

WELCOME

TO

YAVNEH!



Columbia / Barnard Hillel
The Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life

Yavneh at Columbia University

WELCOME TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WELCOME TO YAVNEH! WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR COMMUNITY, AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR INPUT IN HELPING SHAPE THE COMING SEMESTER.

YAVNEH IS THE ORTHODOX GROUP AT THE COLUMBIA/BARNARD HILLEL. WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER OUR STUDENTS AT COLUMBIA, WITH PROGRAMS RANGING FROM DAILY MINYANIM (SERVICES) TO SOCIAL EVENTS AROUND THE CITY AND CHESSED PROGRAMS IN AND AROUND THE AREA OF THE UNIVERSITY. OUR PROGRAMMING ALSO INCLUDES EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, INCLUDING SPEAKERS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS, AND SPECIAL SHABBATONIM. WHILE WE MAY RUN AND TAKE CARE OF THE DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE ORTHODOX COMMUNITY AT COLUMBIA IS REALLY FOR AND ABOUT YOU! THAT MEANS THAT WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU, EARLY AND OFTEN, ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT; THAT MIGHT INCLUDE SPECIAL EVENTS IN HILLEL OR AROUND NYC, OR JUST SPECIFIC THINGS THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CHANGE. EITHER WAY, YAVNEH IS HERE TO HELP YOU CONTINUE TO PRACTICE AND GROW IN YOUR JUDAISM AS YOU SET TO BEGIN A NEW EXPERIENCE AT THIS WONDERFUL UNIVERSITY.

IN THIS PACKET YOU WILL FIND THE ESSENTIALS TO LIFE AS AN ORTHODOX JEW AT COLUMBIA. WHILE THERE IS CLEARLY A LOT TO LEARN (AND A LOT GOING ON), WE ARE SURE THAT YOU WILL FIND THE TRANSITION EASY AND EXCITING. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, YOU CAN EMAIL ANY OF US DIRECTLY (SEE THE ENCLOSED SHEET WITH OUR PICTURES) OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED YOUR WEEK OF ORIENTATION, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND SEEING YOU OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEMESTER. GOOD LUCK WITH THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES!

SINCERELY,

THE YAVNEH BOARD

Check out our website at: www.columbia.edu/cu/jsu/yavneh

Add us on Facebook: We're called "Yavneh at Columbia"

Join our listserv: Email yavneh@hillel.columbia.edu to join!

MEET YOUR YAVNEH BOARD!

PRESIDENT – ARIEL SCHAAP (ams2299@columbia.edu)



Ariel Schaap, hailing from the “far off” town of Teaneck, is happy to consider Columbia her home away from home. Whether she is in the halls of the Hillel building or in Hewitt dining hall, Ariel is thrilled to take a break from studying and socialize. Her hobbies include reading, playing games (especially Jungle Speed), and snacking on Flipz. Ariel enjoys doing the crossword, so give her a hand because she can't really do past Monday's. She can be spotted easily on campus in her sweatpants and neon colored knapsack. So stop and say hello because she cannot wait to meet you!

VP SHABBAT/CHAG – TOVA NADLER (tdn2105@barnard.edu)



Tova Nadler, the only international student on Yavneh board, hails from the far away land of Canada. After attending Ulpana for high school and Midreshet Lindenbaum in Israel, Tova crossed the border to begin her career at Barnard, where she is majoring in neuroscience. In addition to being VP Shabbat/Chag, Tova also TAs Bio (be nice to her, she might be grading your labs one day soon!) and is a member of McAC, Barnard's Activities Council. While her fanny pack and bubbe cart help her blend in with the elderly population, on Fridays Tova can be spotted scurrying around the upper west side and Morton Williams in search of scrumptious foods for the Kiddush. This past summer Tova spent her time surrounded by her nearest and dearest friends: Galileo, Kelvin, Hubble, and Leonardo, a celebrated group of little monkeys that she worked with in a lab. Ironically, Tova suffers from an intense fear of animals, so we're still trying to figure out why she took that job...

