

Transitions:

**A GUIDE FOR THE FAMILIES
OF FIRST-YEAR LIST COLLEGE STUDENTS
2011–2012**



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Dear List College Parent,

I am pleased to welcome you and your List College student—*our* List College student—to The Jewish Theological Seminary. I hope you will both become an integral part of the List family.

All five schools of JTS are united in their commitment to preparing future leaders for the North American Jewish community and the world. Detailed knowledge of Jewish history and tradition is essential for this effort, as are the skills needed to bring that knowledge to bear on contemporary challenges. As I have told List students on many occasions, I hope they will gain more than exercise in their walks back and forth along Broadway. I hope that they will bring the wisdom gained from Jewish history and texts to the lab and to every one of their endeavors. And vice versa: Jewish tradition and community will be enriched when students infuse them with the finest knowledge and insights gained from exposure to every cutting-edge field. I am confident that our students will benefit greatly from the List program and that our communities as a whole benefit as well.

Community is vital to List College. We strive to build community at the College every day, and we take great pride in the fact that our students tell us that this is one of the most precious parts of their List experience. In that spirit, let me invite you to let us know if there's anything we can do to increase your student's sense of that "at-home" feeling at List or to strengthen your connection to us.

Once again, welcome. I look forward to greeting you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arnold Eisen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Arnold" being more prominent than the last name "Eisen".

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Welcome!

As your son or daughter prepares to begin a new chapter in his or her life, you are undoubtedly filled with many emotions. You are sharing his or her excitement about the future. You probably also have many concerns and unanswered questions: Will he like his roommate? Will she do well in her classes? Will he be safe? One of the goals of our office is to make this transition easier for you and your son or daughter. It is our hope that the information contained in this guide will answer many of your questions and help alleviate your concerns. If you need further information or have more questions after you read this, please feel free to call us. We welcome you and your son or daughter to the JTS community and are looking forward to meeting you on move-in day, Sunday, August 28, 2011.

What happens during orientation?

Throughout orientation week, there are a variety of activities to help students become active members of the JTS, Columbia, and Barnard communities. Beginning on the first day of orientation, Student Life staff and List College student leaders provide all new students with support and advice, such as where they can eat, bank, and shop, and how to get around New York City. On **Sunday, August 28**, we will hold a special session in which parents can ask questions and talk about the family's adjustment to college.

How will students continue to learn about adjusting to college?

During the fall semester, students will take part in a weekly first-year seminar course, List 101, which is co-facilitated by the Office of Student Life and the List College Dean's Office. This course addresses many of the issues students deal with as they adjust to college life and fosters group cohesiveness.

How do students become involved in extracurricular activities at JTS?

Throughout the school year we provide a variety of programs for the JTS community, including holiday celebrations and religious services, Israel programs, ice cream socials, barbecues, and learning programs. The List College Student Council offers social activities specifically for undergraduates, including Shabbat dinners, finals noshes, and trips to museums. Our residence halls' Jewish Life directors also arrange interesting programs, classes, and workshops on a variety of religious and cultural issues. The Va'ad Gemilut Hasadim: Susan and Jack Rudin Center for Community Outreach provides students with many opportunities to do volunteer work. Students may also volunteer and become involved in student organizations at Columbia or Barnard including the Columbia/Barnard Hillel-Kraft Center for Jewish Life.

How will the Student Life staff get to know the students?

Because our office has snacks, hungry students come through our door for a quick hello or a longer conversation about whatever is on their minds. The Jewish Life directors, resident directors, and resident advisers who live in the JTS residence halls also get to know students personally and are available to help and guide students. These individuals play an integral role in the personal, intellectual, and spiritual development of undergraduate students and have a significant impact on first-year students as they adjust to their new home.

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What changes can I expect in my son or daughter during college?

During the next four years at college, your son or daughter will grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. First-year students learn to make decisions on their own. Students grow and gain independence through peer relationships, course work, and extracurricular involvement. They gain a sense of responsibility by learning to budget their time and balance their checkbooks.

Many List College students also go through a period of religious exploration. The residence hall environment and the JTS and Columbia/Barnard communities will provide many opportunities for students to learn more about religious practice and to explore their own level of observance. The Jewish Life directors in the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall run a variety of programs designed for the diverse population of List College, and are also available to help students as they explore their Jewish identity. Students living in Barnard residence halls are encouraged to attend these events.

How can I help my son or daughter with these transitions?

There are many ways you can be helpful to your student during this time of growth, development, and change:

- Be supportive. Just knowing that you are available to talk, listen, and offer encouragement can be very reassuring. Support from siblings who have already gone through their first year of college is often helpful.
- Be understanding. Recognizing the stress and concerns that students face can make a difference when your student feels overwhelmed.
- Trust your son or daughter. Allowing him or her to make decisions and solve problems independently can help build self-confidence.
- Refer to resources. It is helpful to remind your son or daughter of the resources available at school (both JTS and Columbia/Barnard): Student Life, deans, Residence Life, Health Services, and Counseling Services.

What do all of these changes mean for me?

As your son or daughter gains more independence, your relationship may change. When students visit home for the first time after being away at college, they often expect their parents to interact with them as adults, not as children. For example, you may ask your daughter to

return home by midnight on Saturday, and she may think you are being unreasonable. It might be helpful to sit down together to try to come to an understanding about guidelines when he or she returns home.

Although students want their parents to recognize their independence and separation, they also need to know that they are still a part of the family. It is helpful to keep their rooms the same as they left them so that they know it is still their home. In addition, it is best to be honest about family events or problems. For instance, if a relative is ill, your instinct may be to hide the illness in order to prevent your son or daughter from worrying. However, honesty usually proves to be much more helpful in the long run and may prevent students from feeling isolated.

How can I help myself adjust?

There is no simple recipe for parents who are adjusting to their children leaving home for college. However, two essential ingredients are the skill of listening and the ability to keep an open mind. Use your friends and fellow parents of List College students as resources. There are also a number of books available on transition issues and first-year experiences. We highly recommend *Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years*, by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger. You may want to keep a box of tissues handy!

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Welcome to the Best of Both Worlds

Your son or daughter has chosen to pursue a unique path for the undergraduate experience. Whether this is your first son or daughter to enter college, your last, your only, or someone in between, you undoubtedly share our excitement about this significant milestone in your student's life. This guide marks the beginning of what we are confident will be a positive and important relationship, for all of us share a common goal: the growth and well-being of our students.

As a List College student, your son or daughter will benefit from the dedication and involvement of many individuals at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Columbia University, and Barnard College. The entire List College community, from the Office of Student Life to the faculty and

staff, is committed to the success of our students, and we take advantage of our small size to reach out individually to each and every student.

As parents, your support and encouragement mean a lot. As your son or daughter flourishes in the Joint Program or Double Degree Program, we hope that you will also find yourselves benefiting from “the best of both worlds.”

How do the dual-degree programs actually work?

Academically, List College students have selected a challenging route. In both the Joint Program with Columbia University and the Double Degree Program with Barnard College, students fulfill requirements in a core curriculum, in their major, and in general electives, totaling 156 credits. When your son or daughter receives the registration packet, we encourage you to sit together to become familiar with the core curriculum. Reading through the course descriptions will give you an excellent idea of what students learn here.

How are students placed into Hebrew language classes?

