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## RABBI DR. BERNARD LANDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY OPENS AT LANDER COLLEGE FOR MEN

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The Rabbi Dr. Lander Memorial Library, consisting of the personal Judaica collection of Touro College's founder and first President, now resides at the Lander College for Men in Kew Gardens Hills, Queens, and is available for use by all Touro College students.

## THE TOURO COLLEGE LIBRARIES' FACULTY PUBLICATIONS DATABASE BY BASHE SIMON, MLS

The Touro College Libraries have been committed to supporting the various undergraduate and graduate programs as well as faculty and student research. In 2009 the Library began collecting faculty publication information to store in our newly created Faculty Publication Database. The faculty publication database is a record of scholarly output by the Touro College/University faculty. The database currently includes 1970 - present publications by full and part-time faculty members and administrators. In creating this database the librarians increased awareness of faculty research



To augment the electronic database now available online, the first annual 2010 published writings by Touro faculty has been presented in a hard copy booklet. A 2011 index is being developed for release later this year.

SEND COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO:

[NEWSLETTER.LIBRARY@TOURO.EDU](mailto:NEWSLETTER.LIBRARY@TOURO.EDU)

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR...

BY BASHE SIMON, MLS

As the school term winds down I want to welcome you to the Spring 2012 issue of the Touro College Library Newsletter (TCL Letter). This past fall the Library revised our mission statement and strategic plan for the next 10 years, which are posted on the library homepage. The Library's vision and mission statements directly align with the overall institutional mission and reflect the value of the Library to the campus community. Our mission demonstrates how the library

constantly strives to meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff.

The User Survey results indicate that the library has become an integral part of the Touro College community and meets the needs of most students. We take suggestions seriously and strive to incorporate them in the overall library commitment to meet the needs of our patrons.

Please check out the other features and columns in this issue.

TOURO COLLEGE LIBRARIES  
HIGHLIGHTS:

- **FACULTY PUBLICATIONS DATABASE**
- **VIDEO SEARCH TAB ON WEB SITE CATALOG**
- **TUTORIALS ON STUDENTS SERVICES WEB PAGE**

## NEW ONLINE RESOURCES

**Cambridge Journals** features articles from more than 280 journals published by Cambridge Press. This vast collection covers a wide scope of topics, including history, politics, law, language, medicine, philosophy, music, art, mathematics and various sciences.

**Emerald Social Sciences eBook Series Collection Backlist Library** is a collection of ebooks dating from 1998 in the fields of education, environment, health care, language, sociology and public policy.

**PAEasy** includes approximately 1,200 questions and answers that simulate the PANCE (Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam) and PANRE (Physician Assistant National Recertifying Exam), and allows users to track their results and performance by topic and test scores.

**PsycTESTS** provides access to psychological tests, measures, scales, surveys, and other assessments as well as descriptive information about the test and its development and administration.

**Kotar** is a new Hebrew-language database of more than 1,000 Hebrew ebooks from current Israeli publishers. Access is also available to Touro College-NY Alumni, as reflected on our alumni portal.

**Rehabilitation Reference Center** from EBSCO is available for our physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy students. It delivers current and relevant information at the point-of-care to help build customized treatment regimens for patients and includes over 9,800 exercise images, nearly 450 clinical reviews, more than 150 research instruments, and more.

