



## The CJL's Declassified **Cornell** Survival Guide

### Welcome to the CJL!

Cornell University is home to a large, diverse and supportive Jewish community. At the Center for Jewish Living, students of all backgrounds and denominations are welcome. Our religious and social programming events aim to imbue each student with a sense of belonging and community while reinforcing their connection to their Jewish roots.

The CJL is an entirely student-run operation led by an elected student board. Our house at 106 West Avenue is the epicenter of the CJL community, serving as a home away from home for all of our members. It's here that students learn, study and hangout in a warm and inviting atmosphere. The CJL is also a full-fledged residence hall with single and double rooms available for rent during the semester.

### Enrolling In Classes

- 1) Go to <https://classes.cornell.edu>, click on Scheduler, and make a final schedule (make sure you're in the right semester!). Make a few alternate schedules in case you get closed out of classes. After you have that, go to [studentcenter.cornell.edu](http://studentcenter.cornell.edu) the night before your pre-enroll and look up the 4-5 number digit Course Numbers for each of your Lectures, Sections, and Labs (Note: most schedule planning websites have these on file also). Write them down systematically in a table format (this really helps!). For courses with multiple sections at the same time, make sure to have the course number for each in case one fills up.
- 2) The night before course enroll, log on to [studentcenter.cornell.edu](http://studentcenter.cornell.edu), and click the "enroll" option on the top left of your screen. Select the semester you want. Add classes to your shopping cart by entering the class numbers that you wrote down. Use the search option to check how many seats are open in the sections you chose. **MAKE SURE TO DO THIS** (if your desired section is closed out, choose a different one).

3) The morning of course enroll, about 5 minutes before pre-enroll, open Chrome/Firefox (this seems to work best) and go to [studentcenter.cornell.edu](http://studentcenter.cornell.edu) and go to your shopping cart. DON'T WORRY IF IT CRASHES

4) When pre-enroll begins, click "Proceed to step 2 of 3" and then hit "Confirm." Keep clicking to go to the next step until you get the green check marks indicating that you are enrolled in your classes. If there is a red X, it means that you did not get into the class because it was closed – go back to your shopping cart and change it to one of your alternate schedules. Before you sign out, double check on student center that you were enrolled in these classes.

5) If you don't get into a class during pre-enroll, or you don't get your ideal schedule during pre-enroll, don't freak out. You can almost always get into a class during the Add-Drop period after you meet your advisor during Orientation.

Freshman course enroll is in early July. You should have received an email with more info from your college's registrar. If not, you'll probably be getting one shortly.

## Orientation Week (O Week)

O Week at Cornell will probably be one of your first (and certainly not your last) crazy weeks at Cornell. Cornell will send you information regarding certain activities going on when you first arrive and some of them will be mandatory. Inevitably, some of these will fall out on Shabbat. Depending on the time, type of event and your religious observance, you can either go or, so long as you notify the proper authorities, either skip or reschedule the event for a time other than Shabbat. You should try to go if you can. Whether it be your first floor meeting or your Orientation meeting, some of the people you'll meet at these events will be some of your best friends. But don't worry if you can't make it. By law, Cornell is obligated to respect your religious observance and everyone here is very understanding and supportive. If you foresee an issue, be sure talk to either the JLIC Couple or anyone on the CJL board.

## Bus Routes

A convenient way to get around campus, to the mall, or even grocery store is by taking the TCAT buses. The bus is free for Freshman on campus, so take advantage of it while you can! An important app to download is called MyStopMobile. This app gives real-time updates of where the buses are and how long you'll have to wait. You can plan a trip by entering your location and the destination you want, and it will give you the best bus route to take. Keep in mind that buses do run late, so if you're taking it to class in the morning, it's best to take an earlier one rather than waiting for the last bus before your classes! Especially because many (many many!!) people will be taking the last one, and there may not be enough room.

Some convenient bus stops located on North campus are outside of Risley Hall, Balch Hall, and RPCC. To get to the CJL, it's best to put in Baker Flagpole as your destination. Buses run at night as well, so if you're studying either in the library or at the CJL there's almost

always a bus ready to take you back to North campus! More information about exact bus routes and schedules can be found [here](#).

## Shabbat Keys

If you're interested in getting a Shabbat key, all you have to do is go to your dorm's [service center](#) front desk and ask for a Sabbath key. They should know what you're talking about. If not, just ask for a supervisor and they'll help you out.

## The Cornell Eruv

The Rabbi Morris Goldfarb z"l Memorial Eruv, under the rabbinic supervision of Rabbi Chaim Jachter, encompasses the entire Cornell campus and portions of the surrounding Ithaca and Cayuga Heights neighborhoods. The Eruv is checked on a weekly basis by trained volunteers, under the direct supervision of the JLIC Rabbi. You can check the status of the eruv [here](#).

