

Beren Campus to Now Enforce Dress Code

NEWS

BY THE YU OBSERVER
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

As of yesterday, students on Yeshiva University's Beren campus will be required to comply with the school's slightly updated dress code.

Previously, female students on the Beren campus were "required to wear dresses or skirts that are knee length, and tops that have sleeves" as stated in Yeshiva University's old dress code. Students at Beren really enjoyed these requirements, and followed them perfectly. The new dress code, however, now requires all female students to wear floor-length skirts, turtle neck sweaters, gloves that reach their wrists, and hair coverings - despite whether they are married or not.

With this announcement, Yeshiva University has stated that it will now provide Beren campus students with uniforms that comply with the updated dress code. These uniforms will be custom-made for Yeshiva University students. The hope is that these uniforms will minimize the pressure students feel in the morning to pick out their Shabbos outfits for the day.

The Office of Finances at Yeshiva University announced that the budget for new uniforms will come from two different places. "In order to purchase new school uniforms, Yeshiva University will allocate funds previously used to buy students un-

necessary amounts of YU swag. Instead of YU sweatshirts and backpacks, students enrolled on the Beren campus should expect to receive floor length pleated skirts with a YU logo in their mailboxes this year." Additionally, YU will use money from the \$375 security fee, which was added on to tuition this year, in order to pay for the uniforms.

Additionally, the Security Department has announced that they will forgo the use of ID badges as a means of identifying students entering Beren campus buildings. Instead, only students wearing Yeshiva University uniforms will be allowed to enter classroom and dorm buildings.

Yeshiva University has graciously hung "wet paint" signs and caution tape all over the Beren campus so that students will not get wet paint on their new uniforms. "As the school conducts its yearly round of repainting every surface of the Beren campus, instead of fixing the century old appliances, if students get wet paint on their new uniforms, we will be unable to provide them with new ones," stated a Yeshiva University representative.

However, when the boxes of new uniforms arrived on campus today, students were anxious to find that they only contained extra-large sizes, because clothing that is too tight is also a violation of the dress code. "A mishap occurred and not enough varying sizes of the new uniforms were ordered," stated Yeshiva University. "Everyone will have to

make due with what we have." Yeshiva University has failed to respond to our inquiry as to wheth-

The Office of Academic Affairs has also announced that students not in uniforms will be barred from registering for class-



er the men's "dress code" will be updated and enforced as well. Currently, "male students are required to wear pants and a shirt" as per Yeshiva University's extremely strict dress code for men.

"It's not fair that Yeshiva University has such a severe dress code for men," cried one angry Wilf student. "I don't feel as though I can express myself through my clothing anymore because of these extremely severe parameters."

In order to enforce the dress code, members of the Beren Campus Student Council will be required to check classrooms daily to ensure that all students on campus are wearing the required clothing. Additionally, Resident Advisors will be required to do weekly closet checks to ensure that no students are in possession of any clothes that go against the dress code.

es and from taking final exams at the end of the academic year.

Stern students are extremely grateful for the opportunities the new uniforms provide them. "Constantly tripping over my skirt as I run from my A slot class on the 10th floor of 245 to my B slot class on the 12th floor of 215 reminds me that sometimes I have to slow down and appreciate the world around me," said one grateful Stern student. "I might even wear my uniform to my friend's wedding."

Passersby are also extremely jealous of the Beren students' uniforms. "They are starting a fashion trend," declared one intrigued passerby. "I might just have to apply to Yeshiva University just so I can get my hands on a pair of those gloves too."

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YU Announces its Support for LGBT+ Students, Enacts Strict Guidelines

NEWS

BY SOMEONE

In a Purim miracle, Yeshiva University announces that it will formally accept its LGBT+ students and allow them to have a club at YU. In a formal statement from YU spokesperson Homer Fobic, "YU is an institution devoted to its 5 core Torah values: Emet, Adam, and.. the other three." Homer shared that "While YU would accept its LGBT+ students, there would be strict caveats as to what the student club would be allowed to do." Among the long list, the YU ObServer found 5 rules of important note for LGBT students.

1) No Fun

Yeshiva University made it strictly clear that an LGBT+ club at YU would have no authority to even consider having fun. Homer stated "Fun?? In a Core Torah environment?? It cannot be. Fun is not even one of the big 5!" At the first club event, YU ensured that the increased cost of tuition for "student security" was put to use, with police watching over students ensuring they were not having any fun. Not even a game of checkers.

2) Only Kosher rainbow colors allowed

While YU will finally allow diversity on campus, it must adhere strictly to kosher guidelines. According to YU, the LGBT+ club will only be permitted to use rainbow colors that are certified

kosher by the Orthodox Union. Homer shared, "Purple is much too reformed for any respectable yeshiva." Unfortunately, It remains unclear if the trans flag is certified Kosher by the higher-ups at the OU. Homer also added that "YU believes it has a claim of copyright infringement against the creators of the pride flag for copying the wonderful colors of the 5 Torot." Any unauthorized hues could lead to disciplinary action, including mandatory color theory classes taught by YU Rosh Yeshiva.

3) Name change every year

In order to ensure the club for YU LGBT+ students would be fighting an uphill battle, YU will require the club to change the club name every academic year. "First it was Kol Yisroel Areivim, then Anachnu, and this year its called the gambling club" shared a confused student. This name change requirement also appears to serve the purpose of confusing YU Rosh Yeshivos, however, Homer would not comment on the specifics of how the YU administration and Rosh Yeshivos at YU do not in fact represent the same institution.

4) Mandatory additional semester of Hebrew

Some would consider this rule an extension of the "No fun" rule, as YU students who are

involved with an LGBT+ club are now required to take an additional semester of Hebrew language asynchronously. Homer emphasized that "After hearing exclusively positive reviews from our students, we truly believe that our Hebrew program at YU here is top notch. We thought to ourselves, how can we not add an additional semester!" It is still unclear why only students affiliated with the LGBT+ club are subject to this new form of torture by the admin.