By now, all entering students should have received the JTS Hebrew Placement Exam by email (any student who has not received this email should be in touch ASAP with [Associate Dean Rebecca Grabiner](#) in the List College Office). Students print out the document, take the exam by themselves on the honor system, and return it to the JTS Hebrew Department by the specified deadline. Based on this exam, all students are initially placed into and registered for Hebrew classes at the appropriate level.

How many classes do students take each semester?

In order to help entering students with course selection in their first semester, the List College Dean's Office sends all entering students a pre-advising letter over the summer with academic information, Hebrew placement test results, and a chart outlining course selection options. Most first-year students begin by taking four or five courses. For their first semester, students typically take Hebrew and a First-Year Seminar or a Jewish History class at List, and University Writing / First-Year English and another course (anthropology, political science, sociology, calculus, chemistry, etc.) at Columbia or Barnard. Once they become accustomed to the rigors of their academic and social schedules, students generally take up to 18 credits (usually six classes) a semester.

Do all students finish in four years?

Approximately 85 percent of List College students graduate in four years. Often this includes a semester or two of summer school. Summer school at List College is not a remedial program. Most students choose to take courses in the summer in order to lighten their academic load during the year. Summer school is a great opportunity for students to find an internship, complete course work, and enjoy the cultural offerings of the city while living in JTS housing. When students take longer than four years to complete their degrees (the national average time spent in college is between four and five years), they usually spend the additional semester(s) finishing up at one of the two schools and/or preparing for a prospective career.

How often do students meet with their academic advisers?

During orientation and each semester following, students are required to meet with their academic adviser in the List College Dean's Office. At these meetings, students review their progress toward fulfilling core requirements and also take time to explore long-range planning issues, such as possible majors. The same process exists at Columbia and Barnard with the respective deans. Our offices are in close contact year-round, especially during registration. We make every effort to ensure that students are poised for success at both schools. We also keep in regular contact with List College faculty concerning students' performance, both when

students face difficulties and when they are doing well. Occasionally we contact students directly in order to address specific concerns. Students often schedule longer appointments in order to strategize with us about their plans over several semesters, including study-abroad opportunities, summer options, and career goals.

What about other types of advising?

We welcome students to stop by the List College Dean's Office to keep us informed about their broader college experiences and to share news of a personal achievement or family event. Whenever students are experiencing difficulties of any kind, we encourage them to meet with us. College poses challenges for all students, and the sooner we are aware of specific issues, the more quickly we can work with the student to address them. Throughout JTS, Columbia, and Barnard, there are a number of tutoring and counseling resources that are available to our students, and we are happy to guide students to such services when necessary.

When do students select a major?

At List College, the major is made up of 10 courses (30 credits). Students generally select their majors at the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year. At Columbia/Barnard, students usually choose a major around the same time. The more certain a student is of a major, the more planning can be done to make his or her schedule more manageable, but it is common for students to change majors. After designating a major at each school, students choose or are assigned an adviser in each field. Because both List College and Columbia/Barnard have substantial core curricula, the major should not be seen as a limiting factor in terms of post-college life (i.e., jobs). Students who major in Economics can go on to a career in publishing, and English majors can end up in medical school. This flexibility is an important advantage of a liberal arts education.

My son or daughter really wants to study abroad. Can he or she still finish in four years?

Yes! In fact, *many* List College students decide to spend a semester or two abroad, often at Hebrew University in Jerusalem or another Israeli university. Students find their time away to be very valuable, not least because they often earn a lot of college credit. We strongly advise that students who are interested in studying abroad consult with the List College Dean's Office as early as possible in order to plan their current and future schedules accordingly. For example, certain required courses are easier to transfer from study-abroad programs, and others are best taken at JTS. We also help students understand the administrative and financial logistics of studying abroad. Planning in advance can save a lot of worry. Also, email and video-chatting are terrific means of international communication, and we encourage our students abroad to keep in touch on a regular basis to make sure that the classes taken will fulfill requirements.

Can my son or daughter receive AP credit?

Yes. Credit from qualifying AP scores can count toward your List College elective requirements. List adheres to Columbia and Barnard's standards to determine how much AP credit to award and which AP subjects and scores are eligible for credit. You should arrange to have your AP scores sent to Columbia (Joint Program students) or Barnard (Double Degree students) for processing. A chart of AP tests, scores, and credit available can be found in one of the following locations:

For Joint Program students: <http://www.gs.columbia.edu/ap-credit>

For Double Degree students: <http://www.barnard.edu/registrar/external-credit/ap>

How will I know whether my son or daughter is doing well?

Grade reports are sent to students each semester. In accordance with federal law (commonly known as FERPA—Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974), copies of transcripts

are generally sent only to the student at his or her permanent address. Letters informing students that they have made the Dean's List (a minimum of 9 credits per semester with a GPA of 3.5 or better) are also sent to students. The best way to know how your son or daughter is doing is to ask him or her. Keep in mind that though we do not routinely contact parents, the List College Dean's Office is always available to you. We urge you to keep the lines of communication open with your son or daughter during this time of transition, and we hope that you are able to share in his or her excitement as he or she moves forward on the path toward independence.

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When do students register for classes?

First-year students register at JTS and at Columbia/Barnard during orientation. In subsequent semesters, students will register during the preceding semester. For example, students will register for spring classes during the fall semester. When classes begin the following fall, students will be able to change their courses or confirm those courses for which they have already preregistered.

How will students know about registration?

In July, students will receive an email explaining how to download all of the online registration materials. Students will be able to access complete course listings, immunization forms, schedules, faculty listings, and academic calendars.

What is the registration process?

1. All students meet with the List College dean or the List College associate dean for academic advising. Students who are in the Joint Program with Columbia University will also register at Columbia. Students in the Double Degree Program with Barnard College will register and pay their Barnard charges at Barnard. Double Degree students will receive a separate bill from JTS for their charges at JTS.
2. For the first semester, the List College adviser will register students during the orientation-week advising meetings through JTS's online registration system. In subsequent semesters, students will be able to register online in advance of their

advising meeting, and advisers will then approve or help students amend course selections during the meeting.

When is payment due?

New students will receive estimated bills by July 22, 2011, and payment is due by August 22, 2011. The estimated bill for students in the Joint Program with Columbia is based on 9 credits at List College and 6 credits at Columbia.

Any adjustments made during the registration period will be billed and sent at the end of registration, which is September 12. The adjusted balances are due September 26, 2011.

Checks should be payable to The Jewish Theological Seminary and sent to:

Office of the Bursar
The Jewish Theological Seminary
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Is there a payment plan available?

The Bursar's Office at JTS offers an interest-free, monthly payment option in cooperation with Tuition Management Systems. This enables you to pay academic expenses in affordable monthly payments instead of in lump sums each semester. Information regarding Tuition Management Systems will be included in the registration packet.

