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CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAMPUS JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR YOU

A FOUR-STEP PROCESS

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KNOW YOURSELF

While growing up in a supportive religious environment and day school setting, it is often very hard to separate which religious convictions, values, and activities are coming from peers, school, community or family as opposed to what one truly feels internally.

College is the first time in the development of a young Orthodox person's identity in which most of his or her Jewish expression and living will come from internal considerations, not external pressures.

For many, this is an excellent opportunity to develop a personal sense of Jewishness and conviction. However, without a strong sense of self, it is easy enough to make wrong choices that have lasting consequences. This process of self-exploration is best begun before the transition to campus, whether in high school or in a gap-year setting. It not only enables a student to enter university focused on short- and long-term goals and values, but also will help in the decision to go to a campus that creates the best environment for nurturing those goals and values.

For example, some students may find that the intensive learning opportunities and cohesive Jewish environment offered by Yeshiva University or Touro are more in line with their spiritual or professional goals. Others may feel that they are best served on campuses in which the excitement and opportunities of a large, active secular-campus Orthodox community such as those at Penn, Maryland, Queens, or NYU best meet their needs. Still others may find that they would best thrive in a close-knit smaller community in which they would not get "lost," where they can be a part of a community that needs every student to participate, such as Johns Hopkins. However none of these considerations are really possible before the student knows his or her personality, inclinations and goals.

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BECOME FAMILIAR WITH CAMPUSES AND THEIR RESOURCES

Use this guide as a first step in becoming familiar with campuses and the resources they offer. It can help identify which campuses offer the most robust resources and opportunities for Orthodox students such as the presence of an OU-JLIC couple, an active Chabad or Hillel, regular Orthodox minyanim, a cohesive Orthodox student leadership group and programming and the availability of kosher food.

In addition, the Orthodox Union has developed a Jewish Resource app to help students identify what resources or personalities exist on each campus and where to find them. Access the app at ncsyalumni.org/map. You can also find additional information about any particular campus on the Hillel or Chabad website, or through OU-JLIC at jliconline.org.

The Heart2Heart project, also supported by the Orthodox Union, has developed incredibly useful resources for Orthodox students at: kahal.theheart2heartproject.org/prospective-students, including a map of kosher food offerings on campuses and overview of campus resources. Also, take advantage of theheart2heartproject.org/map, courtesy of Heart to Heart.

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DIG DEEP

And then dig deeper. While all of the resources mentioned above may provide a good start in helping to start focusing on the best potential matches, you should absolutely NOT stop there. Please do not make your campus decisions solely through consulting with this guide or other print or online resources. It is important to reach out and talk to current or former students, as well as campus professionals, such as the local OU-JLIC educator, Chabad rabbi, Meor or other kiruv professional, or Hillel staff member. Each may provide a specific, though important perspective on the college experience at any particular university.

Prepare a list of general questions, such as “how does one succeed at this campus religiously?” or questions that hone in on specific issues such as:

“How does an Orthodox student on this campus handle the challenges of coed residence halls?”

“Can I choose my own roommate?”

“Why does it seem to be only freshmen and sophomores, as opposed to upper-class students who are involved in religious leadership and community at this university?”

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SPEND A SHABBAT ON CAMPUS

Or at the very least make a campus visit. Once you have limited your college considerations to a few options, the best way to get a real feel for a campus and its community and resources, as well as to speak to stakeholders in-the-know, is to spend time on campus.

Any perspective you may gain through speaking to people, as opposed to seeing it firsthand, is likely to be highly subjective and limited, and potentially deceptive. Just as you wouldn’t normally buy a car, or a house, or relocate to a new community without checking it out in person, you should not make a campus decision without seeing it firsthand.

The best time to get a full sense of a Jewish community on campus is to visit on Shabbat, where you can meet the campus Jewish professionals and see if they are a good match for your needs and personality. Shabbat is when you are most likely to find students willing to spend time with you, answer your questions, and introduce you to what the community has to offer. You can get a feel for the intangibles such as the characteristics of the students,

whether the community is as warm and welcoming as you would like, as well as a feel for the overall chemistry. In addition, the Shabbat atmosphere on a campus will quickly indicate whether or not the community is vibrant, positive and active. Of course, contrasting this with time spent during the week is also helpful, but given a choice between the two, visit for Shabbat.

In addition, if you are considering commuter campuses, don’t rule out participation in the campus community. Brooklyn College or Queens College in New York are both primarily commuter campuses, yet boast vibrant campus communities and robust OU-JLIC programs. While a Shabbat visit may not be as relevant at a commuter campus (though Queens College does have an increasingly vibrant Shabbat atmosphere and community for resident students), visit when it is relevant, such as during club hours, or check out the campus Mincha and stick around to speak with students and staff.

You won’t regret any time spent on considering your potential “home” for the next four years.

ORTHODOX COLLEGES

A UNIQUE OPTION

When selecting which college to attend, students should seriously consider whether they will thrive spiritually and religiously at a secular college. While there are significant learning opportunities at these secular colleges, it does not add up quantitatively or qualitatively to the learning opportunities found at Yeshiva University or Touro College. These colleges are specifically designed with an environment to help students with their religious and spiritual growth. They enable students to excel in their secular education while in a supportive Jewish environment. Both of these institutions also offer a range of majors and minors as well as an honors program for gifted students. The following are profiles compiled by each of these institutions regarding what they uniquely have to offer.

TOURO COLLEGE

Touro's Lander Colleges are a vibrant and important component of the North American Orthodox Jewish community contributing to the fabric of communal life and educating generations for professional advancement and careers. Serving an undergraduate population of 1,575 students, Lander Colleges boast three convenient locations — Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan. All three campuses offer an Honors Program track and generous academic scholarships, up to full tuition.

Lander College of Arts and Sciences-Flatbush (LAS), with separate men's and women's divisions, is a hub of Jewish life in Brooklyn. LAS provides yeshiva and seminary students with an excellent academic preparation for career growth and professional advancement in an environment that is supportive of their religious needs and attentive to their personal goals.

The Lander College for Men/Beis Medrash L'Talmud (LCM) boasts dedicated faculty, professionally oriented majors, exceptionally high acceptance rates to graduate and professional programs and a beautiful seven-acre campus in Queens. But what sets LCM apart is the entirely balanced dual curriculum of intensive Torah learning and rigorous academic studies.

A center of academic excellence, **Lander College for Women-The Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School (LCW)**, located on Manhattan's Upper West Side, is a magnet for young women from across the country and around the world who seek affordable academic excellence

in an environment imbued with Torah values and rigorous preparation for graduate and professional programs.

Additionally, students who spend a year or two abroad in Israel have the opportunity to pursue higher education while studying in yeshivas or seminaries and connecting with the land of Israel. Touro College Israel (TCI) allows students to work toward an undergraduate or graduate degree while they advance their Jewish learning.

REALISTIC RETURNS

Touro is **ranked #2 in the nation for the Best Returns on Investment*** for projected long-term earnings. Touro students will be among the nation's most employable earners over the coming decades. In addition to the Jewish environment and Torah values, Touro offers an affordable education, critical financial assistance and outstanding professional training.

KOSHER FOOD:

All food served on campus, in all student cafeterias and at any event, as part of the meal-plan option at LCM and in vending machines, is strictly kosher.

ERUV:

The status and boundaries of the Kew Garden Hills eruv (which encompasses the whole LCM campus) can be checked at kgheruv.com.

SERVICES, STUDY & AMENITIES:

Minyan services for Mincha and Maariv are held

on campus at the Lander College in Flatbush during weekdays. There are three shuls within one block of the Campus.

In Queens at LCM, there is a set morning schedule of one Shacharit for everyone, followed by complimentary breakfast for all students, morning seder, lunch and shiur.

LCM offers a number of shiurim catering to various levels and styles of Talmud study. The afternoon is dedicated to college study, followed by an evening seder consisting of multiple shiur options on different topics or chavruta study. LCM also hosts its own beit midrash, Smicha, and Kollel program in the same beit midrash as the college students.

Additionally, LCM offers a warm weekly Shabbat experience with various Rebbeim, as well as vibrant davening and programs for the Chagim.

Lander College for Women students enjoy a new and beautiful campus in the heart of Manhattan. They take advantage of New York City cultural events, such as concerts and the ballet at nearby Lincoln Center. On campus, students experience lively Shabbat meals and a social dorm life. Student gatherings, such as the motzei shabbat kumsitz and sushi nights, promote camaraderie and create lifelong friendships.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Student societies at the Lander College in Flatbush organize a variety of programs with outside speakers, information sessions on professional fields, community service events

and student research journals.

At Lander College for Men in Queens, numerous student clubs, academic and non-academic, sponsor frequent programs, and the College offers a number of professionally coached athletic activities.

At LCW, whether students are interested in music or chemistry, there is a club for them. All clubs are organized by students with support from faculty mentors.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Lander College for Men-Beis Medrash L'Talmud has developed and hosts an annual Model Beis Din competition.

Each year the students from the Lander College of Arts & Sciences in Flatbush publish five journals with student research in Accounting and Business, the Natural Sciences, Psychology, Political Science, and Speech Language-Pathology.