5) The surprise rule

The final rule of note which YU announced they simply refer to as the "surprise rule." When questioned on what exactly the surprise rule would be, and how it would affect students, Homer made it very clear to "not question the surprise rule" and that "PRDAB will come find you if you question our surprise rule."

After these requirements were put in place, not a single student attended the first LGBT+ club event at YU. Homer commented that "it seems YU, in fact, does not have any queer students." He added, "I personally dont really see what all the hullabaloo of having a club was about, no one has joined our club!"



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OneCard to Partner with High-End Steakhouses

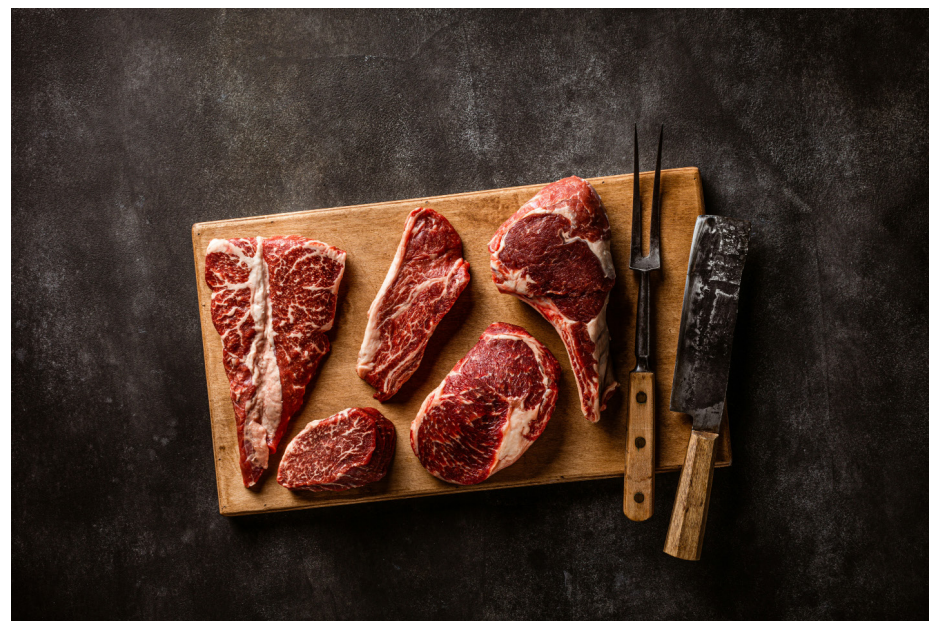
BY GUY FIERI

In response to poor sales at Tiberias and Kosher in Midtown, Yeshiva University's Department of Dining Services, in conjunction with OneCard, has announced an unexpected partnership with some of New York City's most exclusive steak houses. In a bid to entice students away from their mundane cafeteria fare, and the classic staple restaurants across from Brookdale, YU's OneCard will now be accepted at Reserve Cut, La Brochette, and The U.N. Plaza Grill.

"This is a game-changer," said a student who wishes to remain anonymous. "Finally, I can indulge in a Wagyu steak on a Tuesday night without having to pretend that the cafeteria's grilled chicken is haute cuisine."

The initiative aims to encourage students to spend their hard-earned cafeteria funds and flex dollars at local, "rea-

sonably priced" restaurants in the Midtown area—restaurants where the average steak dinner can cost as much as a semester's worth of textbooks,



or a week's worth of dinner in the Kusher Dining Hall.

"This is a really great idea," said another student, trying to stifle a laugh. "I've never eaten at some of these places before, and it's such a privilege that YU has given me the opportunity to dine here."

The move comes after reports of students resorting to extreme measures to avoid the cafeteria's culinary offerings, including buying an abun-

dance of bagels and muffins in the mornings, and looting Milner's Mart nightly.

"I used to dread dinner," admitted one student, holding back tears of joy. "But now, thanks to YU's generosity, I can enjoy a dry-aged ribeye and two sides whenever I please. Who needs a balanced diet when you

have Reserve Cut, am I right?"

Some students, however, question the wisdom of encouraging financially strapped students to dine at establishments where the appetizers alone cost more than a month's worth of laundry.

"Sure, it's great that YU is expanding students' culinary horizons," remarked a skeptical observer. "But I can't help but wonder if this is just a plan to distract us from the fact that the cafeteria's daily grilled chicken is now spontaneous steaks."

Nevertheless, students seem thrilled at the prospect of trading in their meal swipes for a taste of the high life, even if it means subsisting on snacks from Milners, or breaded fish and grilled chicken daily for the rest of the semester.

As one student put it, with a glint of excitement in her eye, "Who needs a degree when you have a perfectly seared filet mignon?"

The Chavrusa Dynamic

OPINIONS

BY SHLISEL SHLISEL

Chavrusas are nothing if not a trial at marriage. The difficulty, drama, and sacrifices that go into finding and maintaining a suitable *chavrusa* can only compare to the daunting task of dating and marriage.

You ever been asked out by someone to be a *chavrusa* when you know it isn't going to work? Rough times trying to tell them that they're an unmotivated bum with bad breath who is just trying to latch on to you in the hopes that you'll whip them into shape. Yeah, thanks but no thanks. Ever been dumped because *you're* the bum? Really rough times.

Ever break up with a *chavrusa*? It's the only relationship dynamic I can think of where the classic "It's not you it's me" could actually make sense. If you're in a small *shiur* the news of a breakup becomes massive hock like some kind of Jewish TMZ. "ooo, did you hear Ploni dumped almoni?" "Probably cuz they didn't show up to seder enough... I heard they've wanted to dump them for ages... how *diabolical*..."