VP SOCIAL – SARAH BELFER (sb2782@barnard.edu)



Sarah Belfer, a junior at Barnard, currently serves as Yavneh's VP Social. In her spare time, Sarah works as a Barnard Student Admission Representative and served on Barnard's committee for re-accreditation. Sarah spends much of her days trying to go to all events (severe case of FOMO), and then sometimes succumbing to her secret addiction to Tetris. Sarah is most probably majoring in psychology, history, or both, and is always looking for advice on the matter! Native to the Upper West Side, Sarah always knows about fun things to do around the city. If you're ever looking for someone who's up for an adventure, or to just hang out and chill, Sarah is the person to go to!

VP EDUCATION – JEREMY LEHMANN (jil2115@columbia.edu)



Jeremy Lehmann, hailing from Baltimore (“Ball-mer”), Maryland, is known by many in Yavneh as the resident meteorologist on campus. Whether delivering up-to-the-minute weather reports or accurate, long-term forecasts, Jeremy always handles the “high pressures” of his job with an enthusiastic spirit, relishing any opportunity to discuss the weather with others. An economics-mathematics major, Jeremy also enjoys working out on his Iron Gym or defending his illustrious title as the slowest eater in Yavneh. He is one of the most genuinely friendly people in all of Yavneh and loves socializing with others. You can always be sure to find Jeremy eating his food in Hewitt, so please stop by and say hello so he can get to know you!

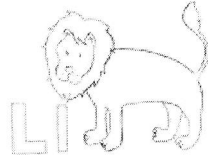
VP CHESSED – SHOSHANA BAR DAVID (smb2190@barnard.edu)



Born and raised in Riverdale, New York and a Brovenders alum, you would think that Shoshana Bar-David is just an average Barnard girl. However, behind her LONG hair (tell her so) and baggy T-shirts is a girl who loves nothing more than to play a good game of late night dress-up while studying for her midterms. Shoshana's other pastimes include cooking cranberry crunch, listening to gangster music, and wearing high heels for no reason. More commonly known as Shosh, she is majoring in Psychology and has no idea what she wants to do with her life. You might be intimidated when you see her staring intensely at her laptop in the library, but take a closer look – it's only Facebook. All in all, Shosh is up for any adventure that comes her way, as long as it doesn't cost more than fifty cents.

GUIDE TO THE KRAFT CENTER (HILLEL BUILDING)

606 W 115TH ST BETWEEN BROADWAY AND RIVERSIDE



Lower Level - Rennert Hall
Yavneh minyan: Shabbat
Seudah Shlishit with all of Hillel
Large programs



Main Level (1)
Entrance
Calendar of upcoming events
Coatroom



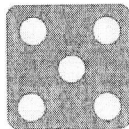
Second Floor
Café Nana - Kosher café
Bishop Library - books, room to study or
hold meetings



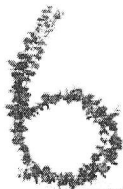
Third Floor
Offices, including student office



Fourth Floor
Beit Midrash
Classrooms, usually available for studying
or holding meetings



Fifth Floor
Yavneh weekday minyan
Koach minyan on Shabbat
Smaller programs
Kitchen



Sixth Floor
Empty!

What the %&*#! is

YAVNEH

The Orthodox group of Hillel

KOACH

The Conservative group of Hillel

KESHER

The Reform group of Hillel

LAZERHET

Open Orthodox forum of Hillel

THE KRAFT CENTER

The Hillel building, located at 606 W. 115th St between Broadway and Riverside

E-BOARD

The student executive board of Hillel, made up of the Hillel presidents and VPs

WNL

Wednesday Night Learning Program: A Hillel-wide weekly learning program (Wednesdays from 9-10 on the 5th floor of Kraft)

HEWITT

The dining hall in Barnard where many Jewish students eat meals during the week, and where communal Shabbat Meals are hosted

And some Non-Hillel ones as well...

212 = café in Lerner

PrezBo= President Bollinger

Nana = café in the Hillel

Ramath Orah = shul on 110th St.

OZ= shul on 95th St.

