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Rabbi Azarya Berzon to Join Lander College for Men/Beis Medrash L'Talmud

New York, N.Y. – July 7, 2011 – Dr. Alan Kadish, president and CEO of the Touro College and University System is pleased to announce that Rabbi Azarya Berzon has been appointed as a Rosh Yeshiva in its Lander College for Men/ Beis Medrash L'Talmud.

“I am confident that Rabbi Berzon will add significantly to the spiritual and scholarly growth of his students. He is a master mechanech with exceptional strengths in molding the character and Torah knowledge of his talmidim,” said Dr. Kadish.

Rabbi Berzon has had a long and distinguished career in Jewish education. Rabbi Berzon served as Ram in Yeshivat Hesder Ma'aleh Adumim, as well as senior Ram at Yeshivat Shaalvim from 1981-1991, and founded Yeshiva Sha'arei Mevasseret Zion in 1991, where he served as Rosh Yeshiva until 2009. Rabbi Berzon also founded Mischelet Mevasseret Yerushalayim for women in 1996. Most recently he has served as Co-Rosh Kollel of the Yeshiva University Kollel in Toronto.

“Rabbi Berzon has touched many lives as a dedicated teacher of Torah. His enthusiastic energy, scholarship and ability to inspire make him a welcome addition to Lander College for Men,” said Dean Moshe Sokol.

A talmid of Harav Yoseph Dov Soloveitchik, zt"l, Rabbi Berzon also studied in Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh and Yeshiva Beis Ha'Talmud in Israel, and holds a bachelor's degree from Queens College and a master's degree from the New School for Social Research. He has published several seforim and numerous articles as well as hundreds of shiurim online, and is a widely-respected, dynamic maggid shiur and public speaker.

Beis Medrash L'Talmud benefits from the outstanding leadership and Torah scholarship of its senior maggidei shiur; Rabbi Abba Bronspigel, Rabbi Yehuda Parness, Rabbi Yehuda Shmulewitz, and Rabbi Eliyahu Soloveichik. Rabbi Berzon complements these illustrious educators.

“My goal is to create a lasting bond with students and add another dimension to their learning. It is an honor to have the opportunity to teach among such distinguished roshei yeshiva and committed students,” Rabbi Berzon said.

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.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was chartered in 1970 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. Approximately 19,000 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 and Touro University Worldwide, are separately accredited institutions within the Touro College and University System. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>.

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