You ever been friendzoned by a

chavrusa? "Yeah, I'd love to learn with you, but only for chazara, y'know? We can't be full-on *chavrusas*...we'd have to argue... it might ruin our friendship!"

out. Respectable, but it's been half an hour already. Suddenly they announce they are headed to the restroom. Your eyes wander and you see the top learner in the *shiur* learning by himself. Mmmm...

mean the bathroom. He'll never know... before you know it, you are learning with someone new. What an escape, what a relief... someone who really knows...who really cares... You are awoken from this dreamlike state suddenly when you hear the Beit Midrash doors burst open. "Yeah, so I took way faster in there than usual. Crazy, right? Now let's get back to this *Tose*—WHAT IS THIS?!!!" Caught off guard, you say the first thing that comes to mind. "It's not what it looks like!" Of course, they ain't buying it. "Really? Cuz it looks like you're learning with someone else!!" Having realized denial ain't gonna work, you switch gears. "I was thinking of you the whole time!" "That makes it WORSE!" all out of options, you revert to your last trump card... "WE WERE ON A BREAK!"

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Ever been caught cheating on a *Tose-chavrusa*? Not fun. It starts out *fot*... you bite your lip... he'd defie-easy enough of course. You and nitely treat me better... besides, your *chavrusa* can't seem to chap a you justify to yourself: current *tosefot*. You want to ask someone *chavrusa* always takes ages to get for help, but they want to figure it back from his business trips—uh, I



Being Sephardic in an Ashkenazic Yeshiva

BY SHLISEL SHLISEL

Ah, pain. Pain beyond pain, my friends, being Sephardic in an Ashkenazic Yeshiva. Constantly subject to some of the lamest and cringe-inducing jokes known to humankind. “Enjoy your *chametz* on Pesach!” “No wonder you need thirty days of *selichot*!” The most painful part is the steadfast belief among these ‘comedians’ that their humor would have Robin Williams frothing with envy. None seem to be aware that I have heard all of these jokes dozens of times already. The least I can ask of these buffoons is to be clever – but I suppose I ask too much.

I am constantly grouped together with Arab doings. I do not exaggerate when I say I have been blamed for terrorist attacks. Blamed! “You heard about that suicide bombing?” “Yeah, it was horrible. Good job.”

The worst is that the only logical response is to bring up the Ashkenaz goyim– y’know, the Nazis? But of course, that’s too far. “Not cool bro. It’s not like we just said the same joke.” It’s ridiculous!

The other side to my pain is the old “fake Sefardi” mantra. Ashkis love this one. You could be fresh from Iran, dark as night, three buttons open, chest hair blazing like the mane of Mufasa– you still will not be spared the ever present “fake Sefardi.” Don’t *pasken* like Hacham Ovadia on one issue? Fake Sefardi. Enjoy potato kugel? Fake Sefardi. Using a red sharpie and a little bit of the ink gets on your finger? “Is that a sunburn? Fake Sefardi.”

I’ll be fair, there are some serious benefits. Due to the whole rice thing, Sephardim has this reputation among Ashkis of be-

ing “more lenient.” I love to use this to mess with them. Once my friend was freaking out because there weren’t enough tablecloths for Yom Tov. “Don’t worry,” I told them. “Sephardim can rip on Rosh Hashanah.” “Really?!” “NOOO!” they will believe anything! I actually convinced one of my high school best friends– who has been friends with me for *eight years*– that due to a ‘Sephardic custom,’ I have been betrothed since I was four to a Moroccan girl named Mirei.

It is also a benefit once Purim rolls around. Ashkis for some reason can’t drink the Beit Yosef *hechsher* wine. Sephardim, of course, can. Despite several warnings from the Rosh Yeshiva, several idiots bought said wine unwittingly, and then of course, came crawling back to me begging for me to buy it off them.

Who’s the fake Sefardi now? “Sorry man I can’t buy it, I already have a bottle.” “Wait, that wine isn’t Bet Yosef!” “Ya, I could have bought Bet Yosef, but this one was only 17 Shek–” “FAKE SEFARDI!!!”

Naturally what comes forth from this supposed leniency is that a Sefardi in an Ashkenazic Yeshiva will have the enlightening experience of being a “Shabbat goy.” Of course, they don’t have to speak to us in the same vague terms they must by actual *goyim*, but obnoxious as they are, they’ll do it anyway. Like, “Y’know, it’d be *so great* if these bottle caps could be opened.” I just want to be like, “Y’know, it’d be *so great* if you didn’t have all these stupid *chumras*.”

On Behalf of the Underprivileged Ashkenazis At YU

BY SHAINDY BASSI
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When I started at Stern this past fall, I was excited to learn and grow in my Judaism. I thought that this diverse Jewish university would have many opportunities for optimal growth. However, my eyes widened in surprise when I saw the course catalog. Instead of “How to Cook the Blandest Matzo Ball Soup” and “Why Dairy Hates Me 101,” I was shocked to find “Rabbi Ovadia Yosef: Our Leader, Our Savior” and “Es-ther Skincare Routine: How to

Have Skin Like a Queen.”

This past semester was hard because I didn’t really understand anything my teacher said and I had to keep reminding myself “this doesn’t apply to Ashkenazis.” However, my friends tell me that I’ll eventually get used to it. I know that the few Ashkenazi seniors who actually cared, pushed for two classes on our minhagim this year but no one ever publicizes how to sign up.

Frankly, I used to never bother

asking teachers “what the Ashkenazi version of that is anymore,” because they always had a disappointing answer. At this point, it’s not enough to go to an all Jewish school but someone has to start an all-Ashkenazi school so we can leave this Sephardi-only institution alone.

B”H though for those seniors have had remarkable success in creating change for the rest of us Ashkenazi students. Instead of only having “Modern Hebrew” for our language re-

quirement, we now have “Ivris” and “Yiddish” to fulfill this general education core. Additionally, rather than celebrating diversity and culture within Judaism, we now have courses that distinctly discuss our Eastern European heritage, such as “100 flavors of brown: How to Cook Potatoes in 100+ Ways,” which began a campus-wide campaign to having our traditional foods of gefilte fish, kugel, and cholent in the cafs! But hey, until then, I’ll be the one sneaking bagels into the cafeteria’s falafel bar.