In the last year the career services office at the Lander College for Women have placed student-interns at prestigious companies like Google, PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Goldman Sachs, as well as the United States Congress and research labs at Columbia and Yale Universities.

WHAT STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY:

"At Lander College for Men, through the

integration of college classes between morning and night sederim, we were able to pursue our careers while following the Torah's directive to study it day and night." **—Simcha**

"I loved it. It's a really good balance between learning and the special group of students who come here. From the deans to the faculty and staff, they cater to the students and want them to have the best educational opportunities and succeed." **—Aliza**

*As cited in The Wall Street Journal, Touro College ranks #2 in the nation among the "best private colleges for Returns On Investment" (PayScale College ROI Report, 2014).

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

As the preeminent Jewish university in America, Yeshiva University is set apart by the unique ability to combine Torah study on each student's individual level with a world-class secular education. This is the actualization of our commitment to Torah Umadda, the simultaneous pursuit of Torah learning and the best of secular academic knowledge.

Yeshiva University serves an undergraduate population of approximately 2,250 students; 1,050 women at the Israel Henry Beren Campus in Midtown and 1,200 men at the Wilf Campus in Washington Heights. In addition, there are over 600 men and women enrolled in the Yeshiva University S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program, spending the first year of college abroad studying at various institutions in Israel. Our diverse student population comes from countries as far away as Australia, South Africa, England, France, Morocco, South America and Canada, to name a few.

At YU, students don't have to choose between their cultural and spiritual priorities and a full college experience. Everything at Yeshiva, from the academic calendar to the makeup and focus of student organizations to the food served in the cafeterias, celebrates the priorities of modern Orthodox life. The Shabbat Enhancement program supports weekly Shabbat activities focused on creating a relaxed, peaceful environment for communal celebration. On average, more than 500 students choose to stay on campus for Shabbat; men and women may choose to remain on their own campuses, or men may travel to the Israel Henry Beren Campus in Midtown for joint Shabbat programs, which include student organized programming, speakers, forums, discussions and community service opportunities.

KOSHER FOOD:

All food served on campus, in YU's four student cafeterias is strictly kosher. In

addition, the university partners with local food establishments at both campuses, who honor the student dining card. All off-campus student events sponsored by YU provide kosher food as well.

ERUV:

The status of the YU eruv in Washington Heights can be checked at yueruv.org. The Midtown campus is included in the eruv maintained by Congregation Adereth El.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Over 30 different minyanim are available each day on the Wilf Campus, allowing times for tefillah to fit any schedule. The integrated curriculum of Jewish and general studies exists across the campuses, and students on each of the campuses may choose the style of learning that best suits their interests and strengths, be it a beit midrash-style program or one more classroom based, on every level from beginner to advanced. Student organizations often invite guest lecturers to address current events and concerns, politics and Torah. Celebration of the holidays are held throughout the year with faculty hosted Shabbatonim, Chanukah and Purim chagigot, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom HaZikaron commemoration, and the Yom Ha'Atzmaut barbeque serve to enhance the academic and social experience on campus.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Both men and women can participate in 16 NCAA athletic teams across the two campuses, and over 100 student-run clubs and organizations. Students participate in Service Learning missions around the globe, as well as in Counterpoint programs in Israel every winter and summer break. Each year hundreds of students travel across North America on Torah Tours, visiting schools and synagogues, enhancing the holiday experience in communities small and large.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 450 students from Jewish day schools around the world participate in the Yeshiva University Model UN each year.

YU students visit local public schools and work with students to enrich their education, as part of Project START, a YU student initiative.

Over 200 YU undergraduates and Jewish high school students joined together for the YUPAC mission to Washington, DC.

WHAT STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY:

"Nowhere but here can you receive a top-notch secular education while living and learning in a Jewish environment. At YU, students can be president of student government, or an NCAA athlete, while not having to worry about meetings or games on Shabbat or holidays." **—Eli S.**

"Yeshiva provides a singular, comprehensive, and immersive Jewish experience. The enriching and stimulating Judaic classes are taught by the leading rabbis and scholars of our time, who serve as role models and mentors to all their students. Moreover, Yeshiva boasts a dynamic and active student body that organizes countless events during the week and on weekends for a holistic and diverse campus life." **—Shlomo F.**

"Yeshiva University's Jewish community and philosophy of Torah Umadda are evident in all areas of campus life, in and out of the classroom. The dual curriculum of Judaic studies along with general studies is a unique experience that has greatly contributed to my undergraduate education. Also, having Shabbat programming every week has been a highlight for me, allowing me to meet other students and create a sense of community on campus." **—Anonymous**

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A DETAILED GUIDE TO PROGRAMS,
SERVICES, FOOD AND CAMPUS LIFE AT
23 NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGES



BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

The State University of New York at Binghamton enrolls 13,000 undergraduate and 3,000 graduate students, located on a mid-size and easily accessible campus that one can traverse in 25 minutes.

Binghamton is home to 3,500 Jewish students, or 27 percent of the student body. Approximately 300 students grew up in Orthodox homes. Over 150 students attended an Orthodox gap program in Israel. Hillel, Chabad and Meor offer programming for the Jewish students on campus. At Hillel, there is an OU-JLIC rabbi, and the OU-JLIC student board offers a variety of programming ranging from learning opportunities to social events for students by students. All the Jewish organizations on campus ensure that students thrive on campus. They offer a plethora of opportunities across the religious, cultural and social spectrum.

Because of the large Jewish student body, the university works hard to accommodate the religious needs for all of its students. The university is known to go above and beyond to make sure its students are well taken care of. They make sure students are able to make up any missed tests, catch up on missed classes, and that they can access dorms and university buildings on Shabbat and holidays. Students live both in on-campus housing and off-campus buildings near the university.

Shabbat at Binghamton has extensive programming at both Hillel and Chabad. Every Friday night there is a minyan at both Hillel and Chabad followed by Shabbat dinners where over 500 students partake in one or both of the dinners. Shabbat morning minyan is hosted at Chabad followed by Shabbat lunch. There is mincha, seudat shlishit, and maariv at Hillel and Chabad that are attended by close to 100 students.



"At Binghamton University I have found a home in the Jewish community on campus. With other like-minded individuals and numerous learning opportunities, I have the tools to thrive as an observant Jew at a secular college."

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IT'S TRUE

SUNY/Binghamton's roads are modeled after a human brain.



KOSHER FOOD:

Binghamton University provides Kosher dining on campus. "Kosher Korner" located in one of the dining halls, is open three meals a day except on Shabbat. On Shabbat, Hillel and Chabad provide kosher meals. In addition, there is packaged to-go kosher food available in every other dining hall.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

There is one Shacharit minyan and multiple mincha/maariv minyanim. OU-JLIC, Chabad and Meor offer learning programs for students, in addition to being available for one-on-one chevrutot.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

OU-JLIC, Chabad, Israel advocacy groups, Kaskeset: Jewish a capella group, Jewish Fraternity, Jewish sorority.

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY



KOSHER FOOD:

Hillel has a dining room that serves kosher food, including a salad bar, hot and cold vegetarian options, and desserts. The dining plan at Hillel is part of the BU dining program and is open to anyone with a student meal plan on campus. Breakfast is served Monday through Friday and lunch and dinner are served Monday through Saturday. There is also a ready-to-go option that can be ordered in advance and picked up in the dining hall at Hillel.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

The Orthodox minyan at Boston University holds all Shabbat services, holiday services, as well as a daily morning and evening minyan. There are around 20 students that attend one daily minyan. The OU-JLIC couple gives regular Shiurim, both weekly and monthly series. Students can also learn 1 on 1 with an OU-JLIC educator.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

OMG: Orthodox Minyan Group, BUSI: BU Students for Israel, Tamid: Pro Israeli-business club and internship organization, Kol Echad: A Capella group, She's The First: Women's business group

Boston University has over 16,000 undergraduate students, nine schools and colleges. The university has a 13:1 student to faculty ratio in its classrooms, which makes a big school seem much smaller. On average, class size is kept to 27 students.

The undergraduate Jewish community on campus has a large population with a total of 5,500 students. Over 100 of these students grew up in Orthodox homes and approximately 15 students attended an Orthodox gap year program. Some Orthodox students from MIT and Northeastern also take part in BU minyanim, meals, and programming. Students feel very comfortable playing an active role in the community. The BU Orthodox Community on campus is a wonderful tight-knit community and every person has a part to play. OU-JLIC coordinates activities, learning, and social programming so that everyone can find their own place in the community.

Most students reside in the campus dormitories. The campus is part of an eruv. Because college can be a little overwhelming at first, Boston University Hillel can help with the adjustment by connecting you with an older BU Hillel student before you arrive or during the first few weeks of school.

Shabbat at Hillel is an important part of the college experience. Friday night davening has around 35 students at the Orthodox minyan. The entire community joins together for Friday night dinner. Dinner Friday night is attended by around 65 students. Around 25 students daven in the Orthodox Shabbat morning minyan. Shabbat lunch which is open to the entire Hillel Community takes place at the Hillel and is run by OU-JLIC. Lunch is attended by 30-50 people weekly. Around 40 students eat lunch at Hillel every Shabbat. On Shabbat afternoon many students hang out at Hillel, where there are a variety of activities, games, and shiurim. This includes a weekly women's shiur (with chocolate babka) and men learn one-on-one or do Q&A with the Rabbi. There is also pool, ping pong, and beautiful walks down the esplanade, weather permitting. Every week there is Mincha followed by Seudat Shlishit and Maariv.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Hillel gave me my best friends, my confidence to lead, and an endless number of great memories."