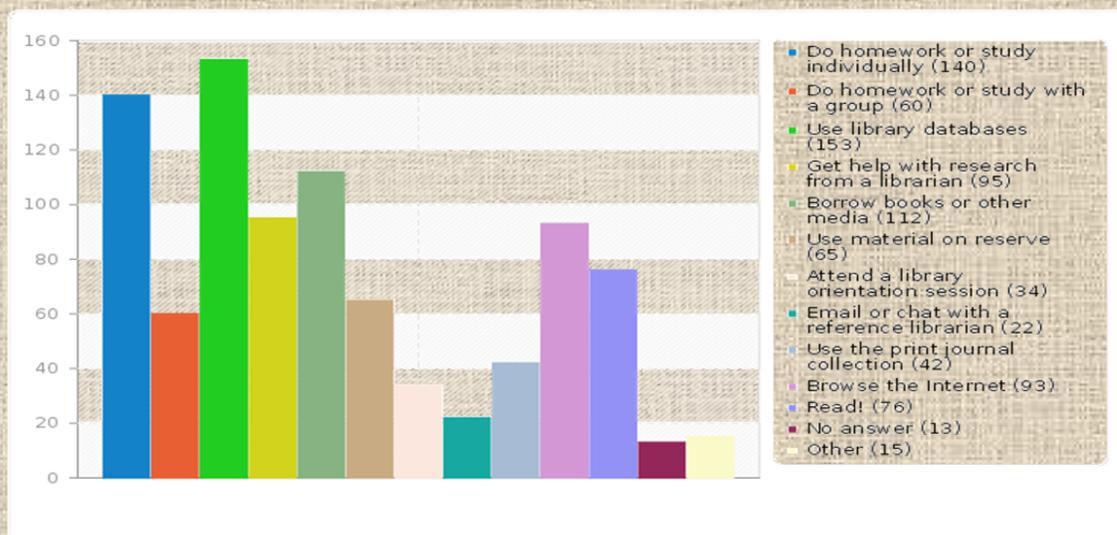
TO ACCESS THESE ONLINE RESOURCES AND OTHERS VISIT [HTTPS://ERMS.TOURLIB.ORG/](https://erms.tourolib.org/)  
TO REQUEST A USER NAME AND PASSWORD

## LIBRARY USER SATISFACTION SURVEY FALL 2011: SUMMARY OF RESULTS

BY BASHE SIMON, MLS

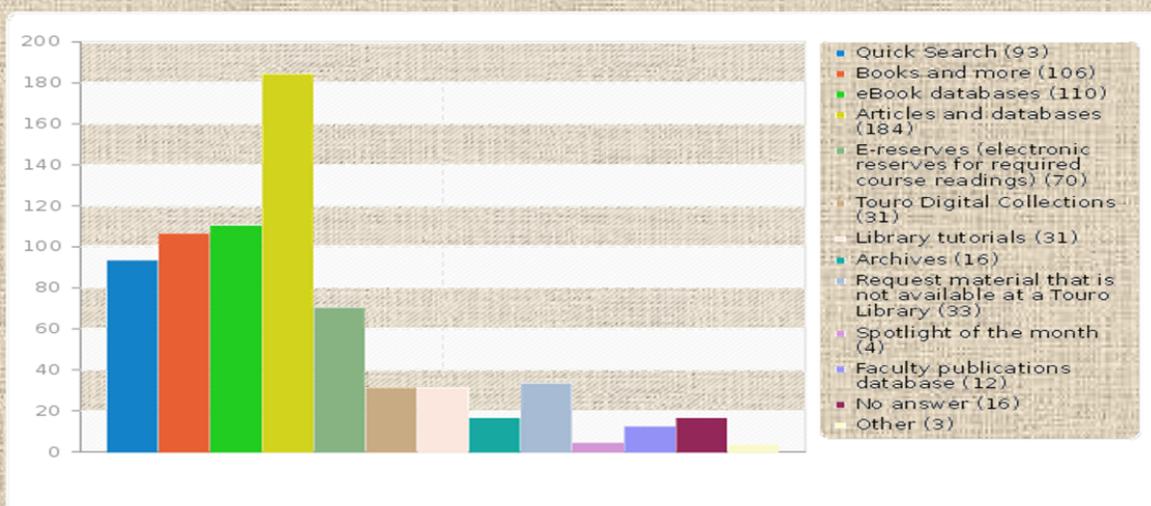
A survey to assess Touro College faculty and student library satisfaction was taken for two weeks in December 2011. The survey was administered using a web-based instrument accessed from the Library's homepage. In total, the library received 212 complete responses. The following is a brief summary of the major findings of this survey, which will be used to evaluate and improve our services and resources. Some of the results are presented in graph format for illustrative purposes.