Calendar Highlights—Fall Semester 2011

August		
28	Sunday	List College (LC) orientation begins. Residence halls open for students attending orientation(s) at 8:00 a.m.
September		
6	Tuesday	Classes begin.
12	Monday	Last day to register for the Fall 2011 semester
28	Wednesday	Erev Rosh Hashanah—no JTS classes
29–30	Thursday–Friday	Rosh Hashanah—no JTS classes on 9/29
October		
7	Friday	Erev Yom Kippur
8	Saturday	Yom Kippur
12	Wednesday	Erev Sukkot—no JTS classes
13–14	Thursday–Friday	Sukkot—no JTS classes on 10/13
15–18	Saturday–Tuesday	Hol Ha'moed Sukkot—JTS classes begin at 8:35 a.m. on 10/17 and 10/18.
19	Wednesday	Hoshanah Rabbah—no JTS classes
20	Thursday	Shemini Atzeret—no JTS classes
21	Friday	Simhat Torah
November		
7–8	Monday–Tuesday	List College Election Day recess List College classes canceled
14–18	Monday–Friday	Registration for Spring 2012
24–27	Thursday–Sunday	Thanksgiving recess—no classes
December		
8	Thursday	Last day of JTS classes
13–14	Tuesday– Wednesday	JTS reading days
15–21	Thursday– Wednesday	JTS final examinations
21–28	Wednesday– Wednesday	Hanukkah
22	Thursday	JTS makeup final examination day

Calendar Highlights—Spring Semester 2012

January		
16	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—no classes
17	Tuesday	Classes begin.
23	Monday	Last day to register for the Spring 2012 semester Incomplete work from Fall 2011 semester due
February		
8	Wednesday	Tu Bishvat
20	Monday	Presidents' Day—no JTS classes
March		
1	Thursday	2012–2013 Financial Aid applications due
5–6	Monday–Tuesday	Registration for Summer 2012 courses
7	Wednesday	Ta'anit Esther—no (evening) JTS classes after 5:20 p.m.
8	Thursday	Purim—no JTS classes
12–16	Monday–Friday	List College—no classes (Columbia/Barnard Spring Recess)
April		
5–15	Thursday–Sunday	Pesah recess—no JTS classes
16–20	Monday–Friday	Registration for Fall 2012
19	Thursday	Yom Hasho'ah
25	Wednesday	Yom Hazikkaron
26	Thursday	Yom Ha'atzma'ut
30	Monday	Last day of JTS classes
May		
1–2	Tuesday– Wednesday	JTS reading days
3–9	Thursday– Wednesday	JTS final examinations
10	Thursday	JTS makeup final examination day Lag Ba'omer
13	Sunday	Residence Halls close for all non-graduating and non-Summer Sessions students by 5:00 p.m.
17	Thursday	Commencement

A more detailed academic calendar (including dates for summer school sessions) can be found on our website, www.jtsa.edu. Please keep the final exam schedules in mind when making travel plans for winter and summer breaks. The Columbia academic calendar can be found at www.columbia.edu and the Barnard academic calendar can be found at www.barnard.edu.

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Where do students at JTS live?

First- and second-year List College students live in the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall (MSRH). Students in the Double Degree Program with Barnard have the option of living in Barnard residence halls or MSRH. MSRH is located at 415 West 120th Street (between Amsterdam Avenue and Morningside Drive), three blocks from the JTS campus.

What amenities does MSRH have?

Opened in September 1976, this building provides modern facilities for our undergraduate students, including central air conditioning. Many renovations have recently been made to improve the quality of life for MSRH residents. All students have full-size, eat-in kosher kitchens with modern appliances shared by neighbors on their floor. An assembly room, conference room, music lounge (including a baby grand piano), TV lounge, and study library are some of the amenities available for MSRH residents. Most floors and all common bathrooms are single-sex. Common-area open lounges on each floor provide a comfortable atmosphere for socializing and studying. Room furnishings include a bed (an 80" twin-long mattress and frame), desk, chair, wardrobe, and dresser for each resident. Most bedrooms also have a mirror, sink, and wall shelving. A self-service, card-operated laundry room is located in the basement.

How is MSRH unique?

At JTS, the Residence Life and Student Life staffs work together with residents in MSRH to foster a Jewish atmosphere for student growth and development. The residential staff works closely with all residents to create a living environment in keeping with the Conservative Movement's understanding of Jewish tradition, while recognizing diverse legitimate positions, most especially concerning Shabbat and kashrut observance. We also encourage our residents to participate in Jewish cultural life at Columbia/Barnard and throughout the New York area.

What can students living at MSRH expect upon arrival on move-in day on August 28?

Move-in day is special for both parents and students. The Offices of Residence Life and Student Life coordinate move-in day so that the process is as smooth and stress-free as possible. When you arrive, we suggest that you pull up in front of the building, on the north side of West 120th Street. An orientation staff member or resident adviser (RA) will assign an unloading station on the sidewalk along the front of the building. These unloading stations are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Check-in begins inside the lobby of MSRH at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m., just before the 11:00 a.m. brunch program begins. You will unload your car, and then park your car on the street or in a local garage. Several student staff members will help your students carry their belongings to their new rooms, and dollies will be available for the heaviest items. As each unloading station is called up, students will be introduced to building resident directors (RDs), Jewish Life Directors (JLDs), and RAs. They will receive packets of

information containing their room and building keys, ID stickers, the housing policy, orientation schedule, and other information from List College, Residence Life, Student Life, Facilities Management, and Information Technology.

Double Degree students living at Barnard: A List College orientation leader will be at the Barnard gates beginning at 7:00 a.m. to greet you and to escort you to JTS for the welcome brunch.

What types of activities are offered in the residence halls?

The residence hall staff plans a variety of cultural, social, and educational events for all residents. Community service projects, day trips, lectures, game nights, and interactive workshops are all part of residential programming. Jewish Life directors offer many programs, including Shabbat meals, holiday workshops, and opportunities to visit neighborhood synagogues.

What staff is available for students in the residence halls?

The live-in residential staff in MSRH is composed of two resident directors, four upper-class List College students who serve as resident advisers, and two Jewish Life directors. All of these staff members are available to assist students in adapting to college life and making a home in the residence hall. The RDs and RAs share nightly on-call rotation, so that in an emergency there is always a staff member available. In the evening of the first day, RAs will hold mandatory community meetings to introduce residents to each other, help familiarize them with the building's amenities, and answer questions about policy, procedures, and life at JTS. The JLDs will hold communal kitchen meetings during the first week of school to help residents understand and adhere to the kashrut standards of the kitchens.

How do students arrange for telephone service?

Each floor of MSRH has a telephone in a common area that is connected to the campus-wide JTS phone system. These phones are set for local calls only. Students will need a mobile phone if they would like to make long distance calls.

Is cable television service available?

Basic cable service is provided by Time Warner Cable to MSRH residents at no additional cost. Each room is equipped with at least one cable box, remote, and modem. Television sets are not provided by JTS. To use the cable boxes, televisions must be cable-ready. Students do not have access to pay-per-view options or premium movie channels.

How safe are students in the residence halls?

There are JTS security guards stationed in MSRH 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including Shabbat. Guards perform hourly building rounds. All JTS students, faculty, staff, and visitors must present photo identification when entering JTS buildings. Students have exterior door keys to enter their own residence halls, but must present their JTS ID card to enter any other building. In addition, a neighborhood patrol circles the area regularly in the evenings. There are free security-escort services in the area provided by Columbia University and Barnard College, and available to students. If a student is uncomfortable walking alone, he or she can be escorted to his or her destination. During orientation, there will be presentations on personal

and property safety both on and off campus. We require students to keep their JTS ID cards and keys with them at all times, and lock their doors, even if they are near their rooms.

Do students need property insurance?