ANONYMOUS



IT'S TRUE

Since William P. Leahy became president in 1996, Boston's campus has grown 150 acres and its endowment has increased to \$1.83 billion.

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BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1948, Brandeis is one of the youngest private research universities, with over 3,500 undergraduate students. It is also the only nonsectarian Jewish-sponsored college or university in the country.

Brandeis hosts approximately 1,750 Jewish undergraduate students, including 200 who grew up in Orthodox Jewish homes. Approximately 85 spent a gap year learning in Israel at an Orthodox program. This number makes Brandeis home to one of the largest and longest established Orthodox campus communities in the United States. There has been a full and active beit midrash on campus for over 30 years and a campus-wide eruv.

Brandeis is home to a very active Orthodox group open to students from all different backgrounds. BOO, Brandeis Orthodox Organization, offers a wide variety of programming from social to learning and everything in between. The close-knit but welcoming community is in part created by the housing situation on campus. Almost all students live on campus until their senior year when students move into nearby apartments or houses. However, many students chose to remain living on campus. Brandeis does offer single-gender floors upon request. The university is closed on all major Jewish holidays including the second days of Sukkot and Pesach, making Brandeis accessible to all religious practice and observance.

Shabbat at Brandeis is a wonderful and welcoming experience. More than 100 students come to a lively kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv followed by a delicious community-wide Shabbat dinner. Chabad also offers a traditional Shabbat dinner with about 100 students. Shabbat morning about 60 students come to davening followed by a kiddush. Shabbat lunch is offered in the dining hall that serves kosher food throughout the week. Many students often host Shabbat meals in their dorms. On Shabbat afternoon students hang out in their dorms, partake in shiurim, and seudat shlishit.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"While there is so much to learn in the classroom, Jewish learning on campus is not just enhanced, but is truly created by our OU-JLIC couple. They provide the guidance needed to grow during these formative years through teaching and being incredible role models who can relate to the Jewish students on campus."

LUKY GUIGUI



IT'S TRUE

In a 2005 marathon, one student studied the entire gemara.



KOSHER FOOD:

There is a full meal plan offered to students and kosher dining available in one of the major dining halls on campus. Additionally, there is a kosher deli, kosher options at the campus Dunkin' Donuts, a kosher vending machine, and kosher groceries at campus supermarkets. Lastly, Brandeis is located about 20 minutes outside of the town of Brookline, which has a handful of kosher restaurants to choose from.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

There are three daily minyanim on campus. An average of 40 students attend at least one daily minyan. There is a fully stocked beit midrash and students can be found learning round-the-clock. There are also a variety of learning opportunities offered by OU-JLIC, student-led Chaburot as well as social programming. Orthodox students also participate in Chabad programming.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

BOO: Brandeis Orthodox Organization, Judges for Israel (JFI): pro-Israel group, The Justice: campus newspaper, Several a capella groups, Hillel Theater Group.

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BROOKLYN COLLEGE



KOSHER FOOD:

While there are many kosher restaurants close to campus, Brooklyn College provides its own kosher food in a separate section of the cafeteria (Kehilla Kashrus, Dairy). Brooklyn Hillel also hosts a Subsational, an affordable meat restaurant, open in the afternoons supervised by Kehilla Kashrus. There is no official meal plan and students buy meals as they wish.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Students daven at the many minyanim in local neighborhoods and there is a daily Mincha minyan at the Hillel. OU-JLIC and the Orthodox club work together to create many innovative programs including concerts, a yearly birthright trip, and many intercollegiate projects with other campuses. The OU-JLIC couples give weekly shiurim on varying topics and have chavrutas with students.

ERUV: Yes. Some people use an eruv and others do not.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

OU-JLIC, Hillel, Orthodox Club, LINK (all women's group), Sephardic Club, Israel Club, Hatikvah newspaper.

BC has a student enrollment of approximately 17,000 students. The college offers 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the creative arts; humanities; social, behavioral and natural sciences; mathematics; education and business.

Brooklyn College has a Jewish student population of 4,000. There are more than 1,500 Orthodox students at the college. There, OU-JLIC and the Orthodox Club work together to provide the community with positive Orthodox experiences. Many of the students stay in close contact with the OU-JLIC couple on campus long after they graduate Brooklyn College. Because of the large Orthodox population BC is very accommodating to religious observance. The college is closed for Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and spring break is always Pesach vacation. OU-JLIC creates a warm Shabbat environment for students of Brooklyn College. Each week they host students for one meal at their house. On Shabbat morning there is an OU-JLIC minyan at the Kingsway Jewish Center. The OU-JLIC couple maintains long-lasting relationships with alumni and invite them regularly for Shabbat meals and run events for them.



"The Rabbi and Rebbetzin are always available to listen to anyone that reaches out as well as constantly inspiring the Jewish student body as a whole. Their events are out of this world and it's definitely one of the reasons of why I love college. "

RIKKI



IT'S TRUE

Brooklyn College has been the scene of numerous location shoots for movies, including "The First Wives Club" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," as well as TV shows like "Law and Order" and "Gossip Girl."

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COLUMBIA/BARNARD

Founded in 1754, Columbia University is the oldest institution of higher education in the state of New York. Barnard College is a private women's liberal arts college affiliated with the university. Together, there are over 10,000 undergraduates on campus.

The Jewish population at Columbia and Barnard combined is estimated to be comprised of approximately 3,500 students. Yavneh, the Orthodox community at Columbia/Barnard, has over 220 members. Many of these students, approximately 180, learned in an Orthodox gap year program for one year. First-year students typically live in dormitories while many upperclassmen live in suites with several bedrooms and kitchen facilities. Shabbat dormitory access varies by building, but reasonable accommodations are made in all cases. Yavneh, the Orthodox community on campus, has a vibrant Shabbat life. Over 200 students daven in the Orthodox minyan on Friday night. There are on average 70 students who eat Friday night dinner in the cafeteria and around 150 who eat Shabbat dinner at meals in students apartments. Additionally, Hillel hosts a Friday night dinner every week in the Kraft Center, Columbia/Barnard's Hillel. Shabbat morning services are attended by more than 130 students followed by kiddush and often a shiur. Fifty students eat lunch in the cafeteria and close to 200 in students apartments. In the afternoon people gather in the Kraft Center. After Mincha there is Seudah Shlishit attended by 100 students with singing and a d'var Torah.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"My involvement with the Columbia/Barnard Jewish community has caused me to grow personally, spiritually, and religiously in ways that I never anticipated. One of the benefits of having such a large and active community is that there are endless avenues with which to connect, ranging from chessed/social justice and Israel, to music and challah baking, to Torah and Tefillah. The infinite opportunities have led me to build a college life based around Jewish learning and practice, and have allowed me to define who I am as a person and as a Jew. Throughout my four years, I have felt a great sense of belonging and ownership within Yavneh (the Orthodox community on campus), within the diverse Hillel community, and within the Jewish community beyond college."

HANNAH SPELLMAN

IT'S TRUE

At midnight on "Orgo Night," the night before the Organic Chemistry final, the Columbia marching band invades the library's main reading room to distract students with music and all kinds of frivolous fun.



KOSHER FOOD:

Two kosher meal plans on campus, through Columbia and Barnard; Shabbat meals in conjunction with Hillel in Barnard cafeteria; large Shabbat meal hosted by students; Kraft Center hosts intimate Shabbat dinners in Hillel building; kosher café in Kraft Center; many kosher eateries on Upper West Side.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

All daily minyanim, around 50 students attend at least one daily minyan; all Shabbat minyanim; minyanim on many chagim; frequent shiurim and classes; robust social programming.

ERUV: Columbia and Barnard campuses are enclosed within the Manhattan eruv.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Yavneh, Aryeh: Pro Israel Group, Beit Midrash Committee, Shabbat Meals Committee, Wednesday Night Learning Program

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY



KOSHER FOOD:

Cornell University's dining program manages 104 West!, the kosher dining hall (OU) with dairy lunches, meat dinners and Shabbat and holiday meals; there is a kosher stand at college dining hall across campus; prepared sandwiches available at campus cafeterias.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Three daily minyanim; all Shabbat minyanim, with shiurim, onegs and all meals; beit midrash learning, shiurim, chevrotot, and social programming.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

OU-JLIC, Center for Jewish Living, student-run organization with residence hall, kosher dining and full events schedule; Hillel, Jewish a capella (The Chai Notes), CFI (Cornellians for Israel).

Cornell hosts 3,000 Jewish students, over one fifth of the total population, including about 60 students that grew up in Orthodox homes. Over 35 students attended an Orthodox gap year program in Israel. Freshmen live on campus, while most upperclassmen live off campus, either in apartments, fraternities or sororities, with 25 men and women living in the Center for Jewish Living. The university is accommodating to religious observance. If students miss an exam because of a Jewish holiday they will be given an alternative test date. In addition they are exempt from attending mandatory classes on Jewish holidays. In terms of housing, the university will provide a Shabbat key to a side entrance of the dorms upon request.

