

TOUROGRAM

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Providence Mayor Cicilline featured at Touro's June Steak Fry

by Barry Jay Schiff

President Steven Dinerman and Friendship Lodge played host to a capacity crowd of 150 at the annual Steak Fry and New Member Initiation Wednesday, June 25.

Following the initiation of our 8 new brothers, Chef Chairman Miller's cooking crew saw to it that we were fully sated after a fine meal of steak, corn on the cob, potato salad and cole slaw.

Friendship Vice President Ed Deluty introduced the speaker, Mayor David Cicilline of Providence, as a soon-to-be-member. The Mayor out-

lined his first six months in office, highlighting new city hiring strategies, policing issues and budgetary matters. Many of our politically savvy brothers asked some pointed questions of the Mayor, which he handled in a clear and distinct manner. No topic was off limits or too taboo. His appearance was well received by the membership and highlighted a very successful evening. We look forward to welcoming David as a brother in the very near future.





Above (l-r): Providence Mayor David Cicilline with Vice-President Edward Deluty. Right: Eight new brothers were initiated. Surrounding Friendship Lodge President Steven Dinerman are new brothers Gary Halpern, John Brezack, Herbert Bloom, Richard Waldman, Steven Sack, Leon Resnick, Alan Kaplan and Michael Abrams. Left (l-r): Chef's extraordinaire: Alan Lury, Bob Miller, Peter Hodosh and Michael Smith



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Jeffrey Davis
Harmony Lodge President

Steve Dinerman
Friendship Lodge President

Touro Committee Appointments

There's another series of elections at Touro that gets very little notoriety, at least in comparison to the Association's general election in May. The other elections are held in June at the annual organizational meeting of the board of directors.

At the June 11 Board meeting, Robert Miller was elected to another term as chairman; Andrew Lamchick, vice chairman; Gerald Tebrow, secretary, and Gerald Hodosh, treasurer. All were unanimously elected for one-year terms. *Continued on page 6*




Gentlemen, start your engines!

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From the Chairman

Robert Miller

I have an idea!!!

At the beginning of every organization, of every business, of every invention, of every life is an idea: an idea that is good, an idea that is bad, an idea that is yet to be proven, but still, an idea.

Look at your own life. Who you are is no magical accident. If you look closely, you will see that your life represents ideas others have had that influenced you, for better or for worse, ideas you have had that have influenced who you became, and even ideas you never even knew had influenced you. Like the idea of relativity. The idea of gravity. The idea of human

equality. The idea of time. The idea of space. The idea of God. The idea of justice. The idea of management.

Certainly every one of these ideas has influenced your life to some degree. Yet how many of these concepts have you questioned? Perhaps in the early years of your life, you did. But as we know, the older we get, the less time we have for serious questions. As we get older, the most serious of questions become unserious



answers; we've got a job to do, and we do it. Yet it is these very serious questions, these very ideas that shape the work that men and women do.

History teaches us that an unchallenged idea can be a dangerous proposition. Still, every day, tens of thousands of people like us go to work doing something founded upon someone's idea and assume the responsibility of making something happen, whether or not the idea is still viable, still

achievable and still sane.

Here at Touro, founded on someone's idea, we continue to come up with new ideas. We continue to repeat successful programs that were based on someone's ideas. But we are always looking for new ideas.

It is my belief that Touro's continued success will come from you, our members. Get active and participate in our existing programs. Come up with new ideas for new programs. Come and meet some new people. See how the world at Touro can enhance your world through **Harmony, Friendship and Benevolence.**



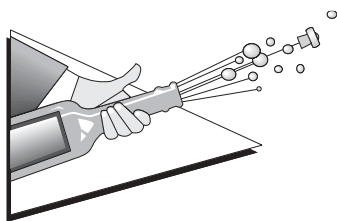
Social Scene

By Barry Jay Schiff

Summer has been a busy season at Touro. Following our successful Steak Fry in June, we hosted a Family Picnic at Buttonwoods August 3rd and our annual Pawsox outing August 18th. This fall, the fun continues. Here is a list of upcoming events:

- Harmony Lodge presents Cranston **Mayor Steven Laffey September 24th** along with the initiation of new candidates.
- Friendship Lodge presents **Dr. Stanley Aaronson October 22nd.**
- Touro's fall **Two-Fer** will take place at Lombardi's 1025 Club **November 1st** with the Ocean State Follies.
- Harmony Lodge presents a **November 23rd Brunch** with guest speaker **General Reginald Centracchio** from the R.I. National Guard.
- Friendship Lodge is lining up a great speaker for its meeting **December 17th.**
- Our annual **Hanukah party** will take place Sunday, **December 21.**
- To round out the season, join Touro for our annual **Chinese Buffet and a Movie** outing **December 25.**

Check the mail as well as our web site, www.tourofraternal.org, for these and other upcoming events. Please remember to sign up early as many events sell out fast.