### *When you visit the library, what do you typically do there?*



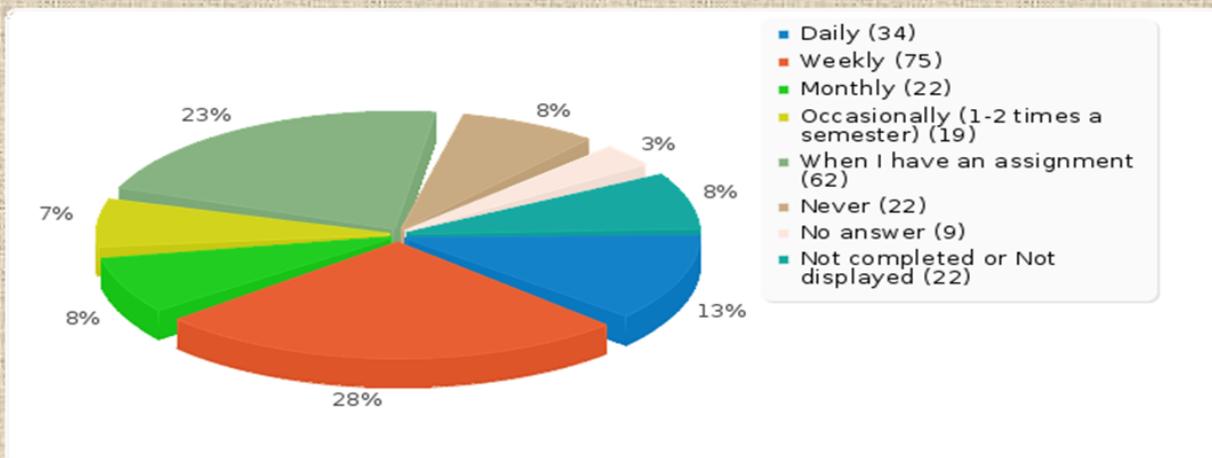
As you can see from the chart above, using electronic databases is one of the most typical activities in the library.

### *Which resources do you use on the Touro library website?*

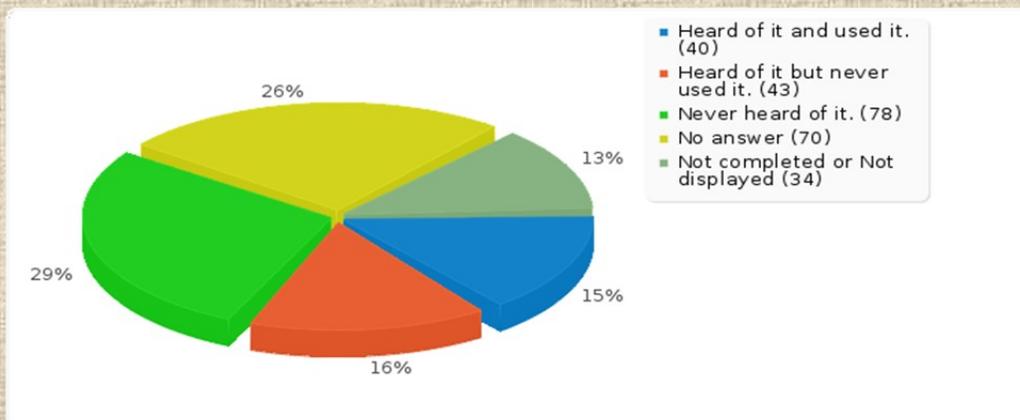


Databases for finding scholarly articles, followed by accessing e-books seem to be some of the most popular resources.