The Heights = Washington Heights; where YU is

JJ's = late night food store in John Jay

PEOPLE TO KNOW IN HILLEL



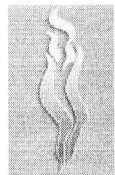
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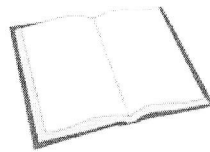


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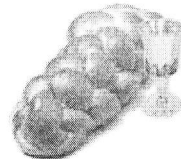


Hillel President
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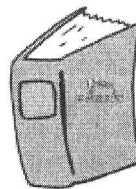
Hillel E-Board
Hillel Executive Board -
Student leaders led by Aviva



Wednesday Night Learning Program
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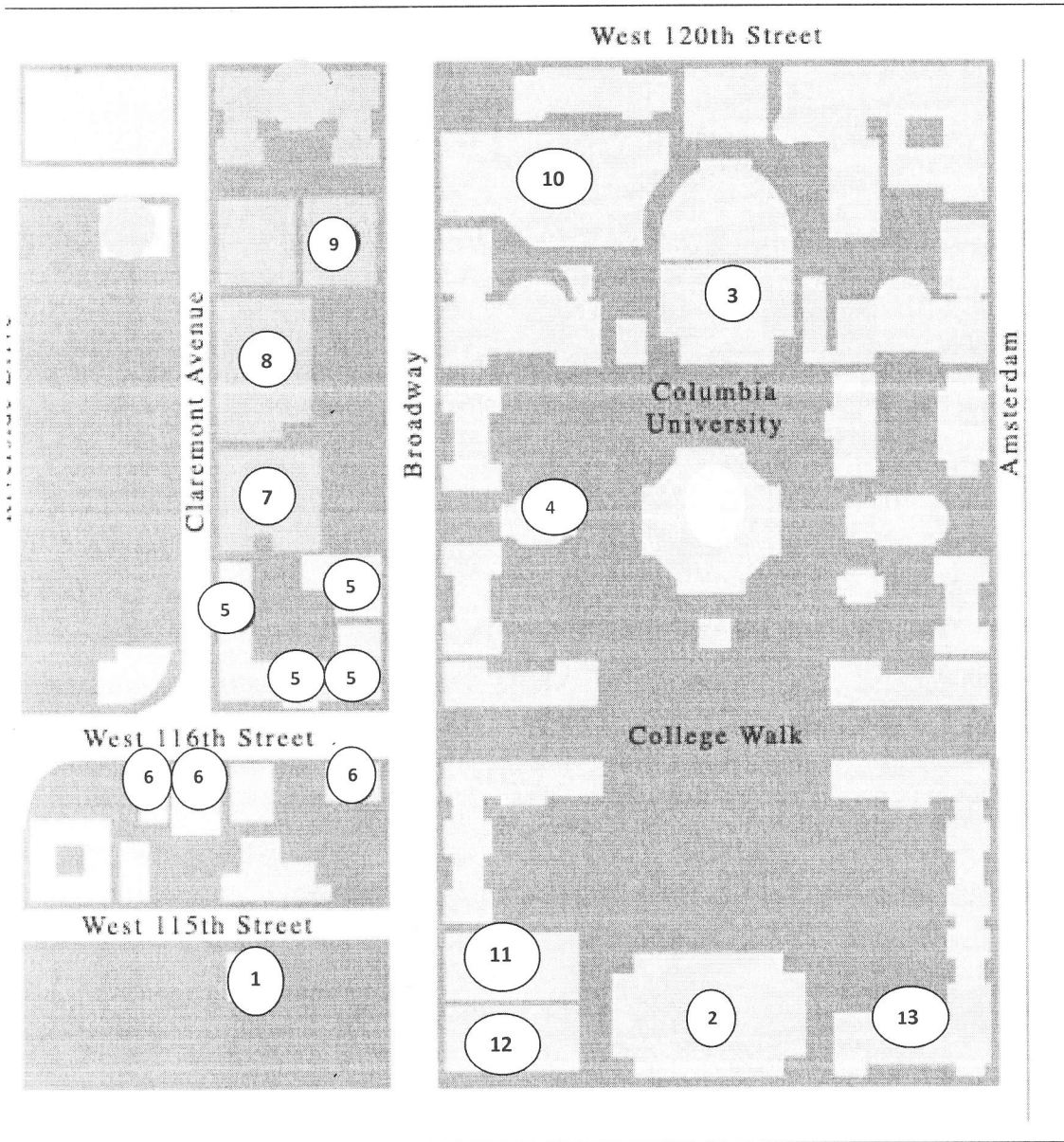


