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**Machon Lander/Lander Institute VP Major General (Res.) Yaakov Amidror Tapped
For National Security Advisor Position in Israeli Cabinet**

New York, N.Y., April 6, 2011 — Major General (Res.) Yaakov Amidror, vice president of Touro College's affiliate Machon Lander/Lander Institute in Israel, has been named head of the National Security Council in Israel and will serve as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's National Security Advisor.

"We are incredibly proud of Major General (Res.) Yaakov Amidror, his accomplishments, and his long history of service to the State of Israel and the Jewish people," said Touro president and CEO Dr. Alan Kadish. "His dedication to Machon Lander and the role he has played in shaping the institution have served us well and we are thrilled at his appointment to this most prestigious position. This is a great honor."

Approved by the Israeli Cabinet for the post this week, Major General (Res.) Amidror has a long military history spanning more than three decades. He primarily served in Israeli Intelligence. He was also the head of the Israel Defense Forces' (IDF) Research and Assessment Division, which prepares National Intelligence Assessment. He also served as commander of the National Defense College. He retired from the military in 2002. After his discharge, he was appointed to head a committee that examined the IDF's intelligence before the Second Lebanon War.

Major General (Res.) Amidror will replace Dr. Uzi Arad, who has served in the position since Netanyahu was elected to lead the country in 2009. He will take a leave of absence from Machon Lander to serve in his new post, and will be replaced at the school on an interim basis by Nissan Slomiansky, a former member of the Israeli Knesset, who lost his seat in 2009. Slomiansky was educated at Bnei Akiva's yeshiva in Nechalim, Israel and completed academic studies in physics and mathematics at Bar-Illan University. He also studied Jewish Law at Tel-Aviv University and is an ordained rabbi.

The Machon Lander/Lander Institute in Jerusalem is an affiliate of the Touro College Graduate School of Jewish Studies in New York City. Machon Lander/Lander Institute is also an independent Israeli academic institution, accredited by Israel's Council of Higher Education. The school's full-time faculty boasts numerous scholars in the Judaic Studies field. Established in 2004, the school currently enrolls 1200 students who combine their studies with family and

professional obligations. All graduates learn Judaic Studies in a framework that respects the mesorah of Jewish learning and practice.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was established in 1971 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. More than 18,000 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris, and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles, are separately accredited institutions governed in common by the same Board of Trustees as Touro College. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>.

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