YU Athletics Introduces Stick Horse Racing as Newest Official Competitive Sport

FEATURES

BY DIRTY DANY

It has been noticed by the student body that there is a severe lack of unconventional sports at Yeshiva University. More specifically, there is an absence of sports for students who aren't actually athletic in the slightest, but would really like a way to obtain priority scheduling for their courses, or else want to put 'Student Athlete' on their LinkedIn profiles. "It's always been my dream to be a student athlete," one student (SSSB '25) commented, "Really a shame that I hate sports, and actually have no athletic ability."

Have no fear, because YU has responded in kind by creating Stick Horse Racing as a brand new competitive sport. The rules of the sport are simple: students will

compete against one another in order to see who can get to the end of the track the fastest, and whoever gets to the end first, wins. Though a galloping motion atop your stick horse may earn you extra points, running as fast as possible with the horse underneath you is also acceptable. In extenuating circumstances, one may also hold the stick in one hand and run nor-

mally as if it were a standard Cross Country race, only this time with a horse head flailing around. "It's really about the ambiance of having the stick horse on the track, not necessarily how good you are at pretending to ride it," said Coach

Galloping Cornstalk in an exclusive interview, swelling with pride, "It adds a whole new level of intensity, sportsmanship, and athleticism. I truly cannot think of another sport at Yeshiva University quite like this one. It fulfills every single Core Torah Value, and then some!"

Truly, there is no sport quite like Stick Horse Racing, especially in

Fashion Fundamentals is a really hard course to get into, and I needed to make sure I got a spot before the seniors... What? Oh, no, I'm not a marketing major, I study sociology, it just sounds like fun." Another student (YC '25), spoke about his reason for being a Stick Horse Racing athlete, explaining, "I'm failing all of my classes and I need something to let my parents stay in YU until AEPi finally becomes a thing. I just hope that it'll be any day now, because I'm not very good at running either." Without a doubt the most committed group of students that YU has to offer!

Granted, we only race against each other since no other universities have discovered the glory of stick horse racing, but we're confident that they will soon see the light and engage with us in our sport. Can't wait to see you on the racetrack!

"Without a doubt the most committed group of students that YU has to offer."

the many types of students who pursue it. In conversation with one student (SCW '26) about why she decided to become a committed Stick Horse Racing athlete, she said, "Well, you know how athletes get priority scheduling, right? So,

The Beren and Wilf Campus Swap

BY THE SHUTTLE DRIVE

Have you ever imagined what life was like on the other side? Not the other side of the world, or even the other side of America. But, on the other side of New York where the Beren and Wilf campuses of Yeshiva University are?

Well here's your chance to get a glimpse of what life is like as a guy on the Wilf campus or a girl on the Beren campus. In honor of Purim, Stern College for Women and Yeshiva College underwent a complete campus swap. Oh yes, you read that correctly. All women students attended the Wilf campus, while all male students were transported to Beren. To truly manifest the spirit of *v'nahafoch hu*, this swap has given students a unique glimpse into life on the "other side."

While the Stern students are enjoying their new campus equipped with better facilities, working elevators, and a full-sized gym, the Wilf students are having a more difficult time.

"I needed a place to burn off steam after being stuck in only two buildings for the whole day. I was told to go up to the 11th floor and I found a laughable excuse for a basketball court. I tried to play but ended up smashing some of the lights," one Wilf student complained. Another student explained, "I used

to be able to go to different floors of the library every day at Wilf. I would spend Mondays on 2A, Tuesdays on 3, Wednesdays on 3A, and Thursdays on 5. Now I can only go to the small, smelly, and weirdly constructed building with one floor below ground that

Wilf library," said another student.

Even though Stern students are appreciating their new campus, there are still some bumps in the road. Since certain facilities are only allowed for men, certain integral campus-life buildings are off lim-

out of bounds for anyone who even remotely looks like a woman. Additionally, the Beit Midrash, both the Ashkenazi and Spehardic one, isn't open to women students. According to the Wilf Administration, it is not *tznius* for women to even be in the presence of where men learn. *Chas*, a man could be subdued when they return to campus, by the remnant they leave behind. As a result, the Stern Gemara *shiur* has been moved to Tenzer Gardens. "Honestly, it was so strange at first having class outside, but once we got used to it, it was really amazing. I even have my *chavruta* outside now," Sarah, a Judaic Studies major, said.

Overall, the switch proved to be beneficial at showing what each campus has to offer. The Wilf students appreciated the accessibility of being around Midtown and not having to take the 1 train everywhere. The Stern students on the other hand had no reason to leave the 3-block radius of the Wilf campus (and likely didn't want to) due to all the restaurants being so close by and now having an actual campus.

As the week came to a close, both student bodies gathered for a joint Purim *seudah*, where they reflected on their experiences. "This week has been eye-opening," shared a junior at Yeshiva College. "I've gained a deeper appreciation for the suffering and challenges that Stern students face every day."



is impossible to find. Not to mention its weird hours and how it never has the right books in stock, because they are always in the

its to Stern students. For example, the gym, although open to women, has a state-of-the-art olympic size swimming pool that is completely

‘Falafel Crunch’ Closes. ‘Sushi Squish’ set to open in its Place

BY ROLL ROZ

As spring approaches and the seasons change, the YU K kosher restaurant scene is changing with it.

Recently, YU said goodbye to a two-month staple of the local K kosher restaurant scene, “Falafel crunch.” Some people call it the “curse of 2547 Amsterdam,” while others call it the curse of being the “non-K kosher Chinese place,” but everybody agrees that the restaurant location between 186th and 187th changes concepts like YP students change *shiurim*.

The vacancy left by ‘Falafel Crunch’ closing will soon be filled by another original concept for a cheap eatery at YU: a sushi spot called ‘Sushi Squish’. The cozy, Japanese eatery will be the third restaurant opened by the Burgers and Grill ownership group since the start of Fall 2023, after the fruitless business attempts of both ‘Bagel Bar’ and ‘Falafel Crunch’.