## Minyan

There is minyanim 3 times a day, 7 days a week while Cornell is in session. Sign-up for the [shul listserv](#) on the CJL website for the latest information. Minyanim take place in Anabel Taylor Hall- Edward's Room or the CJL shul unless otherwise noted.

During a regular week, the davening times are as follows:

### Shacharit

- Shabbat- 9:15am (Edwards Room, Anabel Taylor Hall)
- Sunday- 8:30am (CJL Shul)
- Monday/Thursday- 7:40am (CJL Shul)
- Tuesday/Wednesday/ Friday- 7:45am (CJL Shul)
- \*Note these times may change due to holidays/Rosh Chodesh

### Mincha/Ma'ariv

- Shabbat- Times change throughout the year (Edwards Room, Anabel Taylor Hall for Friday Night Services, CJL shul for Shabbat Day Services)
- Weekday times depend on the time of year, but typically takes place sometime between 4:30pm and 6:30pm during the week (CJL Shul)

## Chag and Exams

Exams are scheduled by the registrar, so it's easy to check in advance when the [dates of your exams are](#). If one falls out on a holiday, you can request a makeup exam. Send an email to your professor and teaching assistant explaining that it is a holiday and you'll need to

take a makeup exam. They're required by law to provide a makeup exam, so there shouldn't be any issues. It's also helpful to tell them the lecture or discussion dates that you'll be missing. Most course content (I.e. lecture slides, assignments) are posted on Blackboard or another course site, so even if cannot make it to class, you should still have access to the material.

## Social and Learning Events

The CJL provides an outlet both socially and religiously. Need a Saturday night activity? We've got you covered! Want to learn one on one? We've got you covered! Whatever type of social experience or religious experience you want, it can be found within the CJL. Whether it's a free trip to Friendly's or going paintballing, there are many opportunities to have fun and hang out with your friends! Recent events have included Karaoke Night, escape the room, a tour of the Ithaca Brewery and a boat tour of Lake Cayuga.

If you want to learn, either with someone within the community, the Rabbi, or in a larger group there are options to do so! Whether it's Mishmar on Thursday night, or Food for Thought on Tuesday night, there are many learning opportunities to enjoy.

If there is some type of social event or learning event you'd like to have, feel free to approach the Social Programmers or Religious Programmers and they'll be sure to help make that event possible!

And don't worry, almost all events include food!

## OU-JLIC Couple

The OU Heshe and Harriet Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (JLIC) is a program of the Orthodox Union in partnership with Hillel. Administered by the OU, JLIC is a program that helps Orthodox students navigate the college environment, and balance their Jewish commitments with their desire to engage the secular world. JLIC also provides avenues for spiritual development and exploration for Jewish students from varied backgrounds; JLIC presents a positive, sophisticated and welcoming face for Orthodox Judaism on campus. The JLIC program at Cornell is funded jointly by Cornell Hillel, CJL, and CJL-F.

You can learn more about Cornell's couple, [Rabbi Daniel](#) and [Sarah Kasdan](#), [here](#).

## Kosher Food on Campus

Hot meals can be found either at 104 West! or at Appel Dining Hall. 104 West! serves dairy for lunch and meat for dinner (usually). Appel serves meat both during lunch and dinner. The kosher station at Appel is not open on Fridays (or Shabbat).

On campus and don't have time to eat at 104 West! or Northstar in between classes? Not to worry, 104West! also sends packaged meals to several coffee shops and retail dining locations on campus, which can be purchased with Cornell's "Big Red Bucks," included in most Cornell meal plans.

**Locations on campus:**

[Ivy Room](#)

[Jansen's Market \(Noyes\)](#)

[Libe Slope Cafe \(Olin Library\)](#)

[Trillium](#)

[Mattin's \(Duffield Hall\)](#)

[Big Red Barn](#)

[Carol Tatkon Center](#)

[Bear Necessities \(Robert Purcell Community Center\)](#)

[Sage Hall Atrium Cafe](#)

[Cornell Dairy Bar](#)

To find operating hours for the locations listed above, visit [Cornell Dining Now](#).

Besides facilities run by Cornell Dining, local stores such as Wegmans sell a wide variety of kosher products including meat products. BJ's Wholesale Club in Ithaca also maintains a fully kosher bakery with KOF-K certification. All baked goods are dairy.

## Living at the CJL

The Center for Jewish Living Residence, commonly referred to as "The House," is a beautiful 1890's building, resplendent with hardwood floors, oak, and stained glass windows. The House has twenty-one large single and double rooms available for rent by upperclassmen. Our spacious facilities include a library with many rare and contemporary Jewish books, a baby grand piano, and a recreation room with a HDTV Television and video game systems. The CJL offers spacious rooms, extra-long beds, and fast internet connections, both wireless and wired. There's also no need to pay for cable- it's free, unlike in Cornell-run dorms.

Contact [housing@cornellcjl.com](mailto:housing@cornellcjl.com) for more information about living in the house.