Mazels, Mitzvahs & Milestones...

- ... To brother Michael and Marilyn Smith on their 35th anniversary.
- ... To brother Jerry and Joan Tebrow on their 35th anniversary.
- ... To brother Joel and Sally Pressman on their 50th anniversary, August 23, 2003.

It can be safely said that Touro does not make a move without Stevan Labush. That is because every time the Social Committee plans an event that requires transportation, Stevan is the person who plans and supervises the details. Whether it's the annual trip to Foxwoods, a trip to Six Flags or a ride to a sporting event, Stevan is the person who contracts with the bus company and is usually standing by the door of the bus checking the roster as members board.

It can also be said that Touro has grown with Steven Labush. As a member of the Board of Directors, Stevan held the position of Chairman of the Membership Committee for several years. Under Stevan's leadership, the committee planned Open House events and encouraged members to bring their friends and relatives to Touro. As a result, Touro has had a steady stream of initiates. One of the largest new member classes in 40 years was initiated during Stevan's tenure.

Stevan Labush

By Gerald Tebrow



Stevan has served as a lodge vice president, a lodge president and now is in his second term as a Board Member. In addition to serving on the Social Committee, Stevan puts his expertise as an accountant to good use by watching how Touro plans and spends its money. Stevan is currently chairman of the Welfare Committee which is the beneficiary of the profits from all the

raffles held at Touro events. The committee decides which local charities will get donations from Touro. Stevan is also a member of the Budget and Finance Committee that plans Touro's annual budget, and a member of the Community Involvement Committee that decides Touro's major gift giving programs such as the recent donation to Camp JORI.

Stevan and his wife Rhonda have one daughter, Jenna, and together run Baskets Galore, a gift basket for all occasions business. Stevan is a graduate of Pilgrim High School and Johnson and Wales University and currently is working on a masters degree in financial management.

Looking for some social opportunities with other young Jewish families, Stevan joined Touro at the urging of some friends, including then-chairman, Art Poulten. It was Art who also got Stevan interested in running for office. Stevan noted that one of his fondest Touro memories is that he was initiated the same night as his father.

Educational Grants and Loans awarded for 2003

*By Alan Lury, Chairman
Student Financial Aid Committee*

The Student Financial Aid Committee met on July 19, 2003 to select Touro Fraternal Association's two grant recipients for the 2003-2004 academic year. This year we received 11 applications for our grant program, so the task of selecting two proved to be difficult. I am pleased to announce that the committee chose the following individuals to receive our annual grants.

Allison Rappoport, a 2003 Cranston West graduate and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Barry Rappoport, will be attending Northeastern University in the fall and Touro member Jeffrey Horovitz, who is pursuing, full time, his master's degree in social work at Rhode Island College. Each will be awarded a \$2,500 educational grant for the upcoming academic year.

In addition, the committee awarded to nine children of our members, interest-free student loans of \$2,000 each.

I want to thank the committee members for their excellent work in selecting this year's recipients. Please look forward to information regarding next year's program in upcoming editions of the Tourogram.

Student Financial Aid – another benefit of membership in Touro Fraternal Association.

Kibitzing with the President

By Jeffrey Davis, Harmony Lodge



Shalom Brothers!

For those who do not know me, I am Jeff Davis, the newly installed president of Harmony Lodge. It is a pleasure to take over the presidency from Brother Richard Glucksman. He and Brother Aaron Sherman have helped me attain the position of Harmony Lodge President.

I hope you all had a great summer and look forward to more exciting programs from Touro. If you missed the Steak Fry, with our guest speaker, Mayor of Providence David Cicilline, you missed a great time.

Please take advantage of all that Touro has to offer. If you have an idea, seek out a lodge officer or a board member – or better yet, attend a Social Committee meeting, which usually meets the first Wednesday of the month.

As the summer comes to a close and the fall rapidly approaches, look for exciting new programs. We will start the fall season off with the Mayor of Cranston, Steve Laffey. It is sure to be a great night. Cranston residents: here's your opportunity to talk about your TAX INCREASE with the Man.

On behalf of the officers of Harmony Lodge, Barry Schiff, vice president, Peter Hodosh, treasurer, and Steve Waldman, secretary, I would like to wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.



Good Turnout for Golf Day

by Lester Nathan

Richmond Country Club once again played host to Touro's annual golf tournament held July 21st.