Shabbat is filled with a robust program of tefillot, meals, and programming. There are 35 students who attend the Orthodox Friday night davening and around 100 students who eat at the Friday night dinner. After dinner on Friday night, students will either stick around for zmirot or a tisch on Friday night, or hang out in the CJL, which is a social hub for all Jewish students on campus. Approximately 20 students attend the Orthodox Shabbat morning services followed by lunch. Students will also host Shabbat meals at their apartments. Shabbat day includes a student drasha at shul and a shiur by one of the OU-JLIC educators after kiddush. In the afternoon, students can oftentimes be found going on walks through the Ithaca gorges (weather permitting) or hanging out in the CJL. Seudah Shlishit is a time for everyone to come together and sing among friends and community.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Jewish life on campus is quite vibrant. There is a ton of kosher food, great learning programs, awesome guest speakers, and fun events. It is much, much stronger than I expected."

JEREMY



IT'S TRUE

Every year the dining hall opens its doors to the entire, diverse Cornell community for a "161" Shabbat dinner.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Harvard University has over 6,500 students in its undergraduate program. Harvard is known as one of the top Ivy League universities in the United States.

Around 1,000 of the undergraduate students identify as Jewish. The Harvard University Orthodox community serves the Cambridge Orthodox community as well. The full Orthodox community on campus is 250 people, which includes graduate students, undergraduate students and community members. Forty-five undergraduate students come from Orthodox homes. Approximately 20 attended an Orthodox gap year program in Israel. "OSM," Orthodox Student Minyan functions as a social group for undergraduate students. The "OSM" is comprised of over 20 students.

First-year students live in Harvard Yard, which puts them in a great location in terms of all the buildings on campus. Three of these dorms are very accommodating to Orthodox Jews as these dorms in particular have manual keys making them accessible on Shabbat and holidays. Before spring break, first-year students are divided into one of the 12 upper-class houses on campus. All of the college houses have manual key capabilities which makes them all viable living options for Orthodox students. Professors and teaching fellows work with students to make up work missed due to holidays, and being absent from a class over Jewish holidays is almost never a problem.

Shabbat on campus includes a Friday night davener that attracts a few dozen undergraduates students that spans all three services that take place. The Orthodox minyan is comprised of 30 undergraduate students and 30 Cambridge community members. Friday night dinner takes place at Hillel and Chabad weekly and is attended by a range of 60-100 people. Shabbat morning davener and lunch is attended by around 40 people. Students eat Shabbat lunch at Hillel and Chabad. On Shabbat day students often spend large parts of their day at Hillel, hanging out with friends, playing games, learning b'chavruta, reading, and napping. Between Mincha and Maariv is a community Seudat Shlishit. Havdalah is a beautiful transition from Shabbat to the work week and Hillel provides a catered dinner after Shabbat ends.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Although I expected the transition from my Bais Yaakov-type high school to Harvard to be tough, there was very little struggle. The Orthodox life here is vibrant, and the Jewish community as a whole is very warm and inviting. It didn't take long for me to realize that Harvard is my home."

TALIA

IT'S TRUE

The Judaica division of the Harvard College Library maintains the largest collection of Israeli and Israel-related materials outside of the State of Israel.



KOSHER FOOD:

The regular Harvard meal plan entitles every student to eat at every dining hall, so Jewish and non-Jewish students alike can enjoy Hillel food. Hillel serves dinner every night, and lunch on Shabbat and chagim. Bagged lunches can be ordered daily through Hillel. Each morning after Shacharit the Orthodox minyan sponsors a kosher breakfast in Hillel. Additionally, every dining hall has a kosher corner stocked with food.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

During the week, there are three minyanim daily. Shiurim and chaburot take place throughout the week. Students also learn b'chevruta.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Crimson: school newspaper, Athletic activities (krav maga, ultimate frisbee, basketball, track, etc.), Theater, Volunteering at the on-campus homeless shelter, TAMID: Israeli business club.

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JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY



KOSHER FOOD:

A kosher meal plan is available at the Fresh Food Café dining hall, as well as kosher meals for Shabbat and holidays at Hillel. There are kosher groceries available in many campus supermarkets and the local grocery stores. The largest kosher supermarket in the United States, Seven Mile Market, is about 20 minutes away in Pikesville, MD.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

The community strives for a daily minyan although it is subject to change on a year-to-year basis. On Shabbat there are morning and afternoon minyanim. They strive to have a Maariv minyan on Motzei Shabbat. There are minyanim during many of the chagim. The learning opportunities on campus include: weekly shiurim, a weekly program that is a small group discussion about various Jewish topics, chevrotot, chaburot, and various guest speakers throughout the year.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Jewish Students Association, HAPI: AIPAC affiliate group on campus, CHAI: Israel Social group.

JHU has nine academic divisions and campuses and over 6,000 undergraduates. It attracts students from all over the world for subjects ranging from biomedical engineering to Africana studies. Founded as a research institute, Johns Hopkins is committed to change both inside and outside the classroom.

There are an estimated 600 Jewish students on campus. The Orthodox community at Johns Hopkins is small but lively. There are around 50 students that grew up in Orthodox homes and 30 students that attended an Orthodox gap year program in Israel. The Hillel is never more than a 20-minute walk away from most locations on campus. As a small community, each student is an important part of Orthodox life. Everyone has a role to play, whether it is through planning events, leading services, choosing the Shabbat menu or any of the many other tasks that keep the community strong.

Housing at Hopkins gives way for the vibrancy of the small yet strong community. Students are required to live in the dorms for the first two years. The first-year students can choose to live in either a suite-style dorm with a bathroom and kitchenette or a classic dorm-style building. Shabbat keys are available on request and JHU Housing is very respectful to the needs of observant students. Many of the upperclassmen live in one or two buildings within a two minute walk from Hillel. Many of these apartment buildings are Shabbat-friendly and the apartments have been handed down through generations of Jewish students. In addition to the housing office, professors are extremely accommodating to students who need to miss class due to religious holidays.

Shabbat at Hopkins is a wonderful experience. Hillel hosts three different services Friday night: Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform. There are 30 students who attend Orthodox services on Friday night. All three communities join together for a free Shabbat dinner with anywhere between 80 and 150 students attending weekly. There is an Orthodox minyan every Shabbat morning, followed by a delicious kiddush and lunch all taking place at Hillel. On Shabbat afternoons students can be found around Hillel learning, studying, playing games, or just socializing.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"OU-JLIC at Johns Hopkins has enriched my Jewish experience at college immensely. Whether it is through shiurim, meals, or just by being around, the OU-JLIC couples I've had the chance to know have helped me navigate the road through being an Orthodox Jew on a secular campus."

CAREN



IT'S TRUE

The mummy in the Johns Hopkins Archaeological Collections is nicknamed "Boris."

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Boasting 39,000 students, McGill University is ranked the No. 1 university in Canada and ranks among the world's best. The students enjoy the academic vigor while engaging in all the clubs and activities that campus life has to offer.

McGill has a large Jewish community of 2,500 students that participate in a variety of organizations and clubs. The community is made up of many commuters, from the suburbs of Montreal, as well as students who live in the commonly called "McGill Ghetto" neighborhood.

The Orthodox community is small but growing. There are approximately 60 students who take part in Orthodox Jewish programming in the downtown Jewish community. There are learning opportunities and social programming throughout the week as well as Shabbat programming that the students enjoy together. In the suburbs of Montreal there are approximately 100-150 Orthodox students who are part of the larger McGill Jewish community. Many of these students attend McGill University while others attend other local colleges. First-year students from out of town often live in residences but they find it difficult to observe kashrut as there is no kosher dining option on the meal plan. Observant students often choose to live in the Jack Reitman Hillel House as it has a kosher dairy kitchen in the residence, or they rent apartments with their fellow students in the Ghetto. After the first year all students, regardless of religion, live in off-campus apartments, predominantly in the "McGill Ghetto."

Shabbat life at McGill offers many religious experiences to students. Hillel offers Friday night services and Shabbat dinner most weeks of the semester. On off weeks, all students are invited to the OU-JLIC Rabbi's house for Shabbat dinner. Chabad also provides services and meals on Friday nights. After the meals are over, students usually go to their friends' homes to hang out. During Shabbat day, students pray at either the Bagg Street Shul, a historic congregation founded in 1921, or at Chabad. After davening at Bagg, there is a kiddush provided after which students come to the OU-JLIC couples' home for lunch. Others go to potluck lunches in students' apartments or eat lunch at Chabad. Following lunch, students hang out at the home of the OU-JLIC educators or at students' homes before attending Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"I would describe it [the OU-JLIC community] as a warm, vibrant community that caters to the needs of McGill's Orthodox community; an institution that promotes belonging for many who lack a sense of 'community' in their new university lives away from home."

JEREMY



IT'S TRUE

The first modern football games were played between Harvard and McGill University on May 13 and 14, 1874.



