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SALVE REGINA SUMMER SESSION

STUDENTS AND FACULTY VISIT TOURO SYNAGOGUE

Students and faculty members of Salve Regina College's summer session visited Touro Synagogue in Newport, Wednesday afternoon, July 8.

This is the oldest synagogue building now standing in the United States. For nearly two centuries this house of worship has testified that men may seek eternal truths in their own individual ways without hindrance from the civil government that embraces them all. It has been visited over the years by many important personages including several presidents of the United States from George Washington to John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

When students in the courses, "Practical Theology for Teachers," taught by the Reverend Robert F. McKenna, O. P., and "Methods of Teaching Religion in the Primary Grades," taught by Sister Mary Columcille, R. S. M., were studying The Old Testament, it was decided that a visit to Touro Synagogue would be appropriate. This was arranged through Mrs. George B. Gold of 21 Greenough Place, Newport, and a part-time student at the College, in cooperation with the Reverend Rabbi Theodore Lewis who was host to the group which grew in size until it included practically all the summer session students and faculty, so great was the interest in the project.

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Rabbi Lewis conducted the group through the historic edifice and discussed the history and architecture of the synagogue and its appurtenances, also outlining the major tenets of the orthodox Jewish religion.

This was the second annual visit by Salve Regina summer school students and faculty to Touro Synagogue, the fine example of ecumenism in action in Newport having been inaugurated last year.

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July 8, 1964