Over 70 golfers attended the event, now in its fourth year, featuring lunch, 18 holes of golf and a steak dinner. There were 14 four-man teams and 6 three-man teams who played in the scramble formatted tournament.

Touro member Howard Poulten's team, featuring teammates Wayne Lima, Joel Marques and Bob Taylor, recorded the low team score, 60. Second place went to Barry Shaw's team, which included Bill Austin, Marco Belhumeur, and Mark Hosford. Their score was 63. The best effort by a Touro team was 66, turned in by Paul Botvin, Sheldon Land, Ed Rotmer and David Epstein.

Besides the prizes given for best team scores, longest drives and closest-to-the-pin, a raffle was held after dinner. Committee chairman Andy Gilstein ran the tournament, with assistance from Barry Shaw and Abe Strashnick.





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Newly Installed Directors and Officers



Board members elected for 3-year term are:

Above (l-r): Richard Glucksman, Andrew Lamchick and Andrew Gilstein. Below (l-r): Nathan Lury, Robert Miller, Bruce Weisman and Irving Wolpert.



Lodge officers elected for 1-year term are:

Above (l-r): Harmony Lodge Officers Steve Waldman, Secretary; Barry Schiff, Vice-President and Peter Hodosh, Treasurer. Below (l-r): Friendship Lodge Officers Rich Levinson, Secretary; Edward Deluty, Vice-President and Jed Brandes, Treasurer.



Touro Committee Chair Appointments for 2003-04

By Arthur Poulten

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The chairman also announced the appointment of Judah Rosen as Association Chaplain and Barry Shaw as Inside Guard.

The new committees for the coming year, their chairmen and their functions are:

ASSISTANCE: Irving Wolpert

Administers the Association's Assistance Fund.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Barry Shaw

Responsible for the financial stability of the Association.

CEMETERY: Joel Pressman

Oversees Touro's interests at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

CEMETERY SEARCH: Rodney Locke

Continues the search for new cemetery land.

COMMUNICATIONS: Arthur Poulten

Responsible for communications to the community and the membership.

TOUROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE: Bruce Weisman

Produces the Tourogram

WEBSITE SUBCOMMITTEE: Lester Nathan

Oversees the content of our website,
TOUROFRATERNAL.ORG.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Michael Smith

Oversees Touro's participation in community activities.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Andrew Gilstein

The guardian of the documents that govern the Association.

HOUSE: Nathan Lury

Responsible for the maintenance and improvement of our home.

INVESTIGATION: Richard Glucksman

Checks the background of all applicants for membership.

INVESTMENT: Milton Bronstein

Responsible for Touro's portfolio and raising the funds with which Touro operates.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Dr. Aaron Sherman

Devises special programs and projects to assure the future of Touro.

MEMBERSHIP: Andrew Lamchick

Develops programs to attract new members and retain existing members.

ORIENTATION: Morton Coken

Gives new members an insight into what Touro is all about and what it has to offer.

RITUAL: Bruce Weisman

Prepares the procedures for the conduct of meetings and special programs.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID: Alan Lury

Administers Touro's student loan and grant programs.

SUNSHINE: Robert Hodosh

Assures that our brothers and sisters, who are confined to their homes or institutions, know they are remembered.

WAYS & MEANS: Andrew Gilstein

Develops new programs and projects for the betterment of the Association

WELFARE: Stevan Labush

Administers Touro's Welfare Fund with charitable donations.

Directors & Officers 2003-2004

First row: Joel Pressman, Lester Nathan, Morton Coken, Milton Bronstein, directors; Steven Dinerman, president, Friendship Lodge; Barry Schiff, vice president, Harmony Lodge; Nathan Lury, director.

Second row: Gerald Tebrow, Association secretary; Arthur Poulten, chairman emeritus, Andrew Lamchick, vice chairman, Robert Miller chairman, Michael Smith, Rodney Locke, directors; Jed Brandes, treasurer, Friendship Lodge; Robert Hodosh, director.

Third row: Peter Hodosh, treasurer, Harmony Lodge; Gerald Hodosh, Association treasurer; Steven Waldman, secretary, Harmony Lodge; Barry Shaw, Stevan Labush, Bruce Weisman, directors; Richard Levenson, secretary, Friendship Lodge; Alan Lury, director.

Not Present When Photo Taken: Jeffrey Davis, president, Harmony Lodge; Edward Deluty, vice president, Friendship Lodge; Andrew Gilstein, Richard Glucksman, Dr. Aaron Sherman, Irving Wolpert, directors; Judah Rosen, chaplain.



Venus Two-fer
Touro parties into
the night!



Summer Picnic
A look at the future of Touro as seen
through the eyes of babes.

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New Year
from the Officers
and
Members of the
Board*