KOSHER FOOD:

Hillel's Yoel Dizengoff Cafe is a meat restaurant where students can easily go for food. For those on the meal plan there are kosher sandwiches available. There are grocery stores with some kosher products downtown. For meat, fish or cheese, one can take a short trip on a city bus to supermarkets with kosher sections or join the OU-JLIC rabbi for his frequent expeditions. Additionally, the Hillel Cafe, a meat restaurant based in the Jack Reitman Hillel House, provides students with kosher meat at a reasonable price.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

There are Friday night services most weeks at Hillel. There are services every week at Chabad. Weekly and biweekly shiurim are given by the OU-JLIC Torah educators as well as social programming.

ERUV: No.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Hillel, OU-JLIC.

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



KOSHER FOOD:

Weinstein Hall, one of the residence halls, has a kosher cafeteria that serves a hot lunch and dinner, either to stay or go. Local kosher restaurants will deliver to NYU.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Minyanim are organized by student gabbaim (two gabbaim and one gabbait) with full support by the OU-JLIC educators. These minyanim include multiple Shacharit and Mincha minyanim and one daily maariv minyan; full Shabbat services, with dinners and onegs. It is estimated that close to 50 students attend at least one daily weekly minyan. In addition there are many learning opportunities organized by the Shalhevet education chair and the educators of OU-JLIC. These include: shiurim, student led chaburot, and chevrutot. NYU Kollel allows students to learn and earn a stipend over the course of the semester.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

TAMID @ NYU, NYU Kollel, Bridges, RealizeISRAEL.

At NYU, there are over 22,000 undergraduate students from almost 100 countries and each of the 50 states. The university awards more than 25 degrees among 2,500 courses.

With roughly 400 Jews who grew up in Orthodox Jewish homes, and a total of 5,000 Jewish students, NYU houses one of the strongest Orthodox communities in any university in America. Around 300 of these students studied for a year in Israel at an Orthodox program. There are minyanim every day, a kosher cafeteria (well-known both for its food and social scene), and the university is surrounded by kosher downtown eateries. The Orthodox community is diverse with students coming from different high schools across the country. Many students live in a residence hall for their first year, and then begin to rent apartments later. Both housing departments and the professors are accommodating and sensitive to the needs of observant students. The Bronfman Center, which is the Hillel of NYU, hosts extensive programming for the Orthodox community. There is a beautiful and fully stocked beit midrash and beit kneset. It hosts an art gallery, several student lounges, and meeting rooms. Chabad also runs programming for the Jewish students, both observant and non-observant, on campus.

OU-JLIC at NYU and Shalhevet, the Orthodox student community, as well as Chabad, provide abundant programming. Shalhevet creates an amazing Shabbat experience for the Orthodox students on campus. In turn, hundreds of students stay on campus although home could be a short bus or train ride away. Over 200 students attend Friday night services on any given weekend. After services, the community eats Shabbat dinner together. When dinner is finished the students go to the Bronfman Center for a speaker or entertainer, followed by an Oneg and/or Tisch. On Shabbat morning, about 100 students attend services followed by a kiddush and shiur or discussion. Some students eat in the Kosher cafeteria while others host meals in their apartments. This is followed by Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, and singing as the end of Shabbat approaches. At the end of Shabbat, there is a spiritual communal Havdalah filled with singing and dancing following Maariv.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Orthodox life at NYU is an incredibly positive experience. From an abundance of kosher food and meaningful davening to an inquisitive and friendly community, there's not a better place outside of Israel to be a college-aged Jew."

LAURA



IT'S TRUE

A student initiative, Bridges: Muslim-Jewish Interfaith Dialogue at NYU, has been winning awards and, more important, changing lives, bringing together devout Jews and Muslims in constructive discussion. The group runs educational and social events and runs several service programs around the country.

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

At Princeton, more than 1,100 faculty members instruct over 5,200 undergraduate students and 2,600 graduate students. The university's financial aid program ensures that talented students from all economic backgrounds can afford a Princeton education.

The Jewish undergraduate population at Princeton is comprised of 500 students. There are approximately 80 students at Princeton who grew up in an Orthodox home. Around 50 students attended an Orthodox gap year program. The university is accommodating to students' religious needs. Students can receive mechanical keys rather than electrical keys upon request and university staff is aware and respectful of the Jewish holidays. All students live on campus for all four years. Students do not choose their roommates during their first year on campus. Yavneh is the name of the Orthodox community on campus. The Shabbat environment on campus is warm and welcoming with students eating all meals at the Center for Jewish Learning, or the Hillel. The minyanim throughout Shabbat are comprised of students and faculty. There are around 60 people who daven at the Friday night services at Hillel. The Center for Jewish Learning, or the CJL, hosts one Friday night dinner for all members of the Jewish community. On average there are around 180 students who attend this dinner. Some students choose to eat Friday night at Chabad and others are hosted by the OU-JLIC couple for dinner. Around 40 people attend Shabbat morning services and the kiddush, shiur, and lunch that follow. During Shabbat afternoon many students hang out at the CJL and there are learning opportunities available. There is a robust Seudah Shlishit that 40 students attend each week.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Between helping out students directly and interfacing with the university on our behalf, OU-JLIC has made Princeton a great environment for my own experience and growth these past three years."

JEREMY

IT'S TRUE

In years when Princeton's football team beats both Harvard and Yale, the university sanctions a giant bonfire in the center of campus. The fire is so big that it can be seen from many blocks away. The bonfire may very well be a bigger social event than the football games themselves.



KOSHER FOOD:

Meal plan with three daily meals in dining hall. CJL is one of the official university dining halls.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Three daily minyanim, wide range of shiurim given, chevrotot with OU-JLIC educators, buzzing Beit Midrash, and social events throughout the year.

ERUV:

Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Jewish acapella group, Tigers for Israel, Sharsheret, Challah 4 Hunger, Shomer Shabbat Play.

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QUEENS COLLEGE



KOSHER FOOD:

The Dairy Stop storefront is in the Kosher Cafe dining hall on campus. Additionally, many kosher food establishments are just a few blocks away on Main Street, including Mediterranean and Mexican cuisine, pizza shops, sushi, dairy restaurants and kosher supermarkets.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Three daily minyanim, full Orthodox Shabbat services, including drasha from the OU-JLIC rabbi. Weekly communal Seudah Shlishit at the OU-JLIC educators home. OU-JLIC new student Shabbaton, three Hillel Shabbatonim and two Hillel Free Friday Night Dinner Shabbatot per semester. Multiple daily Orthodox learning opportunities through OU-JLIC in the Hillel Beit Midrash. Full daily OU-JLIC Women's Midrasha Program in the afternoons. Ateret Women's Lunch n'learns. A range of social programming throughout the semester.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Hillel Club, Chabad Club, ISA: Israel Student Association, TAMID Group, Israel Business Club, Persian Club.

Queens College enrolls over 18,000 undergraduate and graduate students pursuing more than 100 degree programs. The New York Times ranks Queens as the No. 2-rated college in the U.S for "best bang for the buck."

There are over 4,000 Jewish students at Queens College, making for a Jewish-friendly academic calendar, giving time off for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Passover. The college offers credit for post-high school study in Israel. Queens College has over 1,000 Orthodox students that grew up in Orthodox homes, the second largest Orthodox student population in the nation. While traditionally a commuter school, Queens College has a strong Orthodox on-campus community comprised of dozens of students living in The Summit, the new QC dormitory, and in apartments in the surrounding area. There are over 250 students who live on or around campus. The on-campus Hillel Shabbat community provides weekly Orthodox services, drashot, kiddush, OU-JLIC's Seudah Shlishit which draws between 25-50 students, and five Hillel Shabbatonim per semester, with special programming and communal meals. Over 100 students take part in these monthly Shabbatonim. Minyanim are in Hillel, and many shuls are in walking distance. Potluck meals are organized in student rooms and apartments and a Shabbat Committee ensures that anyone who wants one has a communal meal to attend. OU-JLIC at Queens College has created three different tracks of programming that each offer their own unique events over the semester: OU JLIC Men's Programming, OU JLIC Women's Programming, and OU JLIC Coed programming. The programming is run in collaboration with student leaders.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"The most meaningful Simchat Torah I ever had was at QC. The dancing lasted for hours and everyone who participated invited each other to meals. I grow and develop my faith at the various shiurim and Jewish History courses. Queens College has personally been the best choice of college for me, both academically and religiously."

YEHUDA



IT'S TRUE

The photo-op star of the annual ISA-run Israel Independence Day celebration on the Quad is a live camel.

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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Rutgers University is comprised of five campuses, New Brunswick being the largest campus with Camden and Newark right behind. The New Brunswick campus has over 33,000 students.

Rutgers-New Brunswick is home to over 6,400 Jewish undergraduate students and over 150 students that grew up in Orthodox homes, making it a strong religious campus community. Approximately 120 students attended an Orthodox gap year program in Israel. The New Brunswick Campus consists of five smaller campuses and students will find themselves taking classes at any of these five campuses. Hillel, Chabad and Rutgers Jewish Experience (RJX) are the three major Jewish organizations on campus. They provide a plethora of programming and learning opportunities for Jewish students. Rutgers Hillel has an OU-JLIC couple on staff. OU-JLIC works closely with Mesorah, the Orthodox student group on campus, to provide a comprehensive array of programming including daily and Shabbat minyanim, countless shiurim and learning opportunities, social events, community service activities and much more.

