

TORAH STUDY SPREADS WESTWARD

The study of Torah spread its wings westward with the recent opening of the community Kollel of Edmonton, Alberta. After a year of preparation involving international

coordination, eight Avreichim and the Rosh Kollel arrived from Israel and the USA. The Kollel members were greeted warmly by Rabbonim and community leaders. Being there at hand to facilitate a smooth start was Toronto's own Rabbi Shlomo Miller of Kollel Avreichim. Rabbi Miller, who was involved in the continuous negotiations from the very start until the final arrival of the yungeleit, flew to Edmonton right after Shavuos to give the opening shiur and spend Shabbos with the community. The Rosh Kollel Rabbi Moshe Hirsh, a well-known talmid chochom from Bnei Brak and Monsey, has had a great impact in putting the Kollel program into full force. Due to its late start, the present zman will continue through Succos without any Bein Hazmanim break. Weeks before the opening of the new Kollel the fax machine at the Kollel Avreichim-Toronto buzzed with various technical blue-print of the new Mikvah, being sent from Alberta for the approval of Rabbi Miller. Rabbi Miller returned to Edmonton two weeks later to deliver another shiur and help

with the local plans of building the new community mikvah, and the setting up of a day school (one hundred families showed up at a level, Kollel Avreichim has plans to intensify existing learning programs throughout the city and begin new programs of Torah learning.



Horav Shlomo Miller and Mr. Nuriel Aryeh of Toronto, during davening at the new Edmonton Kolel.

meeting, showing interest in the starting of a Hebrew day school). Six more Avreichim are expected to arrive shortly and help with the Harbotzas Torah. Rabbi Miller plans to visit Edmonton every few weeks until the Kollel of Edmonton is firmly established.

Starting this past winter, yungeleit have been amongst those delivering the in-depth Daf Hayomi Sunday morning shiur at the Clanton Park Synagogue. After Shavuos, the Kollel joined hands with Rabbi Michalowitz of Thornhill to enhance the ongoing Wednesday evening chavrusa program (started by the Toronto Jewish Network [TJC] in conjunction with the Bais Avrohom Yoseph Synagogue) taking place at BAYT. Every Wednesday evening a group of yungeleit

travel to Thornhill and learn one-on-one and in groups with those attending the program. At the present time over 40 Thornhill residents are attending the shiurim. Rabbi Michalowitz expects that in the near future over 100 people will be attending. Plans are present underway to begin a similar program in Willowdale, Downsview (at Tiferes Yaakov), Lawrence area and other areas. Rabbi Shmuel Rabi, coordinator of the program explained that, "Since the Jewish community is growing so rapidly, there is a need to continually revitalize the Limud Torah Beraim. If people cannot attend shiurim at main Torah centers due to distance, then learning opportunities should be established in their own communities at their convenience."

YARCHEI KALLAH
A Yarchei Kallah (a week long Yeshiva-style Torah seminar) is presently being formulated to take place in the Lawrence area during the week of Aseres Yemei Teshuva. Another Yarchei Kallah is being planned for the end of December. The possibility for a Yarchei Kallah in Thornhill at the same time, is also being considered. According to Rabbi Zvi Simcha Hershkowitz, coordinator of the Kollel's

citywide chavrusa program and founder of the successful Yeshivas Yarchei Kallah of Toronto, "the renewed thirst for Torah study and the recognition of the Jew's vital need to live a life in accordance with the Torah is presently very evident. The positive response to opportunities for Torah study, indicate the need to establish such study programs. In meeting this need, we must provide practical assistance in locating compatible chavrusas, and making information available to the public so that each individual can find a practical approach for the Torah study at his level."

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