**How often do you use the library web site from your home or off-campus?**

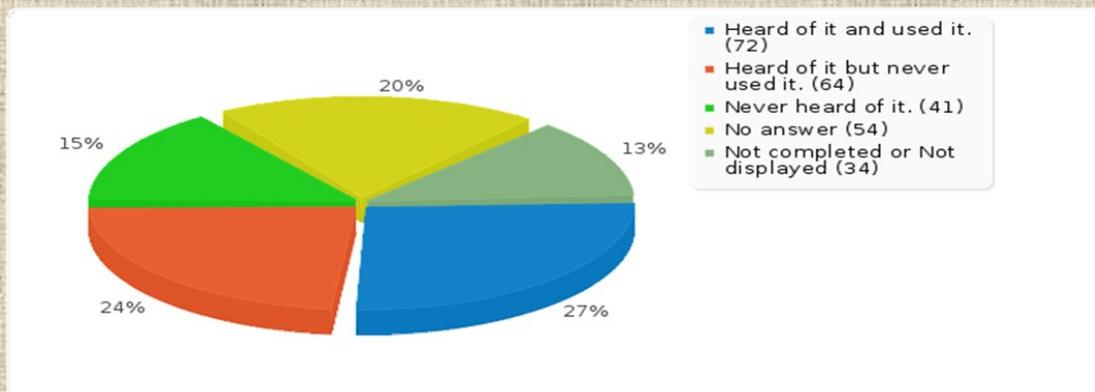


**Have you been aware that the library offers library workshops and webinars for faculty and staff?**



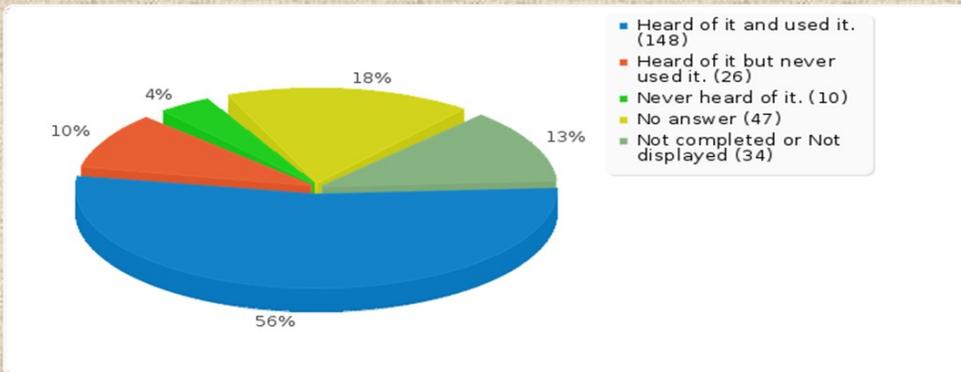
Due to popular demand, the library now offers webinars to graduate students as well. [Click here for a listing of the most recent classes online.](#)

**Have you been aware that the library offers a service whereby you can request books and articles from other non-Touro libraries?**



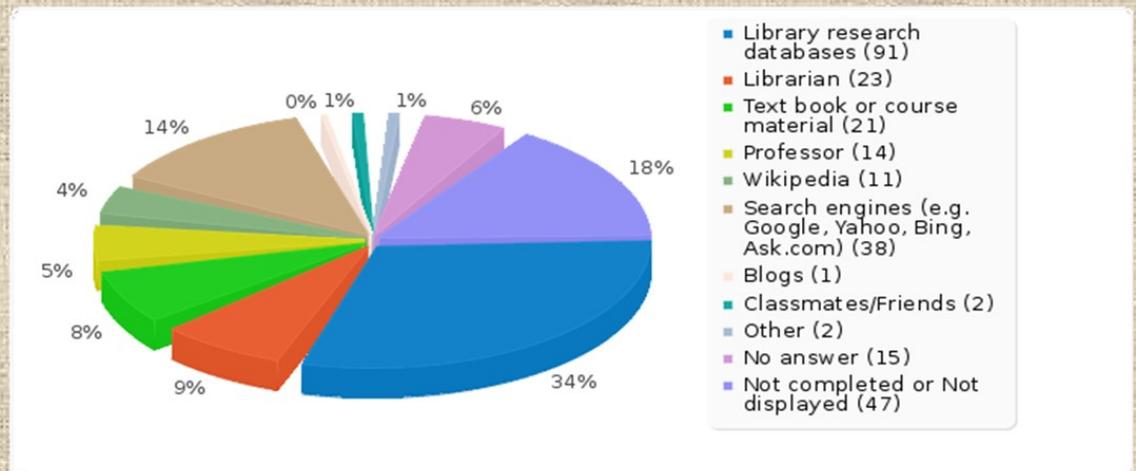
This service is called Interlibrary loan and it can be used by students, faculty and staff free of charge.

