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**[www.LanderMathContest.org](http://www.LanderMathContest.org)**  
**For Yeshiva High School Students in the U.S. and Canada**

New York, N.Y., November 10, 2010 – Touro College’s Lander College for Men (LCM) has announced its Second Annual Jacob Goldfinger Memorial Mathematics Contest. The competition is open to full-time yeshiva high school students in the United States and Canada who are 19 or younger as of December 31, 2010.

The competition consists of 12 modules, with the first module beginning on November 21, 2010. Participants must register for the contest no later than December 15, 2010.

According to Dr. Moshe Sokol, dean of LCM, the math contest has been designed to encourage yeshiva high school students to explore new topics in mathematics, challenge them to come up with creative solutions to problems, and help them develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of mathematics and its applications.

“The knowledge of mathematics has become more critical on a global scale,” said Dr. Moshe Snow, contest chairman and associate professor of mathematics, adding that the need continues to grow for 21<sup>st</sup> century mathematicians, statisticians, and data analysts.

The contest examination will be based on preparatory reading material to be provided in advance to all participants via a password-protected site on the Internet. The preparatory material will consist of readings, challenging problems, and their solutions. The reading material for the learning modules was taken, with permission of the publisher, from *A Friendly Introduction to Number Theory* by Joseph H. Silverman. Participants are strongly encouraged to complete all of the learning modules in accordance with a schedule posted on the website.

Those interested should visit [www.landermathcontest.org](http://www.landermathcontest.org) and register for the contest by double clicking on the application form. Within a few business days, registrants will receive a password to access the reading material.

The final examination will be administered on Sunday, April 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. EST and the final results will be announced approximately three weeks after that date. Three prizes will be awarded: the first place prizewinner will receive \$1,000; the second place winner, \$350; and the third place winner, \$150.

Last year’s winners were, in first place, Yakir Forman of Teaneck, N.J., a junior at Torah Academy of Bergen County; second place, Zachary Avigan of Sharon, Mass., a senior at Maimonides High School in Brookline, Mass.; and third place, Netanel Friedenber, a senior at Torah Academy of Bergen County, N.J.

The Prize Advisory Committee, which helped design the contest and provided the overall guidance on content and structuring of the exam, consists of Dr. Sylvain Cappell, Silver Professor, New York University Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences and chairman, New York University Faculty Senate; Dr. Wallace Goldberg, professor of mathematics and chairman, mathematics department, Queens College; Dr. Stanley Ocken, professor of mathematics, City College of New York; Micah Segelman, Ph.D. candidate in statistics, University of Rochester (formerly instructor of mathematics at Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim and Shevach High School); Dr. Moshe Snow, associate professor of mathematics, LCM; and Dr. Joel Wolowelsky, dean of faculty and instructor of mathematics, Yeshivah of Flatbush.

Born in Poland in 1914, Jacob Goldfinger immigrated to the U.S. after losing his entire family in the Holocaust. The father of two children, grandfather of nine, and great-grandfather of 15, he did not have a formal education but possessed a very sharp mind and an exceptional aptitude for mathematics until his death at 93 in 2007.

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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