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TWO TOURO COLLEGE LEADERS HONORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH TEACHERS AT ITS 40TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Dr. Anthony Polemeni and Dr. Ronald Lehrer Receive Awards

New York, N.Y. – April 29, 2010 –The Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers (AOJT) of the New York City Public Schools honored two Touro College leaders, Dr. Anthony Polemeni and Dr. Ronald Lehrer, for their exceptional contributions to education and the Jewish community at its 40th Annual Luncheon on Sunday, April 25th at the Renaissance Hotel in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Polemeni, vice president of Touro's Division of Graduate Studies, received the "Higher Education Distinguished Leadership Award" for his distinguished leadership, innovative programs, and professional support to the Touro staff and its students. The award was presented by AOJT Presidium Member, Mr. Nechemia A. Oberstein.

Dr. Polemeni has been a leader in the field of education for nearly four decades. In his current role as Vice President of the Division of Graduate Studies at Touro, he oversees seven graduate schools including Education, Psychology, Jewish Studies, Social Work, Health Sciences, and Business and Technology. Under his leadership, the Graduate School of Education has grown to be the second largest in New York State.

"I am humbled by this honor, because I truly love what I do. I believe that students are our customers, and I have surrounded myself with dedicated, accomplished, and caring faculty so that we all can ensure they receive the best that education has to offer," said Dr. Polemeni. "I extend a heartfelt thank you to the AOJT."

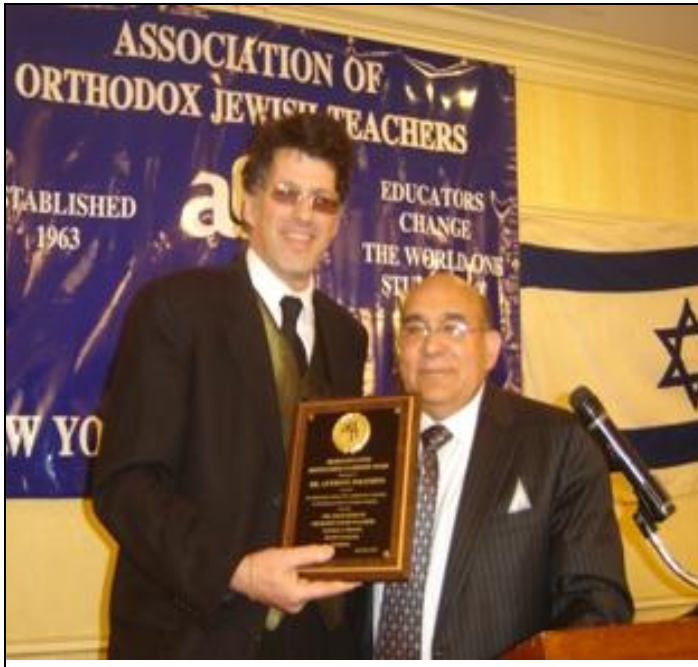
Dr. Lehrer, associate dean and chair, Graduate Studies in Education and Special Education, received the "Educational Alliance Award" for his dedication to education in the Jewish community, from AOJT Presidium Member Mr. Herbert Lowenstein.

Dr. Lehrer's career in education spans almost 40 years, and he has been an administrator of education programs at Touro College for 12 years. Dr. Lehrer advocated successfully for a separate women's program Touro opened at its Brooklyn campus. Professor Rhonda Lehrer, chair of Women's Division, runs the Graduate of Education and Special Education program for women only. The program caters to orthodox women, as well as women from various religious, racial, and ethnic backgrounds.

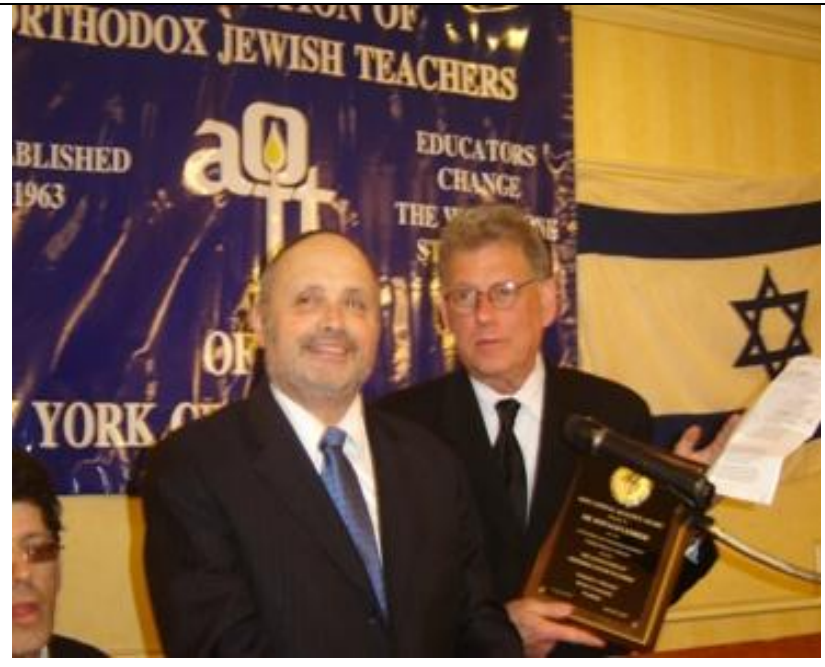
"I'd like to thank all of you here who have helped us develop and maintain a program that has, as one of its mission goals, a special commitment to the Jewish community," said Dr. Lehrer. "It is very gratifying for all of us involved to be honored by the AOJT with this recognition of our efforts."

Other honorees at the 40th annual AOJT luncheon were: Arlene Rosenstock (Special Education Administrator of the Year); Wendy Goldberg (Queens Elementary School Principal of the Year, P.S. 214Q); Mary Bosco (Brooklyn Elementary School Principal of the Year, P.S. 207K); David Turk (Teacher of the Year, James Madison High School); and David Adler (Author of the Year.)

Founded in 1963, the AOJT promotes the welfare of the Orthodox Jewish personnel employed by the New York City School system; provides a forum for the exchange of cultural, social, and professional affairs of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers; and promotes an atmosphere of religious and racial understanding among all teachers and their students regardless of race, religion, or natural origin.



(L-R): Mr. Oberstein and Dr. Polemeni.
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(L-R): Mr. Lowenstein and Dr. Lehrer.
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