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December 3, 2018

Dear Touro Synagogue Family,

I am writing to tell you that Rabbi Alexis Berk has informed me of her decision to leave Touro Synagogue effective June 30, 2019. Just after Thanksgiving, she accepted another position. She shares her news in her attached letter.

Rabbi Berk has been an extraordinary Senior Rabbi for Touro Synagogue and has helped to move our congregation from strength to new strength. We will be forever grateful for her presence with us and for her rabbinic leadership during the past 11 years. We will have an opportunity, of course, to offer our sincere thanks to her in celebration before she leaves.

All transitions bring with them a measure of uncertainty. Although Rabbi Berk's decision to leave Touro was unanticipated, we have been able to set in motion the immediate steps to begin the search for our next Senior Rabbi. Laura Levy has been appointed Search Committee Chair, a search committee is being formed, we have been in touch with the placement office at the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), and our application and other required materials will be submitted to them within the next few days so that a search may begin immediately.

The vibrancy and vitality of our beloved Touro Synagogue is grounded in the certain constancy and resiliency of our unique congregational community. Together we will ensure that Touro remains robust and healthy during this current transition of Senior Rabbi leadership and beyond to our next chapter. As always, we will do this together.

Cantor Margolius, Rabbi Silverman, Kerry Tapia, our staff, the Board of Trustees, and I are here to anchor our congregation as we look toward transition. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us.

I will keep you posted as the rabbinic search progresses.

Warmly,

Teri Hunter  
President  
Touro Synagogue