“Sushi Squish” has an interesting business model that the owners believe will finally reverse the curse. Compared to the limited noise-making capabilities of sushi available on Wilf campus, such as at Chop Chop, Furman Dining Hall, and Nagels Bagels, “Sushi Squish” specializes in preparing sushi, which to quote an anonymous customer, “makes a squish sound when you pick it up with your fork or hands” (‘Sushi Squish’ does not carry chopsticks).

I was curious if the rumors were true, so I invited myself to their exclusive soft opening to both observe the ambiance and to sample their offerings. When I walked in, my first impression was that the place was trying really hard to simulate the authentic Japanese restaurant ex-

perience. A half-smiling, half-gri-macing Israeli sporting an itamae greeted me with a half-bow, half-headbob. He customarily said “Konichiwa” after a second, and then yelled something towards the back of the kitchen in Spanish. The music blasting on the speakers were various tunes from a Spotify playlist titled *Kawaii*, consisting of the best hits from Miami Boys Choir and Yeshiva Boys Choir. The other salient characteristic of “Sushi Squish” was the sheer size of the place, or more accurately the lack thereof. The indoor space gives off the impression that you are Godzilla dining in Tokyo.



Between the vending machines on one side of the eatery and the trash cans and sinks on the other side, there is only enough space for one person to fit through at a time. It also means the only exit route after receiving food from “Sushi Squish” is by crawling under the legs of the people behind you, or by jumping over them. Any more than five customers and there is spillover outdoors, which to be fair was equally true for

‘Falafel Crunch’ and ‘Bagel Bar’, but was only theoretical then.

The menu consists of a delectable array of sushi rolls including intriguing specialties like “Philadelphia Roll”- which ‘bad things’ happen to those that eat it, and the “New York Roll”- a regular tuna, avocado, and carrot roll for an inexpensive \$80 (\$10 a piece). The “New York Roll” comes in a paper tray you have to pay a fee for. I ordered both these items with my father’s credit card, and the moment of truth finally arrived. Does the sushi really squish as advertised? Did this place earn its name? And I have to say, I was kind of disappointed. I mean, granted, I could make out a slight squishing noise when I pinched the sushi, but for all the hype it was kind of a letdown.

Fascinated by how such eclectic satieties are operated, I decided to sit down with the current owner of “Sushi Squish” and former owner of “Bagel Bar” and “Falafel Crunch” for an illuminating one-on-one interview. He chose to remain anonymous:

Roll Roz- What’s your name?

Anonymous- <Redacted>

RR- Where do you live?

A- That isn’t relevant.

RR- What do you eat?

A- I’m not sure what you’re asking.

RR- Wrong, wrong, and wrong.

The correct answers were “Mary Jane,” “down the lane” and “pigs feet.” Don’t worry you’ll have a chance to redeem yourself later.

A- What are you talking about?

I thought we were supposed to sit down for a serious interview about my restaurant.

RR- This is serious, at least for me. Anyway, how long have you been in the culinary industry?

A- Fine. A normal question. I’ve consistently been involved in working, managing, or owning restaurants since I dropped out of college ten years ago.

RR- Ahh great. I have a few culinary questions that have always plagued me and you are the perfect person to answer them. Do you mind?

A- Uhh..

RR- Thanks. This first one is very important because it has Kashrus ramifications. What animal does falafel meat come from?

A- Chickpeas.

RR- Never heard of that one. Is it a chayah or a behamah?

A- What is wrong with you?

RR- Next question. Regarding baby carrots, I feel like I never see a baby carrot with its mother and I think that it’s really sad. My one question is do baby carrots get formula or natural carrot milk?

A- How are you still in college?

RR- How do you translate Chummus Basar to Hebrew?

A- Ok, this is getting ridiculous!

RR- Quick! Hotogs, are they a sandwich or not?

A- Of course they are. That’s it. I thought I was sitting down for a serious interview about the history, development, and functionings of my restaurant, not some <Redacted>. You’ve wasted my time.

At this juncture, the anonymous owner ripped off his microphone, got up and left, leaving me to finish my interview alone. I proceeded to shake the air, get up, and walk off into the sunset. It was actually cloudy, but it would have been a sunset if it weren’t cloudy.

“Sushi Squish” is scheduled to open April 1st, and is set to start accepting caf cards after Pesach break.

Gematria of Esther

ARTS & CULTURE

BY THE SHORT KNEE

In Esther 2:7, the verse states that Esther’s name is actually Haddassah. However, for most, this is hard to believe. Why would this book of Tanach be called “Esther” if her actual name was Haddassah? Why would she go by a fake name throughout the entire story? How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? These are just a few of the common questions that people have

on this topic, and why I decided to research this question. I initially struggled to find any satisfactory answers, and was about to declare it a mistake in the text, but finally, through math and numbers, I discovered the true reason, and my doubts were erased.

The Gematria of אסתר is 661, and if we subtract from this the value of מרדכי, which is 274, we get a result of 387. If we add 95 (המן) to this, we now have 482. If we then take 507 (ורש) and subtract our 482 from this, we are left with 25. We then add 12 to our 25 because

of the 12 possible months Haman could have rolled, we end up with 37. And since Haman rolled 2 dice, we put 37 to the 2nd power, giving us 1369. We then put this number aside to use later.

The value of אהשוורש is 821. Since Achashverosh was the only king throughout the story, we subtract our 821 by 1, giving us 820. Then, we take the Gematria of אדר, which is 205, and divide 820 by this, leaving us with an answer of 4. Next, we bring back our 1369 and multiply it by our 4, giving us 5476. Since we read the Megillah twice on Purim,

we take the second (or square) root of 5476, yielding an answer of 74.

And what is so important about 74, you may ask? Well, 74 just so happens to be the Gematria of הסדה! Therefore, we see that simply from looking at the numbers throughout the Purim story, we learn that Esther’s actual name is Haddassah! This is an enlightening proof and teaches us that the Megillah was, in fact, correct the whole time, and we should not have doubted it! We also learn from this to wash Mayim Achronim.