We strongly recommend that each student have personal property insurance to protect against theft, flood or fire damage, or other disasters. JTS assumes no responsibility for any damage to or loss of a student's personal property. If your son or daughter is still your legal dependent, their belongings may be covered under your homeowner's insurance policy. However, if you do not have such coverage, or are not certain that your insurance covers the student's property, we strongly suggest you obtain this coverage. Additional information about personal property insurance is available through the Office of Residence Life. We will be happy to refer you to companies that provide student property insurance.

Can parents visit anytime?

Guests are admitted to MSRH only with the approval of the host resident. For example, if you come to visit, the guard will call your son or daughter upon your arrival for approval. Your son or daughter must meet you in the lobby and sign you into the residence hall. If you drop by unexpectedly, the security guard will not be able to allow you to enter the building without your son or daughter's permission. Although this policy is strict, it is the only way to ensure the safety of our residents in our urban environment.

How will students apply for housing for sophomore year and thereafter?

Housing applications are distributed to residents each spring semester. The room selection process takes place in the middle of the spring semester. While room selection is based on seniority, a room is guaranteed for the duration of your student's time at List College.

Is summer housing available?

Summer housing is available to List College students enrolled in JTS Summer Sessions classes. Students taking classes toward degrees at Columbia or Barnard, or working at a job or internship related to their academic goals may apply for housing, but space is limited and not guaranteed during summer sessions. Summer housing applications are distributed in the early spring and are due later in the semester.

What should or shouldn't students bring to college?

If students are not sure what they will need in the residence hall, kitchen, or classroom, there are hardware, stationery, kitchen, and bath stores nearby that are accessible by subway, bus, and taxi. We encourage first-year students to call their roommate(s) when they receive their housing assignments in midsummer to coordinate the sharing of certain items, such as ironing boards and television sets.

Please remember that all small appliances and electrical equipment must be listed by Underwriters Laboratories (www.ul.com).

Before shopping, please be aware of the Fire and Personal Safety Policy items listed below.

Fire and Personal Safety Policy

Item 1: The following items are absolutely prohibited from the residence halls without exception:

- Alcohol (forbidden in MSRH only)
- Candles (except those used for Shabbat / Havdalah / *Yom Tov*)
- Corrosive, explosive, or inflammable devices, liquids, or materials
- Drugs and drug paraphernalia
- Full-size refrigerators (unless provided by JTS in a common or shared kitchen)
- Halogen lamps
- Incense
- Large personal furniture that is too large for the living space or common area
- Microwaves (except in common/apartment kitchens)
- Open-coil heating or cooking appliances, including toaster ovens
- Pets
- Weapons, firecrackers, explosives, or ammunition

Item 2: Shabbat Candle Lighting Policy: If students would like to light candles for Shabbat and holidays they may only use tea light candles. These candles must be placed in the kitchen, kept in metal cooking tins, and never left unattended. The lighting of candles anywhere else in the building is prohibited.

Item 3: Cooking is not permitted in resident rooms due to the laws of kashrut, fire safety, and pest control. Cooking is restricted to the kosher kitchen areas.

Item 4: Window decorations, tapestries, bedding, and other flammable materials may not rest on radiators and must be kept at least four inches from all heating units. Holiday lights are permitted; however, these must be UL listed and may not be hung near posters or other flammable materials.

Item 5: Stringing clothes lines, lights, wires, tapestries, posters, or any other decorations from or across the ceiling is strictly forbidden. Any and all room decorations of any kind may not be hung or attached any higher than eight inches from the ceiling.

Item 6: Windows, hallways, and entrances may not be covered with anything besides JTS shades or blinds with the sole exception of curtains hung from tension rods over windows that do not block egress in the event of an emergency.

Item 7: Tampering with, dismantling, or covering smoke detectors or fire system equipment is absolutely forbidden. Such behavior will be treated like arson and is subject to fines and serious disciplinary action.

Item 8: All residents are required to evacuate the residence halls when building fire alarms are sounded for any reason, without exception.

Item 9: All pathways to modes of egress in private spaces and common areas are to be kept clear at all times.

Item 10: Smoking is not permitted anywhere in any JTS residence hall, including all bedrooms and common areas of Brush, Goldsmith, and Mathilde Schechter residence halls.

Item 11: For the protection of walls, doors, and furniture: screws; large nails; scotch, masking, or duct tape; small picture hooks; and thumbtacks may not be used to hang any objects. Stickers may not be placed on walls or furniture. Drilling holes into walls or furniture is forbidden. Painting walls or furniture or installing carpet is also forbidden. Damage will result in a damage charge assessed to your student account. Fun Tack may be used to hang small items in limited quantity.

Item 12: Residents are solely responsible for their own personal safety and their property in their assigned living spaces. Residents are expected to carry their JTS ID cards or other photo identification and their building/room key(s) with them at all times. Students should keep room and apartment doors locked when away from their living area, even if they remain in the building.

Item 13: Residents are required and should be prepared to show their JTS ID card or other photo identification to a security guard or other JTS administrator upon request at any time without exception. JTS Security and authorized administrative staff reserve the right to refuse access to any JTS student or guest of a JTS student if proper identification cannot be verified.

Item 14: JTS students are responsible for the behavior of their guests and may not leave guests in the residence hall without their presence.

Item 15: JTS students may not lend or duplicate room, suite, or building entrance keys.

Item 16: JTS bears no responsibility for loss or damage to any personal property of residents or their guests, regardless of cause, whether in storage or an assigned room/suite/apartment.

Suggested Items (not an exhaustive list, but none of the items below are prohibited):

Alarm Clock	Fun Tack
All Bedding and Linens (<i>Mattresses measure 36x76 in GH and Brush [twin], and 36x80 in MSRH [twin long]</i>)	Hair Dryer
Area Rug	Iron / Folding Ironing Board
Art Supplies / Stationery	Judaica / Ritual Supplies
Bookends	Lamps (<i>Non-halogen floor or desk models</i>)
Bowls / Plates / Cups / Glasses / Eating and	Laundry Bag or Basket
Cooking Utensils / Pots and Pans /	Laundry Detergent
Tupperware (<i>separate dairy/meat sets</i>)	Plastic Crates
Calculator/Calendar/PDA	Portable Fan
Camera	Posters/Pictures/Photos
Can/Bottle Opener	Power Strip / Surge Protector
Cleaning Supplies	Radio / Small Stereo
Clothes Drying Rack	Rain Gear / Umbrella
Coffee Maker	Removable Wall / Window Decals
Computer/Printer	Robe/Slippers
Dictionary/Thesaurus	Ruler / Scissors / Stapler / Sewing Kit
Extension Cords	Shower Shoes and Caddy
Facial Tissue	Sponges / Dish Soap / Dish Towels
First Aid Kit	Toiletries
Folders/Notebooks	Tool Kit
	Trash Can / Bags

Dining Services

Dining Services at JTS
Brush First Floor, Box 129
(212) 678-8822, diningservices@jtsa.edu, www.jtsa.edu/dininghall
Richard Costas, Resident District Manager
Joseph Landa, Executive Chef
Tina Caban, Office Manager
Janet Parades, Catering Manager

What are the JTS Dining Hall hours of operation?

During the academic year, the hours of operation are Monday through Thursday:

Breakfast: 8:00–10:00 a.m.; lunch: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Dinner is not served, but with enough advance notice, takeout meals can be prepared. Additionally, at special times during the year, such as Sukkot, the JTS Dining Hall is open for dinner. Such events will be announced by the Office of Student Life.

What is a typical menu?