**Have you been aware that you can access library databases and e-books even when you are off-campus?**

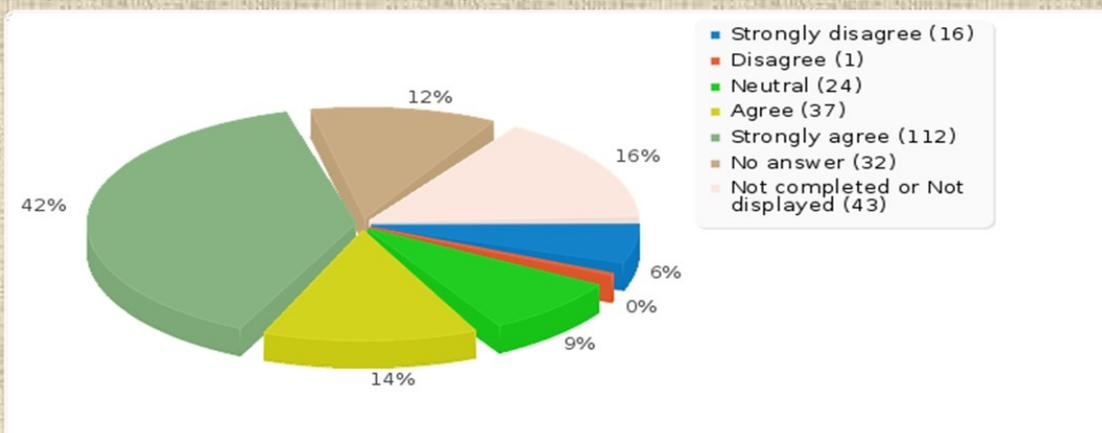


You can access the library's databases and electronic books off campus [by going to this link and following the instructions.](#)

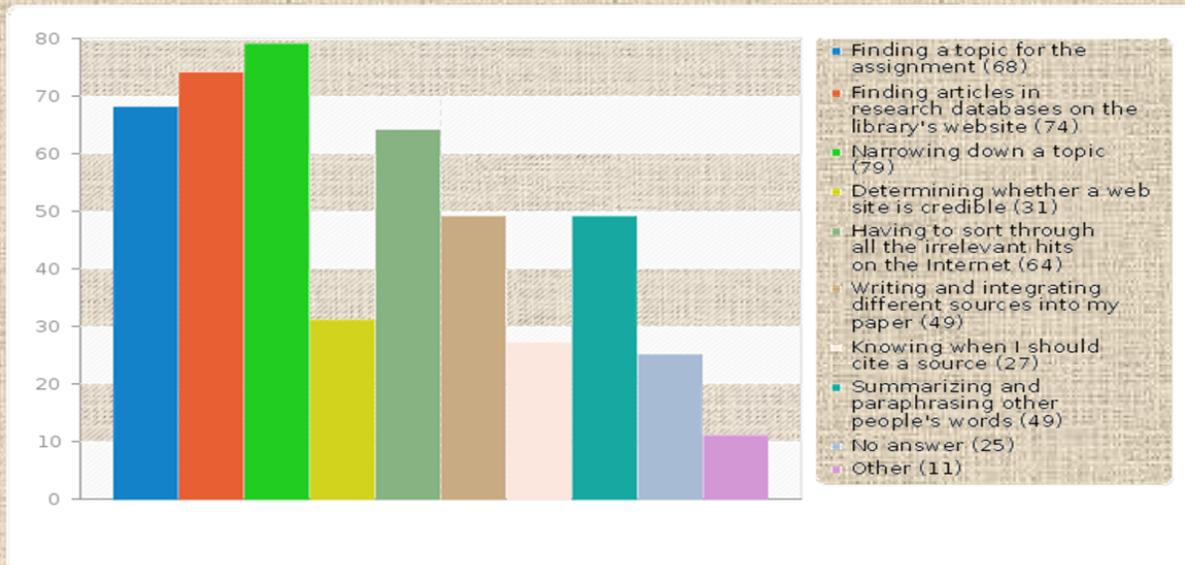
**When researching a topic for school, where do you usually start?**