Welcome to YU: Beren Edition

BY A PRE-MED MAJOR

Welcome to YU,
We're so happy to see you!
Even though the caf's a zoo,
There's always room for someone new.

Welcome to our school!
Here's some tips and tricks and tools,
And some unofficial rules
To avoid looking like fools.

Want to get caf food
To put you in a good mood?
No advice I'm also stuck,
All I can say is good luck.

Have to get to class,
Because you would like to pass?
Count on broken elevators
And leave earlier not later,

Keeping your hands clean?
Watch out for the soap machine!
After you remove your hand,
Then the soap will choose to land.

Want to dorm for Shab?
Pricing making your head throb?
Please plan early for your stay!
They won't take you come Friday.

A coat? A sweater?
Beware the buildings' weather!
Room temps are not all the same,
And sometimes the caf has rain.

As a PSA,
We all have our busy days,
When you take the stairs, don't freeze!
Two floors up? Don't have to squeeze!

Want food? Join a club!
BCSG gives free grub!
Walking past a lobby table?
Get free swag if you're able!

Want to wash your clothes?
That room's the home the rats chose.
If you pick a random time,
Then you might avoid the line.

Still, we love YU!
One reason for that is YOU!
I won't go on any further.
Want more tips? Read the
ObServer!



LANGUAGE OFFERINGS AT YU NEXT SEMESTER

So many to choose from, you might have to exceed your
Interpreting Literature and the Arts requirement just to take them all.



Classes Offered Next Semester:

- Yiddish - asynchronously and semi-synchronously
- Arabic - synchronously but in person final
- French - in person if we can find teachers in America to teach
- Spanish - asynchronously with surprise classes on zoom
- Aramaic - Joint Program with the Gemara Shiurim
- Italian - Must be enrolled in the Study Abroad Program
- Hebrew - Due to high student enjoyment of the class, 20 sections have been added.
- And many more...

Do too low fluency, English classes will be cancelled for next semester.



Rant: To Haman

To Haman, he legit sucks. Not only does he want to kill all of the Jews which is #discrimination, he is also such a party pooper! He kills the vibe every time.

Rant: To Esther's beauty pageant dress.

To Esther's beauty pageant dress. Like girllll, how are any of us supposed to wow the king when you look like that? Way to be "for the girls" and not outshine us all. SMH.



Rant: To Bigtan and Teresh for trying to kill the king.

To Bigtan and Teresh for trying to kill the king. Like did you really think you were gonna get away with that? And also poison? At least own it and do it the real way if you are gonna commit a crime.

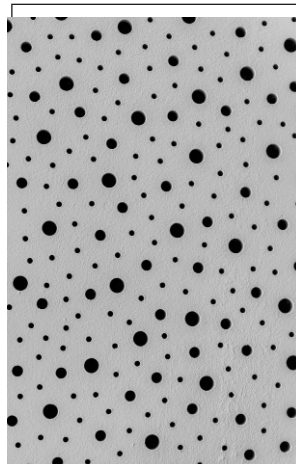


Rant: To Achashverosh for just allowing his advisors AKA Haman

To Achashverosh for just allowing his advisors AKA Haman, to just manipulate him do their bidding. Haman said oh let's kill the Jews and he was like: "ya you are so right bro." Like seriously, get a grip. YOU are the king, not him.

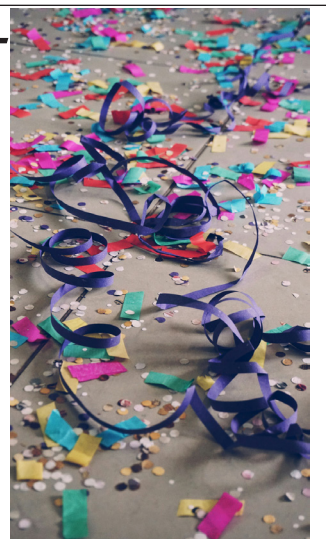
Rave: To Vashti's new look!

To Vashti's new look! In loveeee with the polka dot look and way to bring the furies style back to life! You are such a #trendsetter. Go get it girlllll! Yasss slay queen!



Rave: To King Achashverosh for throwing the world's best parties!

To King Achashverosh for throwing the world's best parties! I always love an excuse to drink, dance, and vibe! Like we are all just trying to live our hot girl lives!

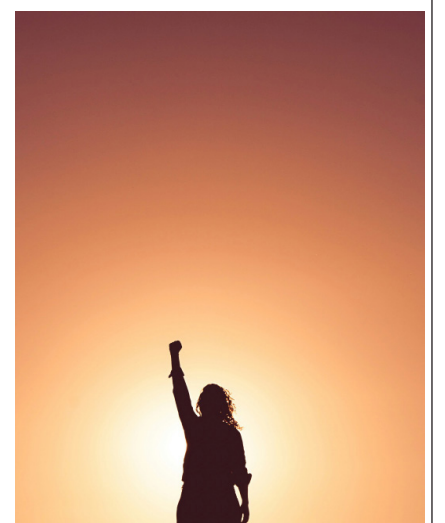


Rave: To Mordechai for saving the king

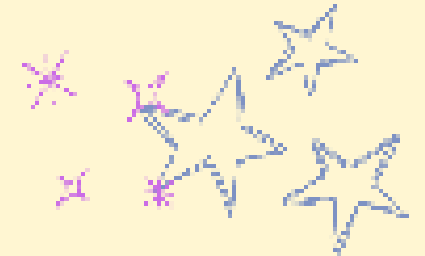
To Mordechai for saving the king and being humble about it! I mean that is some. Real piety! Am I right or am I right?

Rave: To Esther for literally saving the day and the entire Jewish nation!

To Esther for literally saving the day and the entire Jewish nation! Now we all know who the real hero is of this story! #feminism #girl-power #wokefest!



Want to be featured on a YU elevator?