Breakfast features items such as fresh fruit, cottage cheese, hot and cold cereal, eggs, and muffins. Lunch offerings include hot and cold sandwiches, a selection of hot entrées, a soup and salad bar, drinks, and desserts. We offer a meat menu on Wednesdays, and dairy on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. A vegetarian menu is always available.

Is there rabbinical supervision?

Rabbi Joel Roth, Rav Hamakhshir, is responsible for assuring the kashrut of the kitchen. He supervises every aspect of the food-service operation, from the JTS Dining Hall to the catering services.

Are catering services available?

Catering services are available for meetings, student activities, gatherings, and events.

What types of meal plans are there at JTS?

There are two types of payment options available: students can pay for each meal with cash or with JTS Dining Dollars. The JTS Dining Dollars One-Card system conveniently enables students to use just one card as both a photo ID and as a declining-balance card to purchase meals in the JTS Dining Hall.

How do students set up a JTS Dining Dollars account?

After students receive their JTS photo ID card during orientation week, they may register for a JTS Dining Dollars account in the Dining Hall office. JTS Dining Dollars can be purchased by credit card, check, or cash. After students activate their JTS Dining Dollars account with the JTS Dining Hall, they will be able to purchase JTS Dining Dollars by credit card (\$50 minimum)

online at <https://mealplan.jtsa.edu>, or by cash or check in the Dining Hall Office. Students are welcome to contact Dining Services at (212) 678-8822 for further information.

What other dining options are available?

Columbia and Barnard also offer food plans based on a point system, in which one point equals one dollar. Students will be given information about the meal plans available to them during orientation. Since MSRH residents have kitchens, many students cook their own meals and also buy points at Barnard or Columbia after determining their schedules.

Double Degree / Barnard: All first-year students residing in Barnard residence halls are enrolled in the Unlimited Meal Plan. Hewitt Dining Hall has several options, including kosher, vegan, and vegetarian plans. It is advisable for Double Degree students to purchase points in addition to the meal plan because points can be used anywhere on the Columbia and Barnard campuses, allowing students to eat close to their classes. Hewitt Dining Hall provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and also serves Shabbat dinners and holiday meals.

Information Technology

Information Technology
Seventh-Floor Kripke Help Desk, Box 49
(212) 678-8901, support@jtsa.edu, www.jtsa.edu/nextgenIT

Network Login Information

A JTS network username is typically the first two letters of the first name, followed by the full spelling of the last name. For example, if your name were John Doe, your username would be jdoe. Your password is your first name and the last four digits of your student ID. If your name is John Doe, and your student ID is 12345678, your password is john5678. **Your student ID is not your Social Security number.** Your ID can be found on your student bill and/or class schedule.

Students will use this username and password to access JTS email, Blackboard, campus wireless, computers in the student computer lab, and MyJTS.

JTS Email Information

Email addresses are network username@jtsa.edu (for example, John Doe would be jdoe@jtsa.edu). Students can access their JTS email at <http://exweb.jtsa.edu> (on Windows, we recommend using Internet Explorer for the full-featured version of EXWEB). It is recommended that students change their passwords after logging into EXWEB for the first time. To do this, click on "Options" in the upper righthand corner of the page and then select "Change Password" from the menu on the left. When finished, click the "Save" button on the top of the page. This will also change the password for Blackboard, campus wireless, and the student computer lab. **Passwords changed in EXWEB will *not* be automatically changed in MyJTS.**

The Jewish Theological Seminary Student Email Communication Policy and

Guidelines: The Jewish Theological Seminary will send all official communications to the JTS email address. Please be advised that all JTS students are expected to check and read their JTS email account on a regular basis. **Failure to receive and read JTS communications in a timely manner does not absolve any student from knowing and complying with the content of such communications.**

Students may choose to download JTS emails to their personal email accounts, such as Gmail, or to a mobile device. Detailed information can be found at http://www.jtsa.edu/About_JTS/Administration/Information_Technology/Student_Resources/Email_FAQ.xml

Blackboard Information

With Blackboard, students can access their courses and view syllabi, e-readings, assignments, discussion boards, and much more. To access courses online, students may visit <http://jtsa.blackboard.com> and log in.

MyJTS Information

To register for a course, see a course schedule, or view an unofficial transcript, students should visit: <http://my.jtsa.edu/ics>. As noted above, passwords for MyJTS must be changed in MyJTS. To change your password in MyJTS, login and click “Personal Info” at the top of the page (next to “Logout”). Under “My Info,” click on the tab titled “Password and enter the new password information. When finished, click “Save.”

Computer/Internet Access on Campus

Students can access computers in the Seventh-Floor Computer Lab and The Library.

The Seventh-Floor Computer Lab is located on the seventh floor of the Kripke Tower and houses full computing workstations (with Hebrew capabilities) and laser printers. The hours during regular academic sessions are: Sunday: Noon–7:00 p.m.; Monday–Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.; and Friday–Saturday: closed. The computer lab is closed on all Jewish holidays and on national holidays. Extended hours go into effect during reading days and final examinations. Hours are subject to change during the semester.

The Library has terminals for the ALEPH system (our Hebrew-English electronic card catalog), as well as media resources such as the Encyclopedia Judaica CD-ROM, Soncino Judaic Classics, and the Bar Ilan Reference and Lieberman databases. Library resources are now available off-site. For more information, please go to www.jtsa.edu/Library.xml.

Wireless access is available in the following locations to anyone with a valid, active JTS username and password, using a laptop or any other Internet-capable mobile (wireless) device:

- Residence hall lounges
- All classrooms
- Dining Hall
- Private Dining Room
- Courtyard
- Feinberg Auditorium
- Mendelson Convocation Center
- The Library
- Wingate Auditorium
- Beit Midrash
- Seventh-Floor Computer Lab
- Student Life Lounge

Ethernet jacks are available in the following locations:

- Residence halls: Every room in the JTS residence halls has Ethernet jacks with fast Internet access. JTS and Information Technology staff can assist with the Ethernet card installation and configuration if needed. This will allow for direct access to the Internet. Any PC running Windows XP/Vista/7 should be fine. Older PCs will not be supported.
- Seventh-Floor Computer Lab: this facility has areas where students can plug in their laptops.
- The Library: Ethernet jacks for laptops can be found on the second floor.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the JTS website?

The JTS website is www.jtsa.edu.

Columbia and Barnard also have home pages: www.columbia.edu and www.barnard.edu.

Whom can students contact with IT questions?

Students should feel free to contact the IT Department with any questions about what type of computer to purchase or what is available at JTS. Just send an email message to support@jtsa.edu, and indicate that you have questions regarding computers in the residence halls. Someone from the IT department will respond to you as soon as possible.

Do Double Degree students living at Barnard have Ethernet access and whom do they contact for IT support?

Barnard residence halls are wired for Ethernet. Computers will need to be set up for the college's system. If Double Degree students have computer-related questions, Information Technology Services at Barnard can be reached at (212) 854-7172. All Barnard students should receive their Barnard email address during the summer.

Health

Office of Human Resources
Unterberg 108, Box 95
(212) 678-8014, hrdept@jtsa.edu
Diana Torres-Petrilli, Director
Batya Kopelowitz, Manager
Evan Alberhasky, Administrative Assistant

Do students have to be enrolled in a health insurance plan?

All full-time and residential students are required to have health insurance and to provide proof of that coverage to the JTS Office of Human Resources. For the purposes of health insurance, full-time is defined as 9 credits or more irrespective of school.