**Do you find the library staff is usually helpful?**

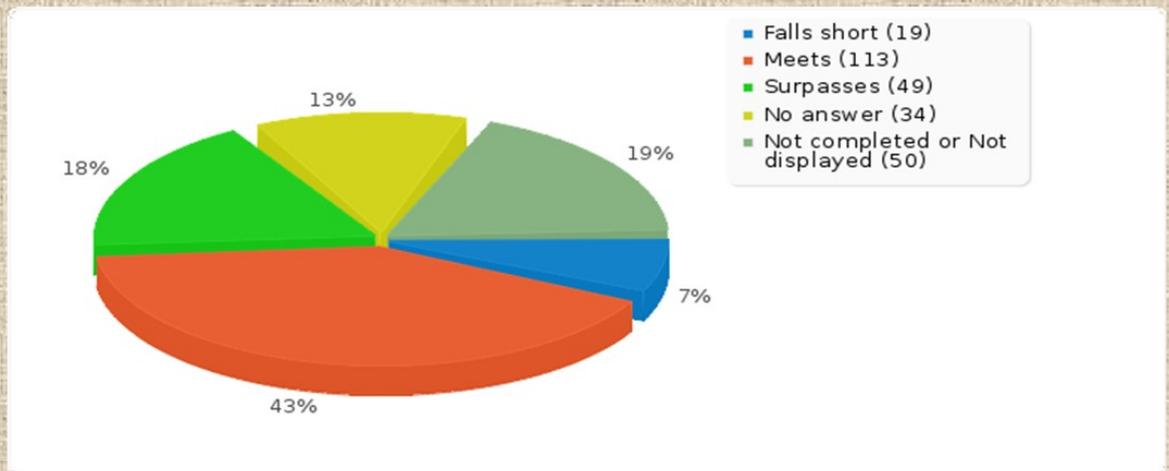


**What is difficult about course related research?**



According to the survey, narrowing down a topic followed by finding articles in library databases seem to be difficult when it comes to course-related research. Some of these problems can be addressed by attending a library workshop.

**Overall, to what extent does the service that the Touro Library provides meet your expectations for an excellent library?**



**“What is more important in a library than anything else—than anything else—is the fact that it exists.”**

Archibald MacLeish (1892-1982)

**LIBRARY USER SATISFACTION SURVEY FALL 2011** (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6)

This survey allowed users to provide open ended comments regarding their experiences with the Touro College Libraries; here are a few of your comments, with our responses:

*One of the concerns voiced in the comments section of the survey was that sometimes one can't access the full-text article of an abstract.*

**There are several solutions to this concern: 1. Click on the "Article Linker" icon next to the abstract of an article to see if it leads you to the full-text article. Take a look at the [short tutorial](#) for further instructions. 2. If that does lead you to the full-text article, the library offers a service called interlibrary loan which means that we will get you the article that you need from another library. This service is free for students, faculty and staff. Just fill out [this form](#).**

*A request brought up in this survey was for the library to have a notification system to remind students and faculty of the due dates of their checked-out books.*

**The good news is that the library does already have such a service. Just go to any Touro Library and ask for your email address to be added to your library record. You will then be notified a few days before one of your checked out books is due.**

*A few of our library patrons have asked if they can borrow a book from one Touro library and return it at another Touro library.*

**The answer is, yes! You can return your borrowed books at any Touro Library convenient to you.**

*Finally, we were told that the library website signs users out too quickly when they access databases from off campus and were requested to lengthen the session time.*

**We have listened to you and have lengthened the sign-in time. So you should be able to stay logged in longer when working with the databases off campus. For off campus access, click on [this link](#) and follow the instructions.**

In conclusion, we want to thank you for all the praise that the library has received in the survey from students and faculty alike.

Thank you for your participation in the library customer satisfaction survey and please don't hesitate to contact us with further suggestions.

**FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE USER SURVEY, PLEASE  
CONTACT SARA TABAEI: 212-463-0400 EXT. 5233, OR  
[SARA.TABAEI@TOURO.EDU](mailto:SARA.TABAEI@TOURO.EDU)**



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## THE TOP 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE TOURO COLLEGE LIBRARIES

1. We have more resources than you can ever imagine! At last count, we have over 340,000 items, including 56,972 eJournals, and 100,389 eBooks.
2. Book due tomorrow but snow predicted? Skip the trip to the library and renew online. Click '[My Account](#),' login with your name and the barcode on the back of your Touro College ID.
3. Got a quick question? Ask a Librarian! Call, visit the reference desk in person, Chat (IM), or e-mail to speak to a reference librarian.
4. Instructors: Put books and films on physical course reserve for your students. For online article and e-book chapters try [E-Reserves](#).
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7. Want still more? Use our [ILL](#) (interlibrary loan system) which is fast and free. Request any material you need that's not on the shelf and we will send it to the Touro library of your choice.
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9. Instructors: Help your students learn to use the library by scheduling a hands-on library session given by library staff. Best when scheduled in conjunction with an assignment, these sessions are beneficial to your students, whether grads or undergrads, who are likely somewhat overwhelmed by so much information.  
If it is not possible to bring your students for a session, consider linking your Blackboard account to the library website. Let us know how we can help encourage your students to take advantage of the wealth of our resources.
10. Come and learn for yourself about the library services and resources available to you by attending library workshops and webinars.

## WELCOME OUR NEW LIBRARY STAFF!

- VICTORIA LUTHER, LIBRARIAN, LANDER COLLEGE FOR WOMEN IN MANHATTAN
- JOAN WAGNER, LIBRARIAN, LANDER COLLEGE FOR MEN IN KEW GARDENS HILLS

## TOURO COLLEGE LIBRARIES INTRODUCES THE FACULTY PUBLICATIONS DATABASE

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and achievements, enhanced communication between staff and librarians, and promoted Touro College faculty research in the larger academic community.

The citation data collected for the Faculty Publication originated from faculty submissions, curriculum vitae, and online submissions. Although submissions were received in various formats, the library staff decided that APA style would be used to maintain consistency. The criteria for submissions was reached via consultation with a committee and includes: journal articles, books, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, articles, book reviews, translations into English, non-English books, published proceedings, and creative works.

The Faculty Publications Database allows for three types of searches: author, title and year of publication. In addition all faculty citations can be searched from different Touro locations. Wherever possible, citations are linked to

the actual article and to books in the library catalog. Faculty members can submit new citation information using a form that is then verified and processed. Entry submission forms are located at:

<http://www.tourolib.org/resources/faculty-publications/submit-work>

The 2010 publications were gathered and published in a booklet; forthcoming editions will be published annually. The Library has received positive feedback and we hope to continue adding submissions. Sara Tabaei, Library Information Literacy Services Director, has worked in collaboration with Gregory McMurray and Annette Carr to produce the booklet and maintain the database. Yitzchak Schaffer, Systems Manager, and Liping Ren, Systems Assistant developed the database and continue to upgrade its functions. The success of the Faculty Database is due to the dedication and expertise of the people involved.

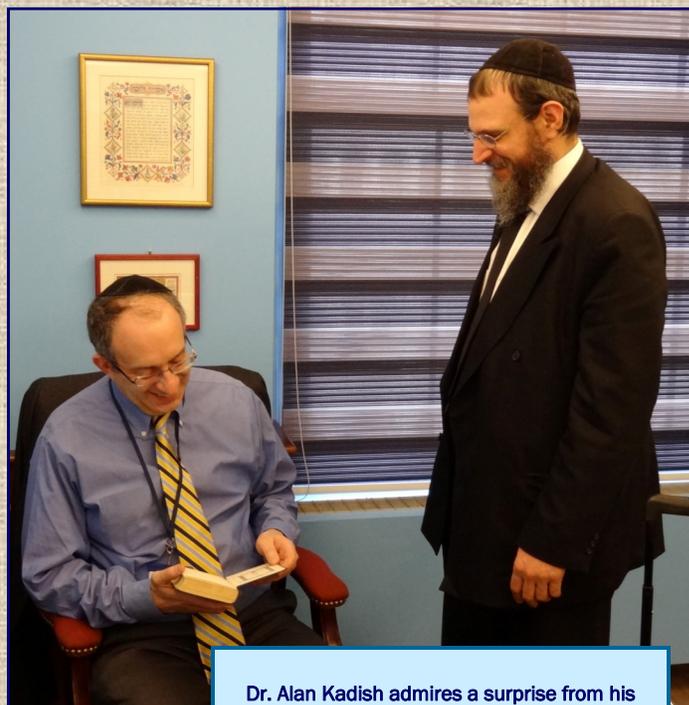
## A PIECE OF DR. ALAN KADISH'S PAST DISCOVERED IN THE TOURO INSTITUTIONAL ARCHIVES