Shabbat Meals Coordinators
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Sign up: <http://www.hillel.columbia.edu/template.php?name=shabbatdinner>



Beit Midrash Committee
beitmidrash@hillel.columbia.edu

The Yavneh-er's Guide to Campus



1. **Kraft:** The Hillel Building – your new home away from home
2. **Butler:** Columbia’s main library. Where you will find many Yavneh members “studying”
3. **The Business School: Uris Library** – a talking library. Uris Deli, affectionately known as Uri’s Deli
4. **Earl Hall:** where 2:30 mincha is
5. **Barnard Quad:** where all Barnard Freshmen, and some upperclassmen, live
6. **600, 610, 616:** where many Barnard upperclassmen live
7. **Barnard Hall:** downstairs is **Hewitt** – a dining room with kosher food and fun people. In the tunnels is Barnard’s gym
8. **Lehmann:** Barnard’s library
9. **The Diana:** Barnard Student Center and Liz’s Place – kosher bagels and muffins (can’t hurt to check), and sushi!
10. **Dodge:** Columbia’s gym
11. **Lerner:** bookstore, comfortable places to study, comp lab, cheap tickets, Columbia mailboxes, **Café 212**
12. **Carman:** lots of Columbia Freshmen live here
13. **John Jay:** Columbia dining hall, kosher deli, dorms, and JJ’s place (late-night supermarket)

Yavneh Minyan Times

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Shabbat
Shacharit	8:30 5 th floor Kraft	7:45 5 th floor Kraft	7:45 5 th floor Kraft	7:45 5 th floor Kraft	7:45 5 th floor Kraft	8:00 5 th floor Kraft	9:15 Rennert Hall in Kraft
Mincha	Shkiyah (sunset) 5 th floor Kraft	2:30 Earl Hall 4:10 5 th floor Kraft	2:30 Earl Hall 4:10 5 th floor Kraft	2:30 Earl Hall 4:10 5 th floor Kraft	2:30 Earl Hall 4:10 5 th floor Kraft	Check weekly email Rennert Hall in Kraft	Check weekly email Rennert Hall in Kraft
Ma'ariv	Following Mincha 5 th floor Kraft	10:15 5 th floor Kraft	10:15 5 th floor Kraft	8:45 5 th floor Kraft	7:35 5 th floor Kraft	Following Mincha Rennert Hall in Kraft	Following Seudah Shlshit Rennert Hall in Kraft

This is the usual schedule, our website has the most updated info

Questions? Contact **Jason Strauss**, **Adam Hanau**, and **Leah Greenstein** (Head Gabbaim) at

yavnehgabbai@googlegroups.com

SHABBAT IN YAVNEH

Friday Night Davening

WITH YAVNEH IN RENNERT HALL (LOWER LEVEL OF KRAFT)
WITH KOACH ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF KRAFT

Dinner

SHABBAT MEALS (COMMUNAL DINNER) IN HEWITT (BARNARD DINING ROOM)

After Dinner

WHATEVER YOU WANT...

SOMETIMES THERE ARE:

YAVNEH TISCHES OR ONEGS,
BEIT MIDRASH COMMITTEE "TEA & TORAH" (4TH FLOOR OF KRAFT),
HILLEL HANG-OUT (2ND FLOOR OF KRAFT)

Shacharit

WITH YAVNEH IN RENNERT HALL
WITH KOACH ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF KRAFT

Lunch

SHABBAT MEALS IN HEWITT
OR WITH FRIENDS IN A DORM

Shiur by Your Peers

WEEKLY SHIUR GIVEN BY A STUDENT 45 MINUTES BEFORE MINCHA

Mincha

WITH YAVNEH IN RENNERT HALL
WITH KOACH ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF KRAFT

Seduah Shlishit

WITH THE ENTIRE HILLEL COMMUNITY, IN RENNERT HALL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS MINCHA

Maariv

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS SEDUAH SHLISHIT
WITH YAVNEH IN RENNERT HALL
WITH KOACH ON THE 3RD FLOOR

Havdala

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS MAARIV IN RESPECTIVE LOCATIONS, OR WITH ALL OF HILLEL IN KRAFT LOBBY



Where to eat on the Upper West Side

(Courtesy of www.koshertopia.com)

