

# The Avrom Silver College



As you enter through the heavy metal doors, you feel the excitement and anticipation. The lobby is filled with people of all ages waiting for the next class to begin. As everyone quickly takes a seat and the teacher clears his throat, a hush falls over the room: Torah study is about to begin. Welcome to the Avrom Silver College.

Located on a wide avenue, in the center of Jerusalem, the Avrom Silver College combines the finest traditions in learning with an outstanding faculty. Recently joined with the OU Israel Center, the Avrom Silver College adds a new dimension to the already thriving, veteran Israeli branch of the OU.

For the last twenty years both the Israel Center and the Avrom Silver College (formerly known as the Jerusalem College for Adults) worked separately to provide inspiring and informative Torah study programs to a multitude of English speakers from all over the country.

Today, with the extraordinary challenges facing Israel and the Jewish world at large, the Avrom Silver College and OU Israel Center have joined forces to embark on an ambitious joint mission to create a unique center for Jewish studies, dialogue and public discourse. Together, they aspire to expand the quality and quantity of Torah-based educational opportunities to an ever growing public.

Seven days a week, there are classes in Parashat HaShavu'a, Mishnah, and Jewish thought. The Wolinetz Family Shul "Ohel Shmuel" and the Center's classrooms are filled with those who have come to learn from Rabbi Sholom Gold, Dean of the Avrom Silver College, as well as from Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg, Rabbi Zev Leff, Pearl Borow, Rabbi Aharon Adler, Rabbi Macy Gordon, and many other prominent teachers.

Each morning and evening, the Chanchrow Beit Midrash is home to Shi'urim in Gemara, Sefer HaChinuch and Daf Yomi. In between Shi'urim, individual men and women use the Beit Midrash for Chavrutah study, using the Sefarim in the Book Family Library, in the Beit Midrash.

Everyone familiar with the Center reads Torah Tidbits, the weekly Parsha magazine! Every week, over 8,000 copies are distributed throughout Israel, while many additional thousands of Web subscribers enjoy its Torah wisdom.

The Center's Adult Ed. activities also include frequent Shabbatonim, offering an opportunity to study with a scholar-in-residence, and weekly Tiyulim to fascinating places in Jerusalem and beyond.

The Yair Landau Memorial Library is the hub of further Torah learning. Aside from those who find the library a quiet place to read, the Arnold Abrams Memorial Lending Library serves a growing number of members who take their reading home with them. The Library also houses the Jacob Winet Torah Tape Lending Library and the Maurice E. Joseph Jewish Video Resource Center, which offers TorahVideo & Lunch, a free lunch time screening of videotapes of previous Center lectures and Shi'urim.

