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**TOURO COLLEGE'S LANDER COLLEGE FOR MEN/BEIS MEDRASH L'TALMUD  
TO MARK ITS 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY APRIL 25 AT THE WHITE SHUL**

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**WILL ALSO HOLD INAUGURAL CHAG HASMICHA (RABBINIC ORDINATION CEREMONY)**

New York, N.Y., March 23, 2010 – Dr. Moshe Sokol, dean of Touro College's Lander College for Men/Beis Medrash L'Talmud, has announced that the inaugural dinner celebrating the school's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary will take place Sunday evening, April 25, at Congregation Kneseth Israel (The White Shul) in Queens, N.Y.

In addition to presenting awards to three honorees, Dean Sokol said the dinner will feature Beis Medrash L'Talmud's first-ever *Chag HaSmicha* (rabbinic ordination ceremony), celebrating a decade of *musmachim* (those who will receive rabbinic ordination). All 52 *musmachim* will be individually honored for their completion of their ordination studies at Beis Medrash L'Talmud.

"We are delighted to have reached this important milestone and we look forward to sharing the celebration of our 10th anniversary with the Jewish community, both here and abroad," said Dr. Alan Kadish, who recently succeeded the late Dr. Bernard Lander as President and CEO of Touro College. "We are also proud of our 52 *musmachim* and wish them well as they go on to serve the Jewish people and promulgate Jewish tradition."

This year's dinner honorees include LCM's founding chairman of its board of overseers, Steve Brown, and his wife, Mychal Brown, plus two prominent LCM alums and their wives, Rabbi Daniel and Ziva Glanz and Rabbi Ariel and Shani Kopitnikoff.

Brown will be awarded the *LCM Founders Award* in recognition of his many years as founding chairman of the LCM board of overseers and his continued generosity towards LCM.

The Glanzes will be honored with the *Beis Medrash L'Talmud Harbotzos Torah Award*, in acknowledgement of their numerous accomplishments in spreading Torah, both in America and Israel, including at Beis Medrash L'Talmud, where they played a pivotal role in its initial development.

The Kopitnikoffs will be awarded the *LCM Distinguished Service Award* in recognition of their many years of continuous service to the LCM community.

Among the distinguished *musmachim* are Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern of Congregation Young Israel of Scarsdale, N.Y.; Rabbi Aryeh Cohen, rebbe at David Renov Stahler High School in the Five Towns, N.Y.; Rabbi Eli Slomnicki, rebbe at RAMAZ High School in Manhattan; Rabbi Joshua Rohr, rebbe at Yeshiva of Central Queens, Kew Garden Hills, N.Y.; and Rabbi Simcha Loiterman, rebbe at Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, West Hempstead, N.Y.

Dean Sokol also had words of praise for the evening's honorees. "These are people who have been a critical part of Lander College for Men from its inception," he said. "Throughout the years, they have supported us with their loyalty, dedication and hard work, which has helped make our school into one of the top institutions in the nation that combine both Jewish and secular academic studies."

He added that LCM graduates gain admission to the best graduate and professional schools in the nation, including Yale Law School, Harvard Law School, The University of Chicago, New York University, Columbia University, and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. They also receive job offers from top firms and corporations around the country, he said.

### **The Honorees**

- Brown has had a successful career that includes his post as chief financial officer of IDT Corporation, a Fortune 700 NYSE listed company; creating a mini-film studio; and becoming an Emmy-nominated producer of animated feature and television films - as well as operating his own accounting practice. Both Brown and his wife are known worldwide for their philanthropy and are involved with numerous charitable organizations. Brown has been LCM's chairman since its inception and has sponsored its Bekius contest in Israel for the past four years. The Browns split their time between their residences in Cedarhurst, Long Island, and Jerusalem. They have four children and seven grandchildren.
- Rabbi Glanz holds a bachelor's degree from Touro College, magna cum laude; was ordained at LCM; and is a registered investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Following his years at LCM, Rabbi Glanz made aliyah and taught at Yeshivat Ohr Yerushalayim. He later moved to Tzfat and became the main teacher at the *tziyun* (grave site) of Abaye V'Rava in Avnit. This past year, he was invited to teach at Yeshivat Shaarei Mevasseret Tzion. In addition to giving *shiurim* (lessons on Torah topics) there, he hosts Friday night *tischim* (joint discussions) as well as popular lessons each week for yeshiva students. Rabbi Glanz is also a second-degree black belt and teaches a mixed martial arts class to Mevasseret students as well. The Glanzes have hosted many people in their home for Shabbat.
- Originally from Passaic, N.J., Ziva Glanz (nee Lautman) holds a master's in public administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. During the past six years, she served first as associate director, and then interim director, of the Chevron Fund. After making aliyah, she served on the Ma'arat HaMachpelah Authority, the governing council in charge of the maintenance and care of the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, Israel. Currently serving as executive director of development for Yeshivat Merkaz HaRav, she has led the Anglo division of a political campaign in Israel and helped establish the Ohr-El organization to benefit a series of residential villages in Israel for handicapped children and adults. The Glanzes have three children.
- Born in Elizabeth, N.J., where he attended high school at Jewish Educational Center, Rabbi Kopitnikoff studied in Israel at Teseret Yerushalayim before coming to Lander College for Men in 2003, where he majored in marketing management. A 2006 graduate, he later enrolled in and completed the Beis Medrash L'Talmid rabbinic ordination program. For the past two years, he has held two posts at LCM, as a dorm counselor and as director of student life. He plans to pursue a career in Jewish education or administration. He and his wife have a son.

*Lander College for Men/Beis Medrash L'Talmud, located in Queens, N.Y., is committed to the pursuit of excellence in Jewish and academic studies in a personalized environment. Established in the fall of 2000, the purpose of LCM is to provide a superior college education for students committed to serious Beis Medrash learning in an atmosphere of Torah.*

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