Name	Phone	Address	Category	\$	Hashgacha
Alibaba	(212) 787-6008	515 Amsterdam (W. 85th)	Meat: Middle Eastern	2	Kosher La-Mehadrin - R' Avrohom Marmorstein
Bagel Basket	(212) 721-1800	618 Amsterdam (W. 89th & 90th)	Dairy: Bagel, Sandwich, Pizza	1	R' Aaron D. Mehlman
Bagels & Co.	(212) 496-9400	393 Amsterdam (79th)	Dairy: Bagel, Sandwich Pizza	1	NY Kosher - R' Yaakov Neiman
Cafe 76 at the JCC	(646) 505-4399	334 Amsterdam Ave (W. 75 & W. 76)	Dairy: Cafe, Sandwich, Pizza, Dessert, Bagel, Salad	1	R' Aaron D. Mehlman
Darna	(212) 721-9123	600 Columbus (W. 89th)	Meat: Moroccan, Middle Eastern	2	OU
Dunkin Donuts	(212) 864-1046	687 Amsterdam (W. 94th)	Dairy	1	R' Aaron D. Mehlman
Estihana	(212) 501-0393	221 W. 79 St. (Broadway & Amst.)	Meat: Chinese, Thai, Sushi, Oriental	2	Vaad Harabonim of Flatbush
Gan Asia	(212) 280-3800	691 Amsterdam (W. 93rd & 94th)	Meat: Thai, Chinese, Sushi, Oriental	1	Kosher La-Mehadrin - R' Avrohom Marmorstein
H & H Bagels (bagels only)	(212) 595-8000	2239 Broadway (W. 79th & 80th)	Pareve	1	Star-K
Kasbah	(212) 496-1500	251 W. 85th (Broadway & West End)	Meat: Deli, Sandwich, Soup, Grill, Burger	2	OK
The Kosher Marketplace	(212) 580-6378	2442 Broadway (90 & 91)	Supermarket	2	Kosher La-Mehadrin - R' Avrohom Marmorstein
Mike's Bistro	(212) 799-3911	228 W. 72nd (Broadway & West End)	Meat: Steakhouse, American	3	OU
Mike's Italian Kitchen and Pizzeria	(212) 362-0700	654 Amsterdam (Cor. W. 92nd)	Dairy: Italian, Pizza, Salad, Soup, Pasta	2	Kosher La-Mehadrin - R' Avrohom Marmorstein
Caffe Mocias	(347) 533-2800	711 Amsterdam (W. 94th & 95th)	Dairy: Cafe, Breakfast, Coffee, Sandwich, Dessert	2	R' Aaron D. Mehlman
My Most Favorite Food	(212) 580-5130	247 W. 72nd (Broadway & West End)	Dairy: Italian, Fish, Desserts, Pasta	3	OK
Cafe Nana	(347) 244-0033	606 W. 115 St (Riverside Dr. & Bdwy)	Dairy	1	R' Y. Hain, Columbia/Barnard Hillel
Noi Due	(212) 712-2222	143 West 69th (Bdwy & Columbus)	Dairy: Italian, Pizza, Salad, Soup, Coffee	2	R' Aaron D. Mehlman
PrimeKo	(212) 496-1888	217 W. 85th (Broadway & West End)	Meat: Japanese, Steakhouse	3	OU
Cafe Roma	(212) 875-8972	854 Amsterdam (W. 101st & 102nd)	Dairy: Pizza, Falafel Salad	1	Kosher La-Mehadrin - R' Avrohom Marmorstein
Screme Gelato Bar	(212) 362-2111	2030 Broadway (W 69 & 70)	Dairy: Ice Cream, Yogurt, Dessert	1	R' Aaron D. Mehlman [Open Shab.]
Soom Soom	(212) 712-2525	166 W. 72nd (Amst. & Columbus)	Veg: Middle Eastern, Israeli, Falafel, Salad	1	R' Aaron D. Mehlman
Supersol	(212) 222-6332	661 Amsterdam (W. 92nd & 93rd)	Supermarket	1	Vaad of Riverdale
Talia's Steakhouse & Bar	(212) 580-3770	668 Amsterdam (92nd & 93rd)	Meat: American, Middle Eastern. Steakhouse	3	Kosher La-Mehadrin - R' Avrohom Marmorstein