S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program

For the benefit of those students who wish to spend a year of study in Israel with a concentration in Jewish studies, Yeshiva University, with the approval of the New York State Education Department and the government of Israel, has established the S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program. Under this program, students may take courses for credit at the university at any one of more than 40 Israeli institutions. A current list of such institutions and the application form for the program is available upon request from the Office of Admissions and online at http://yu.edu/israel-program/. Students must be accepted by Yeshiva University as well as a participating Israeli institution in order to be enrolled in the Israel Program.

The Israel Program enables students to:

- Incorporate study at Israeli yeshivot, women’s seminaries, or universities into their college years, enhancing their Yeshiva University experience
- Immerse themselves in intense, concentrated study of Bible, Talmud, Jewish philosophy, and other subjects
- Increase fluency in oral and written Hebrew
- Experience Israel firsthand: the land, people, history, and culture

Recognized under New York State law as a Yeshiva University extension center, the program is operated at the Yeshiva University Israel Campus in Jerusalem and supervised by full-time Yeshiva University staff. All courses and credits earned while in the program appear as Yeshiva University credits on the student’s permanent record and on transcripts made from this record. Credits earned from the Israel Program are not included in fulfillment of the residence requirement at the Yeshiva University New York campus.

As Yeshiva University students, those in the Israel Program are eligible for all applicable state and federal financial aid.

Generally, the academic information and policies of Yeshiva College, Stern College for Women, and Sy Syms School of Business apply to the S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program. The program, however, follows the standard Israeli academic calendar, under which classes may begin earlier and end somewhat later than in the United States; students who plan to take courses in Israel are cautioned that the academic year spent in study in Israel may end too late for students to enter some summer sessions in the United States. They should also note that grades for the fall semester are made available in late spring, and grades for the spring are made available in late summer, which may coincide with the start of sessions at U.S. institutions.
Yeshiva University’s Israel representatives visit schools regularly and offer comprehensive services including academic guidance, career planning and personal counseling. All facets of the admissions process may be addressed by our Israel staff as well, culminating with on-site Israel registration for the next semester’s classes at Yeshiva. In addition, the program sponsors lectures and activities where students can gather under the auspices of Yeshiva University, and a guidance center to provide support to help ease the occasionally challenging adjustment to a year’s study in Israel. Yeshiva University also sponsors major academic and cultural events for American students in Israel, such as concerts, Melavah Malkas, Honors Events, an Inter-Seminary Choir Competition, art and photo competitions, an annual career fair and weekly D’var Torah News Letters.