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- Must be dressed in one of the Five Core Torah Values colors
- Must be located on a YU campus
- Must be smiling exceedingly enthusiastically
- Clothing must have a YU logo on it five times
- Preferred but not required: enthusiastically chatting with a professor

Pictures of men will only be featured on Beren elevators and pictures of women will only be featured on Wilf elevators!

For more info email propaganda@yu.edu

Breaking News: Business Section Achieves Unprecedented Milestone with 3.5 Articles!

BY THE MULTITUDE OF YU
OBSERVER BUSINESS
EDITORS

In a turn of events that has left the entire campus buzzing with disbelief, the business section of our esteemed college newspaper, the *YU Observer*, has accomplished the unimaginable: a staggering 3.5 articles in a single edition! Yes, you read that right – **three and a half articles!**

Rumors swirled around campus for days leading up to this historic moment. Could the business section really pull off such a feat? Would their ambition be rewarded, or would they fall short yet again, leaving readers questioning the very existence of the section?

But alas, the naysayers have been silenced, and the doubters proven wrong. The business section has risen from the ashes of mediocrity like a phoenix, spreading its wings

to deliver not one, not two, but a grand total of 3.5 riveting articles on topics ranging from the fluctuating stock market to the existential crisis of a pencil factory.

The journey to this momentous achievement was not without its challenges. Sources close to the business section reveal that there

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"We knew we had to step up our game," said Sarah Stilton, the self-proclaimed "Chief Business Guru" of the section. "The pressure was on, but we rose to the occasion. We didn't just meet expectations – we shattered them!"

were heated debates over whether to count the half-written piece on the economic impact of unicorn breeding as a full article or not. After much deliberation, it was decided that every word counts, even if it's only half an article.

In light of this unprecedented accomplishment, the editorial board of the newspaper has announced plans for a campus-wide celebration. "We're breaking out the champagne and confetti for this one," declared Editor-in-Chief, ~~Sheikovitch, Shykovitch, Aaron,~~ Yitzy. "Who knew the business section had it in them? This calls for a party!"

Reaction from the student body has been mixed, with some hailing the achievement as a triumph of journalistic integrity and others questioning whether the bar was set a tad too low. Nonetheless, one thing is for certain: the business section's new found glory has left a mark on campus history that will not soon be forgotten.

So here's to you, business section – may your 3.5 articles inspire future generations of aspiring journalists to reach for the stars, or at least aim for a solid four articles next time.

AI and Shidduchim: The Rise of Robo-Rabbis

BY CHAD

Forget about traditional matchmakers and nosy aunties meddling in your love life—the future of Jewish matchmaking is here, and it's powered by artificial intelligence! Prepare to meet your match with the latest innovation: Robo-Rabbis.

Gone are the days of endless blind dates and awkward encounters at synagogue mixers. With Robo-Rabbis, finding your *besht* is as easy as swiping right on your smartphone. These high-tech matchmakers analyze your personality quirks, religious observance levels, and matzah

ball soup preferences to curate the perfect list of potential partners.

But that's not all—Robo-Rabbis come equipped with advanced conversation algorithms to ensure your first date goes smoothly. No more fumbling for topics to discuss; simply let your Robo-Rabbi guide the conversation with insightful questions like, "How do you feel about schmaltz?" or "On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you love kvetching about your mother?"

And if things go south, fear not! Robo-Rabbis offer real-time advice

and encouragement to salvage even the most awkward of encounters. From suggesting ice-breakers to discreetly reminding you to check for spinach in your teeth, these digital matchmakers have got your back.

But wait, there's more! For the ultra-traditionalists, Robo-Rabbis even offers virtual chaperoning services to ensure your dates adhere to *Halachic* standards. With just a click of a button, your Robo-Rabbi will virtually hover over your table, making sure there's no ac-

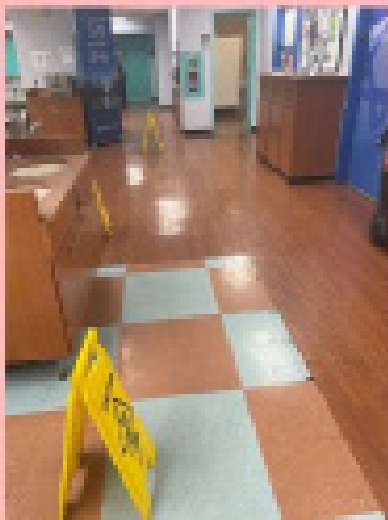
cidental hand-holding.

So, whether you're a *yenta* in training or a hopeless romantic searching for your *bashert*, embrace the future of Jewish matchmaking with Robo-Rabbis. After all, who needs a *shadchan* when you've got algorithms and silicon schmoozers on your side?



BEREN CAMPUS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Need something fun to do this Sunday afternoon? We have just the places for you!



Kushner Swimming Pool:

The Kushner swimming pool will be filled with water all day so you can swim at your own convenience. No running is allowed near the pool.

251 Lexington Avenue Zoo:

Come see our exclusive rodent exhibit featuring mice and rats. Be sure to also visit our cockroach pavilion as well.



50 East 34th Street Escape Room

By having awkward conversations and maneuvering through the squished space, participants will work together to escape the elevator. An amazing bonding activity! Come early or you might have to wait in long lines to enter.

