## ארץ חמדה מכון גבוה ללימודי היהדות

## **Eretz Hemdah** Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies \_\_ Jerusalem

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## Dear friends,

The year 5770 brings us close to a quarter of a century since Eretz Hemdah's establishment. These days are filled with continuous activity.

The beit midrash has already moved to our new location at 3 Chiya street, in Jerusalem's Katamon neighborhood. The facility contains a beit midrash, library and classrooms.

Our offices, the international continuing education center, the Jerusalem branch of the beit din and the management of the "Eretz Hemdah Gazit" beit din network will all move to the new building next month. This move will allow the transformation of the beit midrash to a Torah community center

for the benefit of the area's residents.

This will allow us to further actualize Eretz Hemdah's path - Torah with an outlook towards Am Yisrael.

Our involvement in the move this year prevented us from sending boxes to our friends for collecting kaparot, newsletters and return-address envelopes, part of which we are completing now.

As the end of the financial year approaches, we call on all our firends to join our activities and help strengthen Eretz Hemdah financially, allowing us to concentrate on spiritually strengthening the Jewish People.

The table below summarizes our progress over the last two decades.

	5748 Semester	5770 Semester
Young rabbis	16	44
Graduates	_	Over 100
Batei midrash in Israel	1	2
Batei midrash abroad:		
Financing a beit midrash		
for rabbinical scholars in Rome, Italy		
and Johannesburg, South Africa	-	2
Volumes published of the responsa Bamareh Habazak	-	7
Volumes published of Hemdat Haaretz	_	7
Volumes published of Living the Halachic Process		2
Replies to questions from the public		
within the framework of Ask the Rabbi	-	Over 15,000 queries
Viewing and downloading Torah thoughts from our website	-	Over 2.5 million hits
Number of communities that ask halachic		
queries to Eretz Hemdah	7	Over 250 communities
Copies of the Hebrew-language version		0 - 10 000
of Hemdat Yamim distributed weekly	-	Over 10,000
Copies of the English-language version		0
of Hemdat Yamim distributed weekly	-	Over 25,000
Board members	17	24
Branches of our Beit Din	-	6
Employees	6	28

Your generous contribution assists us in continuing our work in creating future leaders of the Jewish People and promoting Jewish values worldwide.

May all of us merit raising the banner of Torah together in Israel!

We thank you in advance for all your help.

May Hashem Bestow you with great reward for your endeavors.

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