future Touro member.

It's simple. It's efficient. It's very inexpensive. The \$10 insertion fee will go to cover our cost of printing. And it's an opportunity for you to gain lots of exposure. Our deadline is June 1, 2003 so don't miss out, send back your mailer. It will be your first stop before the Yellow Pages. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Touro office.

Update

Student Financial Aid Committee

By Alan Lury, Chairman, Student Financial Aid

As of early March, all members had been mailed information concerning Touro's 2003 Student Financial Aid Program.

There is still plenty of time for you to ask for applications for your incoming freshman or returning students. As of mid April, we have received a record number of requests for our loan and grant programs.

Remember, all completed applications must be into the Touro office no later than July 1, 2003. Early submission is strongly encouraged!!

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Shotgun at 1:30 p.m.
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