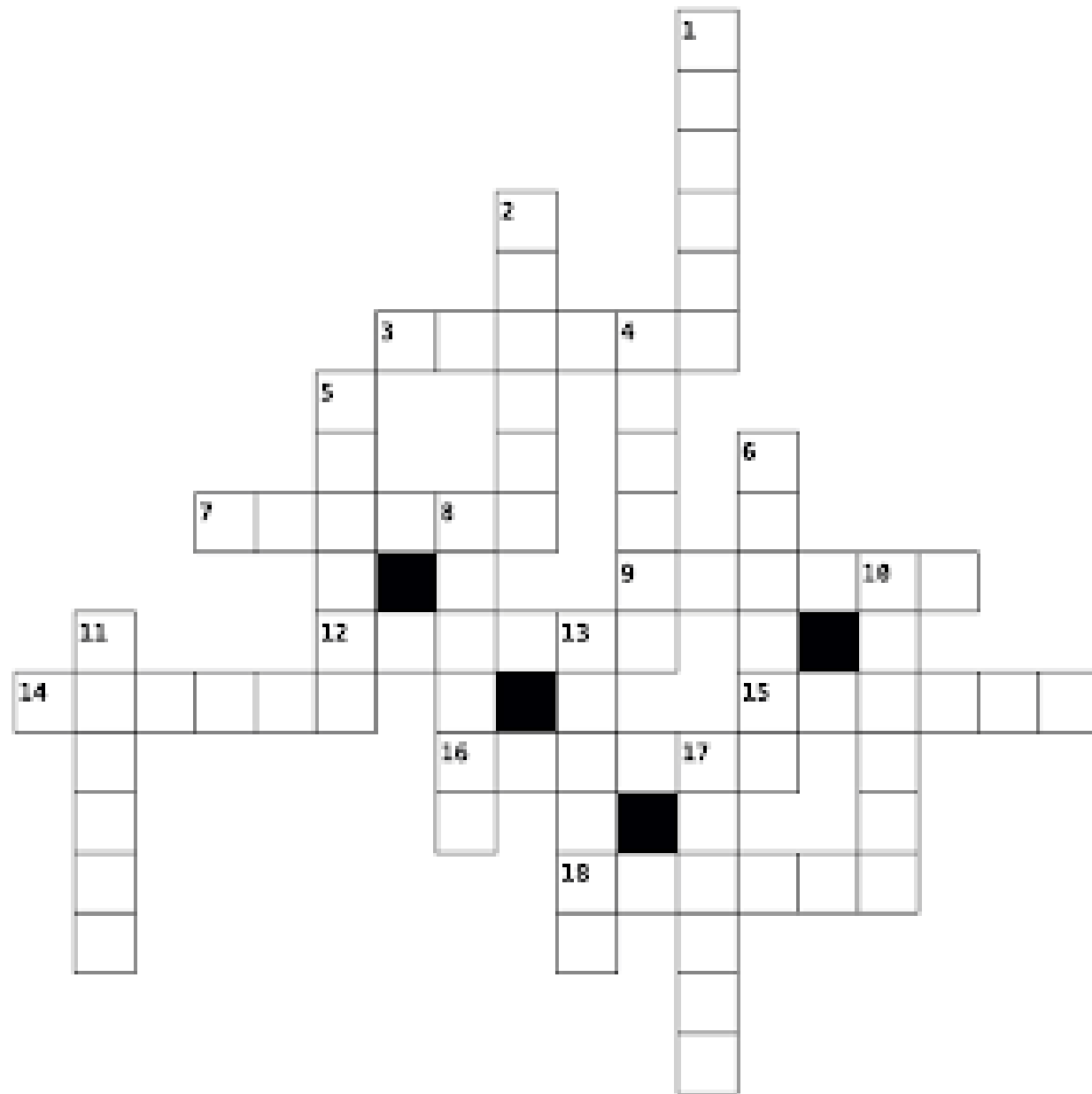


Intercampus Roller Coaster

So fun you won't be able to tell if you are on a roller coaster or in bumper cars! Be sure to buckle your seatbelts or you might just fall out of your chair!



Purim Crossword



Across

3. Rhymes with "hogwash"
7. Is often orange
9. A type of gourd
12. A plant in Plants vs. Zombies
14. We eat its flesh and seeds
15. This word contains consonants and vowels!
16. The winter variety of this fruit is generally considered an autumn food
18. Native to the Andes

Down

1. There are multiple types of this
2. Is a 6-letter word
4. Butternut _____
5. A noun and a verb
6. Its family is Cucurbitaceae
8. To crush something
10. Some people like it and some don't
11. Native to Mesoamerica
13. Its scientific name is Cucurbita
17. To squeeze something

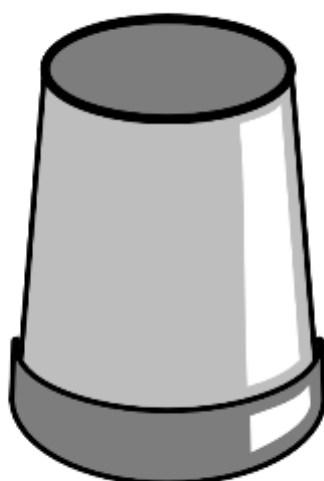
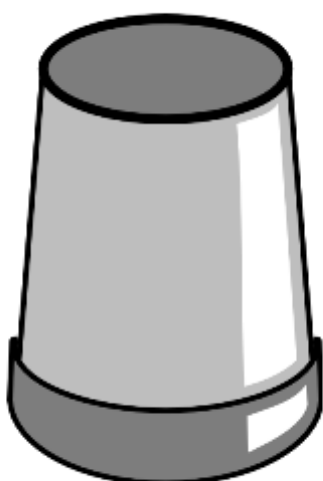
Riddle Time!!!

What is purple and yellow and really hurts? But I just have to wait for it to heal and can't do much else besides put an icepack on it. And I didn't mean to run into the table, it was just in the way, and no, I'm not clumsy, this was a really uncommon accident for me and the table definitely moved. It's also really windy out, so that probably just blew the table into my side. No, it's not embarrassing, everyone does this multiple times a day, I bet this happens to you too. I'm not crying, you are! Anyway, what's purple and

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Purim	Esther	Mordechai	Haman
Zeresh	Achashverosh	Vashti	Mishloach Manot
Matanot LaEvyonim	Grogger	Hanging on the Gallows	The holiday of- purim is one- of many hidden- miracles

Guess which cup the ball is under!!



1				5	6	8		2
		3	4			5	1	7
			9		3		9	
5			8					6
	6	9		3		7		5
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	5	2				3		
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	1			2			7	8

This sudoku follows all the normal sudoku rules. Good luck solving!

Pin the Tail on the Donkey!!!



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