For students in the Double Degree Program, health services and insurance are administered through Barnard College. Double Degree students should NOT complete the JTS Student Health Insurance Enrollment/Waiver Forms.

Proof of coverage must be provided in one of two ways: (1) enrolling in either the Basic or Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan by completing the Student Health Insurance Enrollment Form or (2) waiving out of the Basic/Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plans as a result of comparable coverage by completing the Student Health Insurance Waiver Form.

We encourage you to complete and return the applicable form to the JTS Office of Human Resources by **June 30, 2011**. However, the last day to submit your form is September 30, 2011. If the form is not received by this deadline, your student will automatically be enrolled in the Basic Student Health Insurance Plan and charged accordingly. It is in your best interest to complete the Student Health Insurance Enrollment Form even if you wish to elect the Basic Student Health Insurance Plan. Student Health Insurance Enrollment and Waiver Forms will be distributed once the plan rates are published.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM AT THE START OF EVERY ACADEMIC YEAR. Enrollments or waivers will be valid for the entire academic year.

Joint Program, Columbia University Students (Double Degree Program, Barnard University Students see applicable section below)

Columbia Health

All full-time and residential students are automatically enrolled and charged for Student Health Services irrespective of whether or not the student waives out of the Basic/Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plans.

The Columbia Health program fee allows students access to Columbia Health, located in John Jay Hall on Columbia's campus. Columbia Health provides urgent, routine, and follow-up medical care. The services provided include primary care and women's health, and counseling and wellness programs. Detailed information about Columbia Health is available at their website: www.health.columbia.edu.

Basic/Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plans

The Basic/Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plans are administered by Aetna Student Health and are annual plans. Complete plan details, dependent enrollment, early enrollment, and continuation coverage options are available at the Aetna Student Health website: http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/stu_conn/student_connection.aspx?groupid=704502.

Basic Student Health Insurance Plan: provides students with emergency care, prescription coverage, physician office visits, outpatient and inpatient hospitalization, and mental health services.

Comprehensive Student Health Insurance Plan: includes all of the benefits provided under the basic level of coverage, as well as extensive benefits in certain other areas.

Schedule of Premiums

Coverage Period	Fall 2011	Spring and Summer 2012	Service
Columbia Health Program Fee	\$450	\$450	Access to Columbia Health
Basic Health Insurance	\$990 (Columbia Health Program Fee NOT Included)	\$1,522 (Columbia Health Program Fee NOT Included)	See the Aetna Student Health website (listed above)
Comprehensive Health Insurance	\$1,431 (Columbia Health Program Fee NOT Included)	\$2,207 (Columbia Health Program Fee NOT Included)	See the Aetna Student Health website (listed above)

The Basic/Comprehensive Health Insurance Plans are annual plans. The coverage dates for both plans are 9/1/2011 to 8/31/2012. **The plan election made is for the entire academic year and cannot be changed in the middle of a plan year.**

Double Degree Program, Barnard College Students

All Barnard Double Degree students, regardless of residence, are required to enroll in the Barnard Basic Health Insurance Plan at minimum. The Barnard Basic Health Insurance Plan allows Barnard students access to Barnard Health Services, located in Brooks Hall. Barnard Health Services employs doctors, nurse practitioners, and nurses who are available during business hours. It is not necessary to make an appointment, but it is advisable. Barnard also has a clinician on call twenty-four hours a day, at (866) 966-7788, in case of a medical emergency.

See the *Barnard's Parents' Guide* for more detailed information about the services offered at Barnard and how to register.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding health insurance, please call the JTS Office of Human Resources at (212) 678-8014.

Information about the Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccination

The New York State Public Health Law (NYS PHL 2167) requires colleges and universities to inform students about meningococcal disease and vaccination. The law requires all students registered for 6 or more credits to decide whether or not to be immunized, and to provide formal certification of their decision (proof of immunity will **not** be required).

JTS is required to maintain a record of the following for each student:

- A response to receipt of meningococcal disease and vaccine information signed by the student or the student's parent or guardian. These documents must include information on the availability and cost of meningococcal meningitis vaccine (Menomune), and *either*
 - a record of meningococcal meningitis immunization within the past 10 years, *or*
 - an acknowledgment of meningococcal disease risks and refusal of meningococcal meningitis immunization signed by the student or the student's parent or guardian.

- A form and information sheet will be included in the materials from the JTS Registrar's Office for all students to fill out and return during the registration period.

We recommend that you consider whether the immunization against meningococcal meningitis is appropriate for your son or daughter. Information about meningococcal meningitis and the vaccine is available on the Columbia Health website (www.health.columbia.edu/docs/services/immunizations/meningitis.html) and on the Go Ask Alice! health question-and-answer service (www.goaskalice.columbia.edu/1582.html).

If you decide to be immunized, please know that the vaccine is available by appointment in Medical Services at Columbia Health. For information and prices, please call Columbia Health at (212) 854-2284, or contact another primary care provider.

If you have additional questions about the meningococcal disease or vaccination, please email health@columbia.edu, or call Columbia University at (212) 854-2284 or JTS at (212) 678-8007.

If you have any questions regarding the immunization requirements, please contact the JTS Registrar's Office at registrar@jtsa.edu or (212) 678-8007.

Counseling Services

JTS Counseling Center
Brush 404, Box 105
(212) 280-6161, counseling@jtsa.edu, www.jtsa.edu/counseling
Dr. David Davar, PhD, Director

Does JTS offer counseling services?

The JTS Counseling Center provides free, confidential, short-term services to all JTS students. It is a place where your son or daughter can find someone to talk to if he or she is feeling hopeless, lonely, depressed, confused, upset over a relationship, or just plain stressed. No problem is too big or too small to bring to our professional team of psychologists and social workers.

We offer individual counseling, couples counseling, group counseling, and consultation services to all JTS students. Career interest testing to help students decide on their professional direction and a limited number of personal coaching sessions are also available. The Counseling Center staff will work with a student to decide the best course of action, which might include short-term counseling. When appropriate, referrals are made to a psychiatrist, private therapist, or agency.

Students come to us for many different reasons, including difficulties adjusting to undergraduate and graduate life; perfectionism; relationship issues; roommate conflicts; stress management; difficulty managing the academic workload; grief counseling; family problems; issues of sexual identity and orientation; concerns over body weight and eating habits; depression; anxiety; and panic attacks. The staff is also available to help students with concerns unique to their JTS experience.

Students may arrange to meet with Counseling Center staff by calling Dr. Davar at x6161 from within JTS or at (212) 280-6161.

What types of counseling services are available at Columbia?

Counseling services at Columbia are available to all JTS students. A professional staff of psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, psychiatric residents, and post-doctoral fellows in clinical psychology are available to discuss a wide variety of concerns, be they personal or about others. Concerns may include relationship issues; anxiety or depression; questions about career direction; difficulties concentrating or completing academic work; sleep difficulties; and concerns about body weight and eating. The service provides psychological counseling for a limited number of sessions, as well as emergency consultations. To facilitate a free and open discussion of all issues, strict standards of privacy and confidentiality governing therapist-client communications are maintained.

What types of counseling services are available for Double Degree students at Barnard?

Barnard offers counseling services for its students as part of the health plan. All visits are strictly confidential, and all doctors are certified. If long-term medication is needed, students are referred to off-campus psychiatrists for supervision.