Although classes do meet during the Jewish holidays the university is very accommodating to the practices and needs of religious students. Students can live either in campus residence halls or off campus in surrounding apartments and houses. Students who wish to live in walking distance of Hillel and Chabad should request to live on the College Avenue campus. Chabad also has its own residence halls for both men and women for guaranteed College Avenue housing. Additionally, many Orthodox students live in off-campus houses and apartments.

Hillel, through the OU-JLIC/Mesorah Community, offers traditional Orthodox Friday night services. Chabad also has a Friday night minyan. Hillel and Chabad both provide free Friday night dinners attended by a total of 300 students. Shabbat morning Hillel and Chabad both offer Shacharit services that over 40 students attend. The OU-JLIC educators host large groups of students, between 40 and 70, in their home for a free Shabbat lunch each week with no RSVP required. Lunch is also offered at Chabad and some students choose to eat Shabbat lunch in their dorms. On Shabbat afternoon students can be found hanging out on campus, in each other's dorms, or at the park. Hillel sponsors a weekly Seudah Shlishit, which ends with Maariv and Havdalah.



"At Rutgers we have a thriving Jewish community where people and ideas come together. There is so much that is great about Rutgers Hillel, but most of all it is a great place to be Jewish!"

ALEX HAMILTON



IT'S TRUE

The first ever college football game was played on November 6, 1869, when Rutgers hosted Princeton University, then called the College of New Jersey. Rutgers defeated Princeton, 6-4. The rules were quite different from modern football.



KOSHER FOOD:

Students interested in a kosher meal plan should sign up with the Chabad House, which offers the only kosher meal plan on campus. First-year residential students must sign up with at least a 14-meals-per-week plan, while upperclassman residential students must sign up with at least a 10-meals-per-week plan with Chabad in order to be exempt from a Rutgers Dining meal plan. Students who live off campus can also purchase smaller meal plans at Chabad. As of Fall 2016, Rutgers Hillel will be in its new facility which will include a dairy kosher café.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

There are daily and Shabbat minyanim available, learning opportunities through Hillel, Chabad and RJX. Mesorah and OU-JLIC provide a variety of creative social and educational programming.

ERUV: Yes, although it does not cover all five campuses. The College Avenue campus is within the eruv.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

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KOSHER FOOD:

The Hillel houses two restaurants between the two locations, where breakfast, lunch and dinner are available. Passover food is served during the holiday, and free Shabbat meals are available. The restaurants are not part of a university meal plan and students living on campus are required to purchase one.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

OU-JLIC offers daily Shacharis and mincha and strives for a maariv minyan, except for Sunday. A wide range of shiurim and chaburot are offered throughout the week as well as the opportunity to learn with OU-JLIC educators. Additionally, OU-JLIC invites prominent local rabbinic personalities to speak on campus.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Ha'am Jewish Newsmagazine
Bruins for Israel, Jewish Learning Fellowship, The Bayit, Academic Clubs.

University of California, Los Angeles is a prestigious university with a sprawling campus, nestled in scenic Westwood California. It enrolls close to 30,000 in a total of 337 undergraduate and graduate programs. It is conveniently situated only five miles from the vibrant, established modern Orthodox community of Pico-Robertson in West Los Angeles.

There are an estimated 2,700 Jewish students and about 150 students who grew up in Orthodox homes, living both on campus and in the nearby Orthodox communities of Pico-Robertson, Hancock Park and the Valley region of Los Angeles. Approximately 20 of these students attended an Orthodox gap year program in Israel. Students from other local campuses are drawn to UCLA to participate in the unique communal experience OU-JLIC offers. The Orthodox students living on campus typically live in the dorms, in The Bayit, a Jewish co-op off campus, or in off-campus apartments. Professors will generally make alternative testing arrangements for students when tests occur on Jewish holidays. Students are required to give these professors a note from a rabbi. While there are no Shabbat keys for the dorms, individual roommates and staff in the dorms will help students get in on Shabbat and Yom Tov.

Shabbat at UCLA is a wonderful experience. There are two different services on Friday night. Approximately 15 students attend the Orthodox service with another 20 at the general service. Shabbat morning there are around 15 people at the Orthodox minyan. Between 125-200 students attend the communal Friday night Shabbat dinner and 35 students attend communal Shabbat lunch. On Shabbat day students typically hang out at Hillel for davening and the meal. Students also partake in Chabad programming on campus. Students tend to gather at the Jewish Co-op or private apartments in the afternoon. There is Mincha Shabbat afternoon followed by Seudat Shlishit.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Because of the smaller Jewish campus community, I have been able to make a unique difference that might not have been realized at another university. The tight-knit Jewish community creates a strong sense of personal responsibility; inspiring me to step up and take a leadership role, which I feel is maximizing my Jewish growth and passion."

DANIEL LEVINE



IT'S TRUE

Whereas many campuses empty out for the holidays, people are drawn to UCLA for the extreme and memorable holiday celebrations. The annual Simchat Torah Rock n' Scroll celebration, the Shavuot Dvar Tournament and the Purim Palooza are just some highlights that make holidays one of the most treasured parts of the campus experience.

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The University of Chicago is a private research university, with approximately 5,000 undergraduate and 10,000 graduate students. The university adheres to an academically rigorous core curriculum and a culture that emphasizes the "life of the mind."

The University of Chicago is home to approximately 800 Jewish undergraduates for four years. The campus Orthodox community comprises approximately 20-30 students; 20 students learned in an Orthodox gap year program. Graduate students are also an integral part of the community. As of Fall 2016 there is an OU-JLIC Educator Couple on campus. The university is highly flexible in matters of religious observance. Professors are tolerant toward holiday absences and the housing department emphasizes accessibility. The dining provider readily offers a wide range of kosher dining options. Yavneh at U Chicago, the Orthodox group on campus, offers a variety of programming ranging from learning to social. They also provide a variety of different resources enhancing college life for Orthodox and religious observant students. Yavneh is a flourishing community of close friendships and sincere intellectualism. They pray together every day, maintain a kosher kitchen and take time every week for learning and text study.

Shabbat at University of Chicago is a warm and welcoming environment. Shabbat meals are free and are hosted at Hillel along with minyan. There are 15 students attending the Orthodox Friday night davening. Between 50-80 students attend Friday night dinner. On Shabbat day, Shacharit is always followed by a kiddush with around 20 students attending and around 25 students attend Shabbat lunch. The Rohr Chabad Center also offers traditional services every Friday evening, followed by a delicious, home-cooked Shabbat dinner and a Shabbat morning service once a month. The community is friendly and tight knit, so students will hang around Hillel or Chabad most Shabbat afternoons, learning, playing games, reading magazines. Students will host onegs in their apartments once or twice a month and then will gather to eat and learn together elsewhere.



"It's like a family — we all love each other. It's a community where every individual is noticed and every individual is important."

ANONYMOUS



IT'S TRUE

A recent d'var Torah quoted the Rambam, Socrates, and Eminem's "Rap God."



KOSHER FOOD:

All dining halls serve fresh kosher food as part of the regular campus meal plan, under the supervision of the CRC. Students partake of fresh food in Hillel on Shabbat and holidays supervised by student mashgichim. Chabad also provides holiday meals for students. There are several nearby grocery stores with many kosher packaged goods.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Hillel holds full Shabbat and holiday services. Daily weekday minyanim are subject to change on a year to year basis. Regular shiurim and chaburot at Hillel and Chabad.

ERUV: Under construction.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

SAJE, JEWSA, UChicago friends of Israel.

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND



KOSHER FOOD:

Kosher dining is available at the Maryland Hillel.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Two Shacharit, two Mincha, two Maariv, and regular Shabbat and Holiday services, with kiddush; a full-service beit midrash, daily shiurim/chaburot, and regular chevrutot with peers and the OU-JLIC educators, multiple scholars-in-residence for Shabbat. Many social events and programs throughout semester.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Six different Israel Organizations and groups, various social justice groups, environmental groups, Challah for Hunger, Jewish a capella groups, and Avirah, the Israeli Dance Troupe. Students participate in the university intramural sports teams.

UMD is a public research university located in the city of College Park, Maryland, approximately eight miles from Washington DC. UMD offers over 100 undergraduate majors and 120 graduate programs, and boasts enrollment upwards of 37,000 students, making it the largest university in the state.

There are around 5,800 Jews on the University of Maryland Campus. The Orthodox Jewish community at Maryland is one of the largest collegiate communities in America. Currently, there are approximately 500 students who were raised in an Orthodox homes who attend the University of Maryland. Over 300 of them spent a year studying in Israel prior to enrolling at UMD. Practicing Jews have made their impact on the university at large: residence accommodations are made for Shabbat and holiday observance and extensions and rescheduling of exams are expected for Shabbat and holiday observance. Maryland Hillel offers a free roommate matching service that pairs Jewish students. Apartments with kosher kitchens are often passed down from student to student. OU-JLIC at Hillel works closely with Kedma, the Orthodox student organization, to ensure that Orthodox life is rich and accessible.