Shortly after the passing of Touro College founder and long-time President Rabbi Dr. Bernard Lander, of blessed memory, the Touro College Libraries were privileged to receive his personal library as a donation from the Lander family. His Judaica books were cataloged and recently given their rightful place of honor at the Lander College for Men.

Occasionally, however, some surprises were found in the many rooms filled with books in Dr. Lander's home. Perhaps none more so than a small, well-kept Birnbaum daily prayer book, which, when opened, revealed a familiar name inscribed in the owner's bookplate.

In January 2012, the book was reunited with its original owner—none other than current Touro College President, Dr. Alan Kadish, who had received it in 1970 upon his graduation from Yeshiva Dov Revel.

As Touro College Chancellor Rabbi Doniel Lander informed the library, he and Dr. Kadish were childhood friends; thus it became clearer as to how the book happened to be found among Dr. Lander's beloved collection. In accordance with Dr. Kadish's wishes, the book now resides in the Touro Institutional Archives, where it serves as a wonderful link from Touro's beginnings to its present and future.



Dr. Alan Kadish admires a surprise from his youth as Michael Rotenfeld, Associate Director of Libraries, looks on.

## STAFF PROFILE: JUDAICA CATALOGING LIBRARIAN LEIBA RIMLER

With its many campuses, Touro College is fortunate to have a large team of highly skilled information specialists to assist students at its libraries. Our dedicated professionals play a crucial role in students' academic success, responding to their reference inquiries and guiding them in the use of the libraries' ample electronic resources.

But none of this would be possible without Technical and Electronic Services (T&ES), whose hard work is essential, if rarely visible to students. T&ES is a branch of the Touro College Libraries; comprised of nine employees this specialized 'behind the scenes' department orders and catalogs library materials, arranges for subscriptions to all electronic resources, designs and maintains the Libraries' website, oversees the integrated library system used to manage circulation of library materials and curates The Touro Institutional Archives.

T&ES boasts a staff with wide-ranging skills and backgrounds; a perfect example is Judaica Cataloging Librarian Leiba Rimler. Leiba began working for T&ES as a recent graduate of the Lander College of Arts and Sciences in Midwood, and soon thereafter began pursuing a Master's of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) degree at Pratt Institute. Initially performing an impressive variety of clerical duties, her library coursework and knowledge of Hebrew made her an ideal candidate to replace a departing Judaica cataloger. She received her MSLIS degree in 2011 and was instrumental in cataloging the personal Judaica collection of Touro College founder Rabbi Dr. Bernard



Lander for use. These books are now housed at the Lander College for Men (please see story on page 1).

Leiba is also a published author who has written four books for children: *The Negel Vasser Miracle*, *The Forgotten Bracha*, *Hosting without Boasting* and *Pinny Practices*. She enjoys cooking and baking, and is an avid photographer, currently taking courses at the New York Institute of Photography. A dedicated runner, she has recently begun competing in triathlons. Leiba is also certified by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors as an Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver. Her travels - which usually include diving - have taken her to Mexico and most nations in the Caribbean.

So the next time you check out a book or use one of Touro's many electronic resources to find articles, remember T&ES, an unseen yet vital part of the staff that is working hard to provide the best library services possible.

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