Jewish Life

Is there a synagogue at JTS?

JTS houses two synagogues in the Schiff Building: the Women's League Seminary Synagogue (WLSS) and Stein Chapel.

WLSS is located on the second floor and offers egalitarian services that meet regularly on weekdays for *Shaharit* (morning prayers), *Minhah* (afternoon prayers), and *Ma'ariv* (evening prayers) at appropriate times when school is in session during the academic year. Community members also gather for Friday night and Saturday afternoon services while school is in session. Organized services take place on some Saturday mornings throughout the year.

Stein Chapel is located just off of the lobby in the Schiff Building and offers a non-egalitarian prayer service for *Shaharit*, *Minhah*, and *Ma'ariv* (at appropriate times) weekly while school is in session during the academic year. Weekday *Minhah* is a special time in both shuls to pray, learn, and celebrate with our diverse community that includes students, faculty, and staff.

Ma'ariv is arranged in the late evening for those students who live in residence halls.

Is there a rabbi for the JTS synagogues?

Rabbi Daniel Nevins, dean of The Rabbinical School, serves as the *Mara d'Atra* of the synagogue.

Can students lead services or read Torah at JTS?

Yes, yes, yes! Students may lead services and read Torah and Haftarah once they know the proper *nusah* and *trope*.

How do students celebrate Jewish holidays at JTS?

JTS is a wonderful place to celebrate Jewish holidays throughout the year. Following is a sample of how the major holidays are observed. Other holidays and significant Jewish dates are honored as well.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services are held at JTS. Information is provided for students about High Holiday services taking place at JTS, in local synagogues, and at Columbia/Barnard Hillel.

Sukkot: Sukkot at JTS is not to be missed. JTS builds two large sukkot in the courtyard that are decorated by members of Women's League for Conservative Judaism and students from local Hebrew schools. In addition, students in the residence halls, together with the staff, build a sukkah for each building. Students have the opportunity to eat together in the beautiful sukkot throughout the holiday.

Simhat Torah: Singing and dancing with the Sifrei Torah takes place during services. On Erev Simhat Torah, many students also enjoy the festivities at Columbia/Barnard Hillel and synagogues on the Upper West Side.

Purim: On Erev Purim, students enjoy festive services at JTS, Columbia, or synagogues on the Upper West Side. On Purim, the Office of Student Life organizes a *se'udah* with student entertainment. Students must reserve a seat at the *se'udah* at a subsidized price.

Pesah: There are no classes at JTS during Pesah, and the Dining Hall is closed. Many students go home for the sederim; the Office of Student Life helps find home hospitality for students looking for a place to attend the sederim. During Hol Hamo'ed, many kosher restaurants are open in New York City and grocery stores are stocked with food that is Kosher for Passover.

What options are available at Columbia and Barnard?

Students in the Joint and Double Degree Programs are also very active in Jewish life at Columbia and Barnard. Many List College students attend services on a regular basis and are involved in a variety of activities through the Columbia/Barnard Hillel. The Kraft Center for Jewish Life offers a variety of minyanim. Many undergraduates daven there as well as in synagogues throughout the vibrant Upper West Side community. The Kraft Center can be contacted at (212) 854-5111 or through its website: www.hillel.columbia.edu.

Community Outreach

Va'ad Gemilut Hasadim: Susan and Jack Rudin Center for Community Outreach
Unterberg 209, Box 105
(212) 678-8915, rudecalo@jtsa.edu, www.jtsa.edu/vaad
Ruth Decalo, Director of Student Life and Community Outreach

What is the Va'ad Gemilut Hasadim?

The Va'ad Gemilut Hasadim (“the Va'ad”) operates under the auspices of the Office of Student Life and provides the JTS community with a variety of opportunities to volunteer in the local community. The Va'ad's motto, “Helping out for heaven's sake,” underscores the fact that although Va'ad volunteers are not paid for their efforts, the rewards they receive are substantial. Through deeds of loving-kindness (*gemilut hasadim*), the Va'ad brings the Talmud to life as it transforms learning into action (*Talmud mavi l'yedai ma'aseh*).

JTS volunteers help prepare food at a local soup kitchen, visit the elderly, staff homeless shelters, and read with inner-city youth, among other community outreach activities.

How can students become involved in community service?

Entering List College students will participate in various volunteer and educational programs during the first-year seminar, List 101. This provides new students with the opportunity to serve our local community and to learn about the individuals who live in our neighborhood. At the beginning of the semester, the Va'ad staff introduces the various volunteer programs to the students through orientations and presentations.

What types of projects does the Va'ad coordinate for the JTS community?

Programs coordinated through the Va'ad include: educational workshops; volunteer programs; bi-annual clothing, blood, and food drives; and an annual Tzedakah Campaign.

Career Development

List College Office
Brush 510, Box #21
(212) 678-8826, www.jtsa.edu/x714.xml

How does List College help your son or daughter prepare for a career?

The List College assistant dean serves as a resource to help students explore their career interests and showcase their unique achievements. Individualized career counseling represents one of the great advantages of attending a small school that is committed to providing personal attention to each student. The assistant dean is available for one-on-one career counseling, internship and job-placement assistance, and help with other skills related to postcollege employment or graduate work. List College maintains a database of board members, parents, and alumni; facilitates mentoring relationships and internship opportunities for students; and

offers workshops in career exploration. If you have any questions, you can reach the assistant dean in the List College Dean's Office.

What other career-development services are available to students?

Columbia and Barnard each have excellent career service offices. Students can take advantage of career fairs, on-campus recruitment, exposure to alumni in different fields, and a vast database of jobs. Students are encouraged to use these resources in tandem with List College's personalized approach. List College maintains close ties with Columbia's consortium of career-service professionals. New York City remains the most dynamic city for just about every field and industry, and we encourage students to take advantage of this wide range of opportunities.

Mail

What mailing address do I use to send letters and packages to my son or daughter at MSRH?

Please address all mail to JTS housing in the following format:

Student's Name
Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall
415 West 120th Street
New York, NY 10027

Can I ship my son's or daughter's belongings in advance?

JTS has no storage facilities for advance shipping. Students must arrange for their belongings to arrive after they move into the residence hall.

What mailing address do I use to send letters and packages to my daughter at Barnard housing?

Please address all mail to Barnard housing in the following format:

Student's Name
Altschul #####
New York, NY 10027-####

All Barnard students receive mailboxes in the student center. The box numbers will be sent to them during the summer by Barnard and will remain the same for their time at Barnard. If there is a problem with the box number, the student should contact the Barnard College Registrar's Office at (212) 854-2011.

Banking

Will my son or daughter need a checking account and credit card at school?

Most students open their own checking accounts and many apply for credit cards. Having a bank account is convenient and is also a good opportunity for students to learn to manage their money. Most banks require a minimum balance and have accounts geared specifically for students. Overdraft protection is a valuable feature, particularly if this is the first time your son or daughter is using a checking account. Credit cards are helpful because they minimize the amount of cash students need to carry. Since having both a checking account and a credit card may be a new experience for your son or daughter, we suggest that you explain the responsibilities involved to help him or her avoid credit-card debt and fraud.

Are there banks close to JTS?