There is a vibrant Shabbat life on campus. An average of 300 people attend the Orthodox Minyan on Friday night and 275 people join together for Friday night dinner. Many students, approximately 250, have Shabbat dinner with friends in their respective suites. There are 175 students who daven in the Shabbat morning minyan. After minyan there is a lunch at Hillel and some students eat lunch in their suites. On Shabbat afternoon many of the Orthodox students hang out on the Quad, one of the large grassy areas on campus, and there is often a shiur an hour before Mincha. The Seudah Shlishit includes singing and divrei Torah every week.



"The University of Maryland has a vibrant Orthodox community, full of diverse people. Jews from different backgrounds come together to build a community that is welcoming, active and self-run. There's no other place that can unify Jews like this college campus."

CHANA



IT'S TRUE

Maryland Hillel students are the founders (2011) and hosts of the National Hillel Basketball Tournament, a weekend that includes Shabbat with Jews from campuses across America and fast-paced basketball competition.

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UMASS AMHERST

University of Massachusetts at Amherst sits on nearly 1,450-acres in Western Massachusetts, 90 miles from Boston. The campus provides a rich cultural environment in a rural setting close to major urban centers. UMass enrolls approximately 22,000 undergraduate students, 6,300 graduate students with 1,232 full-time instructional faculty.

There are 2,500 Jewish students on campus including over 40 Orthodox. Orthodox students live all over campus with the majority choosing the Central or Orchard Hill Residential areas. Both of these areas are near Franklin Dining Commons, where the kosher dining is located, and are minutes from the UMass Hillel House, which is in the southeast part of campus. Another option that many students choose is the JLLC (Jewish Living and Learning Community) located on the third floor of the Hillel House. UMass is very understanding regarding missing classes for holidays and any housing concerns. Formally founded in 2002, Kehillat Hillel Ha'azinu, the Orthodox student group, consisted of a small group of religious students interested in enjoying a traditional Shabbat atmosphere. Students would gather together each Shabbat to daven and eat together. Since then, KKH has branched out from only making Shabbat minyanim to having daily davening, shiurim, and an entire community of Orthodox students.

Shabbat at UMass is the highlight of the week. There are frequently visiting scholars who join for Shabbat and help enhance the community. There are Shabbat services at UMass every week. On Friday nights, the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform students sing Yedid Nefesh together before separating to their separate locations for services. Around 25 students attend the Orthodox Friday night davening.

Hillel provides a catered, free dinner that is attended by around 100 students. Following dinner, there's usually an oneg for all the students to enjoy, with singing, learning, eating, socializing and unwinding from the week. About 15 students take part in the Shabbat morning davening and 30 students attend Shabbat lunch. On Shabbat morning before davening there is a short shiur on the parsha and on long Shabbat afternoons there is generally a shiur as well. Mincha is followed by Seudah Shlishit and then Maariv. Rabbi Yosi Eisen and his wife Sheera are the OU-JLIC educators at Amherst.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Pesach at the Eisens is the closest you'll come to going home for a Passover seder. You have the traditional aspects like constant questions and discussions, delicious food, familiar tunes and of course squeezing as many people as you possibly can around a table, because at the Eisens there is always room for one more."

ANONYMOUS

The UMass library is 296 feet and 28 stories tall and is reported to be the second tallest library in the world and the tallest university library in the world.

IT'S TRUE



KOSHER FOOD:

Kosher dining is handled through the award-winning UMass Dining Services in the Franklin Dining Commons where lunch and dinner are available. Friday night, Shabbat lunch, and Seudah Shlishit meals are all available at UMass Hillel (free for members of the UMass Amherst community). Off-campus, the local grocery stores carry a variety of kosher options. The KDC and Hillel are both under the Vaad of Springfield, Massachusetts.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Daily davening; students meet weekly to learn in groups, attend classes, have chevrutot, or schedule time to learn one-on-one with the OU-JLIC couple. Each semester, several distinguished speakers visit campus and give shiurim, including visiting rabbis and professors.

ERUV: In development.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

There are over 20 uniquely Jewish groups at UMass Hillel. The Jewish Student Union, Jewish Leaders in Business, and Student Alliance for Israel hold the status of registered student organization at UMass as well.

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



KOSHER FOOD:

The Hillel Kosher Café provides a delicious kosher meal plan for students living in the dorms. The Kosher Café is open to students living outside of university housing. The Hillel also provides pre-packaged sandwiches to university cafés around campus.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

There is a daily shacharit minyan and Shabbat services can be found at both Hillel and Chabad. There is generally a Mincha/Maariv minyan during the early fall and late spring when Mincha is held later in the day. Rabbi Rod Glogower, rabbi of the Orthodox minyan and Orthodox community of Ann Arbor, gives weekly shiurim. There is also a beit midrash night where students can give chaburot or learn with a chavruta. The O-Minyan runs social events.

ERUV: Yes. The eruv encompasses much of the area near Hillel and includes the Oxford dorm.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

O-Minyan, Tamid: Israel Investment Group, JEngA: Jewish Engineering Association, iLead, JPH: Jewish Penicillin Hotline

University of Michigan has approximately 28,000 undergraduate students. The university is an intense academic environment with plenty of opportunities for extracurricular involvement, hundreds of student organizations and a beautiful campus full of students with tremendous school spirit.

There are 4,500 Jewish undergraduate students. There are approximately 45 students who grew up in Orthodox homes. Around 20 students studied in an Orthodox gap year program. The Jewish life at UM is robust with a myriad of clubs and organizations run through Hillel. Chabad and the Jewish Resource Center (JRC) are also active in Jewish and religious life on campus. The Orthodox community on campus (O-Minyan) is a small tight-knit and active community. Many of the Orthodox students assume leadership positions on campus, either through O-Minyan or through Hillel in general. Upon request the university will put students in the Oxford dorm which is located close to Hillel and is inside the eruv. Teachers are accommodating when it comes to missing classes and exams for holidays. They expect students to make up the work, making the time before and after the chagim. The Shabbat environment on campus is vibrant. Thirty students participate in the Orthodox minyan on Friday night and around 250 students attend Friday night dinner. Twenty-five students daven in the Orthodox minyan Shabbat morning and attend Shabbat lunch. After davening and kiddush at Hillel there is a large communal Shabbat lunch at the JRC where people eat, shmooze, and sing zemirot. There is Mincha, Seudat Shlishit, and Maariv on Shabbat afternoon.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Michigan allows students to think about the word community in a different light. Students have the opportunity to become leaders and forge strong connections with each other and the greater Ann Arbor Orthodox community."

BENTZI

IT'S TRUE

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The University of Pennsylvania is home to over 9,000 undergraduate students. UPenn is one of the oldest universities in America and, as a member of the Ivy League, one of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning in the world.

Penn is home to 2,500 Jewish undergraduate students, with approximately 175 students who are involved in the Orthodox community. Many of these students, approximately 125, spent a year studying in an Orthodox gap year program. Penn has one of the largest and most active Orthodox campus communities. The Hillel is the center of Jewish life on campus. With numerous shiurim, minyanim, events and programs, there's always something to do and ways to be involved. The Orthodox Community at Penn (OCP) offers a plethora of shiurim, programs, and services for Orthodox Jewish students at Penn. World-renowned scholars-in-residence join OCP each year, and the community makes an extraordinary effort to raise money for the needy around the world. Although classes do meet during religious holidays, the Penn professors are extremely accommodating and understanding of the students' needs and practices. Students should contact all professors in the first two weeks of each semester with the dates that will be missed for all of the holidays that semester. Orthodox students at Penn live in many places all over campus. The largest concentration of Orthodox students is in High Rise North, or Rodin College House, which is directly across from the Hillel building and upperclassmen houses. Many upperclassmen live in houses off campus, and many freshmen live in mandated freshman housing all over campus (though mostly on the Quad and Hill College House).

Friday night davening is vibrant and lively with over 175 students joining together for Orthodox kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv. Many students eat together Friday night at Hillel and some students make private meals as well. On Friday night there is occasionally an oneg or tisch. On Shabbat morning over 75 students attend the Orthodox minyan. There are numerous educational and social opportunities that occur on Shabbat for Orthodox students. Students give divrei Torah on Friday night and on Shabbat morning. There are often speakers, guest lecturers, learning opportunities and scholars-in-residence on Shabbat. There is mincha, seudat shlishit with an attendance of 75 students, and maariv every week.



"The OCP is an amazing support system — religiously, socially, and even academically — full of passionate, caring and diverse Orthodox students."

BEN



IT'S TRUE

Penn traces its origins to 1740, claims Benjamin Franklin as its founder and is recognized as America's first university.



