

Eretz HaTzvi Students , Parents, & Alumni Share Their Thoughts
(letters were unsolicited!)

I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate everything you've done for me this past year; however, I can tell you how much you've made me grow. My outlook on life, Judaism, the Torah, and ארץ ישראל have not only completely changed, but have been created... Thank you for teaching me, thank you for encouraging me, and most importantly, thank you for opening my eyes.

- Saul (YEH 5772 – Y.U.)

You taught me through inspiration how to daven, to truly direct my mind and even emotions. You taught me simply to respect ideas and discussion ...You taught me the utter complexity of Judaism and introduced me to the vast store of knowledge and all that it contains...Throughout my year at McGill I found myself nit-picking various parts of Judaism and halacha...and I was beginning to forget all the great inspiring ideas I love about Judaism. However with recharge, I have been immersed and inspired again...I've now re-asserted my Judaism – I can daven with kavvana again!

- Akiva (YEH 5770 -- McGill)

What I like about the whole yeshiva environment is that one, it is a REAL Modern Orthodox yeshiva, which doesn't push shana bet (though of course they would love that) two, the faculty and administration, treat us like real adults, the way we should be treated, and three, all the rabbis are so friendly and always there for you to answer ANY question that you may have (similar to Frisch). Also, besides for the classes that I'm currently taking, there are so many other options of classes, classes that in no other place one could take.

- Ariel (YEH 5773)

Soon learning during my free time just became automatic. It was like eating or breathing; I did it without any forethought. And, just like eating and breathing, I couldn't imagine a day without it. Learning had become such a vital part of who I am, the thought of going a full day with[out] any Torah became unimaginable. Whether I was doing chazara on gemara, learning Nechama Leibowitz on parsha, or just reading a book that had piqued my interest, the learning I loved the most was the learning I did outside of shiur time. It was through this learning that I really came to love learning. It was through that learning that I really got to see what a beautiful world of Torah is, and how much I wanted to enter that world.

- Avi (YEH 5771 – Brandeis)

I really appreciate everything that you did for me last year and how lucky I was to be guided under your teachings. and yes, you should know that I have continued my learning since leaving and I have all of you to thank for that. Being away from yeshiva has really highlighted how amazing the experience was and for that I thank you. You made learning for me not only something to continue and cherish, but something to enjoy and share with others.

- Joel (YEH 5771 – Australia)

_____ and I thank you for giving _____ what was in many ways the best year of his life! We sent off a boy to Israel and received back a man! He's so much more mature and responsible and has his act so much more together. He's now at the University of _____ and is going daily to 7 a.m. shacharit before classes. He says this is wonderful as he has the bathroom in his dorm entirely to himself in a.m. because no other students get up that early in a.m.

Parent of Alumnus

Something interesting has happened to me this past week: Its finals season in College and everyone has been swamped with tests. I personally don't get stressed out much but Thursday I had a weird extremely stressed out moment, and I had another today. Both times, coincidentally, I was scheduled to go learn for 30-40 minutes in a relaxed environment, one a chavrutah with the Chabad Rabbi, and one an organized learning program every thursday. And both times, I left the learning feeling not stressed and ready to sit down and focus. I am positive that a year ago I would not have felt like this, and I want to thank you and all of the staff at Eretz (feel free to share this with them if you'd like) for helping me find comfort in Torah.

Ben (YEH 5773 – Baruch)