There are several banks within a few blocks of JTS, Columbia, and Barnard, including Chase and Citibank. Information about neighborhood banks will be available to students at Columbia during orientation week. Citibank offers free checking for Columbia and Barnard students. All ATMs on the Columbia and Barnard campuses are Citibank. The Citibank ATM at Columbia is in Lerner Hall next to Café 212; the one at Barnard is in Barnard Hall on 117th Street; and the branch ATM is located at 2861 Broadway (at 111th Street). There is a Chase ATM near campus at 2824 Broadway (at 109th Street).

Important Telephone Numbers

JTS Main Line: (212) 678-8000

JTS Emergency Line: (212) 678-8888

Columbia University Main Line: (212) 845-1754

Barnard College Main Line: (212) 854-5262

JTS: (212) 678 + extension		Columbia/Barnard: (212) 854 + extension	
<u>Office</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Extension</u>
Student Life	8839	Barnard Housing	5561
Bursar	8830	Barnard Dean's Office	2024
Financial Aid / Registrar	8007	Columbia University General Studies	2772
Human Resources	8014	Barnard Information	5262
Residence Life	8035	Columbia Information	1754
List College Dean's Office	8826		
List College Admissions	8832		
JTS Counseling Center	280-6161		
JTS Security	8087		
JTS Emergency Line	8888		
JTS Facilities Management	8095		

Websites:

JTS: www.jtsa.edu

Columbia: www.columbia.edu

Barnard: www.barnard.edu

Visiting JTS

How do I get to JTS?

The Jewish Theological Seminary is located at 3080 Broadway (at the corner of 122nd Street) and can be reached by car, subway, or bus.

Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall is at 415 West 120th Street (between Amsterdam Avenue and Morningside Drive).

Barnard College is on Broadway and 117th Street (west side).

By car:

From Connecticut and points north: Take I-95 south to Route 9A south, which will become the Henry Hudson Parkway. Continue south on the Henry Hudson Parkway and take Exit 12 (125th Street). Merge onto an unmarked street (Marginal Street) for a short distance, then turn left onto Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard / West 125th Street. Turn right onto Broadway, then left onto 122nd Street.

From Newark Airport and points south: Take the New Jersey Turnpike North to Exit 16E (Lincoln Tunnel). Take the Lincoln Tunnel (I-495E) into Manhattan. Take the left exit toward 40th Street and North / West Side Highway. Merge onto Dyer Avenue. Turn left onto West 42nd Street. Turn right onto 12th Ave / West Side Highway. Take the West 96th Street exit. Merge onto West 96th Street. Turn left onto Broadway. JTS will be on your right at the corner of Broadway and 122nd Street in approximately 1¼ miles.

From Teaneck and points west: Take the George Washington Bridge (I-95N / US-9N) into Manhattan. Take the Route 9A / Henry Hudson Parkway / 178th Street exit. Merge onto the Henry Hudson Parkway / NY-9AS. Take Exit 12 toward West 125th Street. Merge onto an unmarked street (Marginal Street) for a short distance, then turn left onto Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard / West 125th Street. Turn right onto Broadway, then left onto 122nd Street.

From LaGuardia Airport and points east: Take the Grand Central Parkway (I-278) to the RFK (Triborough) Bridge into Manhattan. Take the Manhattan / Randall's–Wards Island / Downing Stadium exit and merge onto the Triborough Bridge. Take the ramp toward Harlem River Drive / 125th Street–Second Avenue. Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto East 125th Street / Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard and drive approximately 1½ miles. Turn left onto Broadway, then left onto 122nd Street. JTS is on your left, at the corner of 122nd Street and Broadway.

By subway:

Take the 1 train to 116th Street (Columbia University). Walk six blocks north to JTS, which is located on the northeast corner of 122nd Street and Broadway.

By bus:

The M4 and M104 buses stop at 122nd Street and Broadway. JTS is on the northeast corner of the intersection.

Is parking available at JTS?

Although street parking is hard to find during the week, on Sunday, when you will be moving in, parking is generally available on the streets near JTS. Street parking is free on Sundays in our neighborhood; you do not need to feed the parking meters.

Are there garages nearby?

There are several garages near JTS and Columbia/Barnard:

- **GMC Parking:** 532 West 122nd Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam), (212) 961-1075
- **Riverside Church:** 490 Riverside Drive (entrance is on 120th Street between Riverside Drive and Claremont Avenue), (212) 222-5900 x237
- **E & B Operating Corp.:** 137 West 108th Street (between Amsterdam and Columbus), (212) 865-8315
- **Edison Fast Park:** call (800) 535-7275 for locations.
- **West Side Parking Garage:** 234 West 108th Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam), (212) 222-8800
- **Morningside Garage:** 3100 Broadway (at LaSalle), (212) 749-1170

Should I be concerned about my car in Manhattan?

Regardless of whether you park in a garage or on the street, you are urged to lock your vehicle and not to leave anything valuable in your car, even for a short time.

Does JTS offer guest accommodations?

There are a few reasonably priced guest rooms in the Mathilde Schechter and Brush Residence Halls. Students need to reserve rooms well in advance. Each room has a private bath and local telephone service. There is a three-night limit. To reserve a room, please call the JTS Office of Facilities Management at (212) 678-8095.

What if the JTS guest rooms are booked?

Here are a few suggestions for accommodations close to the JTS campus:

- **Landmark Guest Rooms at Union Theological Seminary:** 3041 Broadway at 121st Street, (212) 280-1313
- **Columbia University Guest Accommodations:** 116th Street and Broadway, (212) 854-2946
- **Hotel Beacon NYC:** 2130 Broadway at 75th Street, (212) 787-1100
- **Hotel Newton:** 2528 Broadway at 94th Street, (212) 678-6500
- **The Lucerne Hotel:** 201 West 79th Street at Amsterdam Avenue, (212) 875-1000
- **International House Guest Housing:** 500 Riverside Drive at 122nd Street, (212) 316-8436
- **Teachers College Guest Accommodations:** 1230 Amsterdam Avenue at 120th Street, (212) 678-3235
- **Days Hotel:** 215 West 94th Street at Broadway, (646) 698-0500

The Jewish Museum

The Jewish Museum
1109 Fifth Avenue (northeast corner of 92nd Street)
(212) 423-3200, www.jewishmuseum.org

For hours and admission rates, please visit the website listed above. **Those carrying a valid JTS ID card are always admitted free.**

What shops and restaurants are available at The Jewish Museum?

Please check the above website for more information about and the operating hours of the Cooper Shop at The Jewish Museum, Celebrations - The Jewish Museum Design Shop, The Jewish Museum Shop at The JCC in Manhattan, and Lox at Cafe Weissman, which offers innovative kosher cuisine.

What is the history of the museum's affiliation with JTS?

In 1904, Judge Mayer Sulzberger presented 26 ceremonial objects to The Jewish Theological Seminary to help establish a Jewish museum. From this modest beginning, and through the generosity of many patrons and collectors, the collection grew. By 1944, when Mrs. Freida Schiff Warburg, widow of the prominent businessman and philanthropist Felix Warburg and a member of the JTS Board of Directors, donated her home to JTS for use as a Jewish museum, the collection was more than worthy of the proposed new setting. On May 8, 1947, the museum opened in the French Gothic-style Warburg Mansion on Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street. A gift from Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List provided funds for much-needed additional space, and the new List Building adjoining the Warburg Mansion opened in 1963. The museum expanded and completely renovated its buildings in 1993 to increase space for gallery, office, and educational use.

Kosher Restaurants Near JTS

For a complete list of kosher restaurants, please visit the [JTS Student Services website](#).