KOSHER FOOD:

Penn offers a kosher meal plan as part of the university meal plan, and there is a kosher dining hall located in the Hillel building. The kosher dining hall serves lunch and dinner every day except Sunday, when it is closed. In addition to the full-service cafeteria, there are various packaged kosher goods such as fresh sandwiches available for sale in the kosher dining hall and in other locations and dining halls around campus.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

During the week (Sunday through Friday), there are multiple minyanim for Shacharit, Mincha and Maariv. The Orthodox community at Penn is proud to have at least one shiur given each day as well as a daily night seder from 9 p.m.-11 p.m. There are also a wide variety of social events and informal programming throughout the year.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Israel Sector, Table Talk, Sunday Night Learning, Social Justice groups.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



KOSHER FOOD:

On-campus dairy restaurant; daily dinner at Hillel; kosher food sources throughout city; Mount Sinai Hospital near campus offers sandwiches and snacks.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Daily afternoon minyan, beit midrash, library at new Hillel building; regular lunch and learn programs.

ERUV: No.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

OU-JLIC, Hillel, Chabad.

The University of Toronto enrolls 67,000 undergraduate and 16,000 graduate students from over 150 countries, pursuing 1,000 degree programs, located on a large campus in historic downtown Toronto.

The University of Toronto is a commuter institution that has 1,500 Jewish students and around 200 Orthodox students, within a large, vibrant Jewish metropolitan community that is as close as a 15-minute drive time from campus and boasts a host of synagogues, day schools and food resources. The university is very accommodating to missing classes because of religious observance. The Chabad on campus provides regular Shabbat meals. The university hosts the Centre for Jewish Studies and the Jewish Education Program for future teachers, which allows students to spend a year of study at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, as well as other institutions inside Israel, with stipends provided for those who are eligible.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"With Jewish connection opportunities so scarce, it's great to have OU-JLIC's resources and guidance available to build a small but significant community."

ANONYMOUS



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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Washington University in St. Louis welcomes 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students in over 90 programs, with emphasis on teaching, research, patient care and service to society. The school is a two-hour flight from the East Coast.

Washington University has many resources for Orthodox students, beginning with a modest-sized observant Jewish community. There are approximately 1,750 Jewish undergraduate students. Around 25 of these students come from an Orthodox background and over 15 of these students studied in an Orthodox gap year program. Mechanical Shabbat keys are available on request. Officially, professors are told to schedule around Jewish holidays and are often very flexible about extensions and alternative exam dates. Almost all freshmen and sophomores live on campus, with most upperclassmen choosing to live just off campus in apartments. There is no official Orthodox group.

There is a listserv for “religiously involved students” that helps foster community among religious students. The Shabbat life for Orthodox students takes place both on the Washington University campus and in the surrounding Orthodox community. On Friday night there are over 15 students who attend services and it is hoped that this Minyan will grow. Shabbat dinners are hosted weekly in the Chabad House, with an average of 100 guests from diverse Jewish backgrounds.

Hillel hosts Shabbat dinners about once per month. After dinner, there can be singing, onegs, board games, or just schmoozing over coffee and tea. Shabbat lunch attracts about 40 diverse but generally more observant group of students, held on a rotating basis between Chabad, Hillel, and a local modern Orthodox shul, Bais Abraham. Mincha is held after lunch. On Shabbat afternoon, students sometimes go for a walk in nearby Forest Park or read on hammocks. Havdalah is held together. Yomim Tovim meals are always available on campus. For Yomim Tovim many students walk to the “other side of town,” a 45-minute walk, where there is a thriving Orthodox community including another Chabad House, a Young Israel, and an Agudas Israel shul. Local families often invite students for Yom Tov meals and even to stay overnight.



“I value the fact that every student matters in our community. We think of ourselves as a small group of friends, and we invite everyone in.”

ANONYMOUS



IT'S TRUE

From high places: The eruv that now includes the campus is physically connected to the residence of the chancellor and the prestigious Faculty Club.



KOSHER FOOD:

The university sponsors a kosher meal program. Hot kosher dinners are available each weeknight in the main dining area, along with pre-packed meals for breakfast and lunch, all certified by the Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis. In fact, the school was ranked No. 1 in “Best Kosher and Ethnic Food Options” from CollegeProwler.com.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

The community strives for a daily minyan but does not always get one. There is weekly Friday night davening and Shabbat morning davening. The community strives for a Shabbat mincha minyan. Chabad and Hillel host learning opportunities and social programming for the Orthodox students on campus.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

Chabad Student Association; Wash U Students for Israel; Abrahammers intramural basketball team; COAST learning with intellectually disabled individuals; Wash U Israel Public Affairs Committee.

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YALE UNIVERSITY



KOSHER FOOD:

Slifka Dining, Yale's kosher dining hall, provides three daily meals during the week and all Shabbat meals. The dining plan is part of the Yale University Dining System. There are several kosher restaurants and food stores in New Haven.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

Daily Shacharit and maariv minyan; daily mincha minyan for part of the year. Full Shabbat minyanim take place weekly. These minyanim are comprised of both undergraduate and graduate students. OU-JLIC works with Young Israel House, the Orthodox community of Yale, to sponsor guest speakers and host various seasonal events. OU-JLIC Educators give shiurim throughout the week and learn b'chevruta with students. Students from every Jewish affiliation participate in Orthodox-sponsored functions. Some Orthodox students also attend Chabad programming on campus.

ERUV: Yes.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

OU-JLIC, Young Israel House, Hillel, Yale Friends of Israel, Jewish a cappella group, Krav Maga, Yale Klezmer band, Jews and Muslims, Yale Israel Journal, Shibolet.

Yale University includes Yale College (the undergraduate program), the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools, with over 12,000 students in 65 academic programs.

Of 5,300 Yale undergrads, around 1,500 are Jewish. Approximately 500 undergraduates are active participants in Slifka Center activities. There are approximately 25 undergraduate students who come from Orthodox homes and 15 students who attended an Orthodox gap year program. The Orthodox community is comprised of both undergraduate and graduate students. The university provides students with mechanical keys to their dorms for Shabbat and holiday use. New Haven has a citywide eruv. The chaplain's office informs all of the professors about upcoming holidays and students are not required to attend class or take exams on Yom Tov. If a student misses an exam due to Shabbat or Yom Tov, the make-up test procedures differ by the professor. Yale boasts a vibrant and inclusive Shabbat life. Forty-five people attend the Orthodox minyan on Friday night followed by communal dinner in Yale's kosher dining hall with about 150 participants. Frequently there is an oneg with a guest speaker, singing, schmoozing and dessert. On Shabbat day the Orthodox minyan has an attendance of 30 people. Shabbat lunch is also attended by 25 students who are both graduate and undergraduate students, followed by zmirot singing and parsha discussion, then Mincha, Seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"OU-JLIC has really been vital to my Jewish life in my first year at Yale. OU-JLIC has done a wonderful job of providing everything that Orthodox students need, be it shiurim or just a sympathetic ear."

ANONYMOUS



IT'S TRUE

Yale's president, Peter Salovey, is a member of the famous Soloveitchik family, which also includes Torah sage Rav Joseph Soloveitchik.

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YORK UNIVERSITY

York University in Toronto has over 50,000 students making it the third-largest university in Canada, with longstanding research specialization in areas such as space science, vision science, aboriginal and indigenous studies, history, psychology, violence and conflict resolution and atmospheric chemistry.

York hosts 2,000 Jewish students on campus, of which approximately 150 are Orthodox. The group is comprised of graduates from public schools, Jewish community schools, yeshiva day schools, Ner Yisroel and Bais Yaakovs. All of the Orthodox students commute to York daily. The university is accommodating to those missing class due to religious observance. York offers opportunities to major or minor in Jewish studies and houses an acclaimed Centre for Jewish Studies. York is home to the internationally recognized Jewish Education Program that offers students an unparalleled opportunity to pursue a bachelor of education in both secular and Judaic studies, while concurrently pursuing a bachelor of arts degree. Students who graduate this program go on to receive job offers in both the public schools and Jewish day schools of their choice. York students can also receive a substantial stipend from various universities in Israel if they wish to spend a year abroad. Most programs at York will give you full year of credit for studying in Israel. The OU-JLIC couple organizes learning, social events, and Friday night oneigs in Thornhill in addition to programming on campus.

STUDENTS SPEAK

"When I first got to York, I was nervous! I had never gone to such a big school and worried it would be overwhelming. In my first semester I got very involved in OU-JLIC and this contributed enormously to my smooth and easy adjustment into university life. Whenever I have a break, I go to the Hillel and meet up with friends. There is always so much going on between shiurim, lunches and events, and Rabbi Greenberg makes everyone feel comfortable no matter what their background is. It's so nice knowing that there is a place on campus where you can go and feel at home. I feel very fortunate to be a part of OU-JLIC!"

RACHELI SAMUELS

IT'S TRUE

The beit midrash has over \$5,000 worth of seforim.



KOSHER FOOD:

Dairy restaurant; kosher muffins and wraps at the Second Cup.

SERVICES, STUDY AND AMENITIES:

The York Hillel boasts a spacious beit midrash filled with sefarim and space for many of the shiurim and programs. There is a daily Mincha minyan at Hillel, where students find several "Lunch and Learn" opportunities. OU-JLIC Rabbi Aaron Greenberg can be found at York during work hours, Monday through Wednesday, giving classes, meeting students and providing for the diverse needs of the Jewish community. There are Shabbat services at the BAYT which are attended by over 100 students.

ERUV: No.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

OU-JLIC, Hillel, Hasbara and Chabad.

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