Report on the 2019 Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Campus Climate Survey

Fall 2019

The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Campus Climate Survey is designed by RIETS Campus Climate Survey Committee to ascertain general awareness and knowledge of the institution's prevention and response to sexual assault. In Fall 2019, all RIETS students were invited to take the survey. The survey is anonymous and confidential. Of the total of 218 RIETS students, 38 students responded to the survey, resulting in a response rate of 17%. Following are the results of the survey.

1. How old are you?		
	# of responses	% of total
18	2	5.3%
19	1	2.6%
20	1	2.6%
21	2	5.3%
22	0	0.0%
23	13	34.2%
24	6	15.8%
25+	13	34.2%
Total	**38**	**100.0%**

2. What program are you enrolled in?		
	# of responses	% of total
Semikha	27	71.1%
Pre-Semikha	3	7.9%
Kollel	2	5.3%
Sephardic Studies	4	10.5%
Belz School of Jewish Music	1	2.6%
Other - please specify: Chaver	1	2.6%
Total	**38**	**100.0%**

3. Which best describes your current living arrangement in this academic year?		
	Count	Percent
University Housing	9	23.7%
Off-campus apartment	24	63.2%
At home with family	3	7.9%
Other - please specify:	2	5.3%
Total	**38**	**100.0%**

4. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, and answer as best as you can:					
	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I feel valued as an individual at RIETS	29	34%	38%	21%	7%
b. I feel close to people at RIETS	29	48%	34%	17%	0%
c. I feel I am part of RIETS	29	41%	28%	28%	3%
d. I am happy to be a student at RIETS	29	41%	41%	14%	3%
e. I feel safe when I am on the RIETS campus	29	62%	38%	0%	0%
f. I believe there is a clear sense of appropriate and inappropriate behavior among students at RIETS	29	59%	41%	0%	0%
g. I believe alcohol abuse is a big problem at RIETS	29	3%	3%	28%	66%
h. I believe RIETS is trying hard to protect the rights of all students	29	31%	59%	10%	0%
i. I believe RIETS is trying hard to make sure that all students are treated equally and fairly.	29	45%	38%	14%	3%
j. I believe RIETS is trying hard to make sure that all students are safe.	29	72%	24%	3%	0%
k. I believe that students at RIETS generally trust one another	29	48%	48%	3%	0%
l. I believe that students at RIETS generally respect one another	29	48%	48%	3%	0%

5. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, and answer as best as you can:					
Overall, the campus security personnel at RIETS:					
	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	29	28%	52%	21%	0%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	29	41%	41%	14%	3%
c. Treat students fairly	29	41%	55%	3%	0%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of RIETS than the students they serve	29	7%	14%	62%	17%
Overall, the faculty and staff at RIETS:					
	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	29	45%	45%	10%	0%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	29	52%	38%	10%	0%
c. Treat students fairly	29	52%	41%	7%	0%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of RIETS than the students they serve	29	10%	31%	41%	17%
Overall, the President, Deans, and other leadership staff at RIETS:					
	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Are genuinely concerned about my well-being	28	36%	43%	14%	7%
b. Are doing all they can to protect students from harm	28	46%	39%	11%	4%
c. Treat students fairly	28	36%	46%	14%	4%
d. Are more interested in protecting the reputation of RIETS than the students they serve	28	32%	25%	32%	11%

6. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has anyone done the following to you either in person or by phone, text message, e-mail, or social media? Please include incidents regardless of where they happened.		
	Count	Percent
Made sexual advances, gestures, comments, or jokes that were unwelcome to you	1	50.0%
Flashed or exposed themselves to you without your consent	1	50.0%
Showed or sent you sexual pictures, photos, or videos that you didn't want to see	0	0.0%
Showed or sent sexual photos/videos of you or spread sexual rumors about you that you didn't want shared	0	0.0%

7. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has anyone had unwanted sexual contact with you?		
	# of responses	% of total
Yes	0	0.0%
No	29	100.0%
Total	29	100.0%

8. How many separate incidents of unwanted sexual contact have you experienced since the beginning of the current academic year?		
	# of responses	% of total
0 incidents	28	100.0%
1 incident	0	0.0%
2 incidents	0	0.0%
3 incidents	0	0.0%
4 incidents	0	0.0%
5 or more incidents	0	0.0%
Total	28	100.0%

If you have experienced one or more incidents of unwanted sexual contact, please answer questions 9 - 25 with respect to the incident that has had the greatest impact on you. Otherwise, skip to question 26.

9. How did the person(s) have unwanted sexual contact with you? Please indicate whether each of the following happened.

	# of responses	Yes	No	Unsure
a. Touched or grabbed your sexual body parts	0			
b. Threatened to hurt you or someone you care about	0			
c. Used physical force against you, such as holding you down with his or her body weight, pinning your arms, hitting or kicking you	0			
d. You were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were incapacitated, passed out, unconscious, blacked out, or asleep	0			
e. Other, please specify	0			

10. Where did the incident occur?

	# of responses	% of total
On RIETS campus	0	
Off-campus but in New York City	0	
In a different city	0	
Unsure/Don't know	0	

11. What was the gender of the person(s) who had unwanted sexual contact with you?

	Count	Percent
Male	0	
Female	0	
Transgendered	0	
Unsure/Don't know	0	

12. Who was the person(s) who had unwanted sexual contact with you? Please select all that apply.

	Count	Percent
A stranger	0	
Someone you had seen or heard about but not talked to	0	
An acquaintance, friend of a friend, or someone that you had just met	0	
A student at RIETS	0	
A student at YU	0	
A RIETS administrator, faculty or staff member	0	
A YU administrator, faculty or staff member	0	
A current or ex friend or roommate	0	
A current or ex dating partner or spouse	0	
Someone else - please specify	0	
Unsure/Don't know	0	

13. Had the person(s) who had unwanted sexual contact with you been drinking alcohol or using drugs?		
	# of responses	% of total
Yes	0	
No	0	
Unsure/Don't know	0	

Please keep in mind that you are not responsible for what happened, even if you had been drinking or using drugs or had been given a drug without your knowledge or consent. Remember that your answers will remain completely confidential.

14. In the hours prior to the incident had you consumed alcohol or drugs?		
	# of responses	% of total
Yes	0	
No	0	
Unsure/Don't know	0	

15. Have you told any of your roommates, friends, or family members about the incident?		
	# of responses	% of total
Yes	0	
No	0	

16. Please indicate whether you notified any of the following groups or organizations about the incident:		
	Count	Percent
RIETS Dean	0	
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	0	
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	0	
YU administrators, faculty or staff	0	
YU counseling center	0	
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	0	
RIETS/YU campus security	0	
Local police	0	
None of the above	0	

17. Please indicate if someone else notified any of the following groups or organizations about the incident:		
	Count	Percent
RIETS Dean	0	
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	0	
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	0	
YU administrators, faculty or staff	0	
YU counseling center	0	
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	0	
RIETS/YU campus security	0	
Local police	0	
None of the above	0	

18. If notified about the incident, were the groups or organizations helpful?				
	# of responses	Yes	No	Not Applicable
RIETS Dean	0			
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	0			
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	0			
YU administrators, faculty or staff	0			
YU counseling center	0			
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	0			
RIETS/YU campus security	0			
Local police	0			

19. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you didn't know how to contact them?			
	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
RIETS Dean	0		
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	0		
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	0		
YU administrators, faculty or staff	0		
YU counseling center	0		
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	0		
RIETS/YU campus security	0		
Local police	0		

20. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you were concerned that the group would not keep your situation confidential?			
	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
RIETS Dean	0		
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	0		
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	0		
YU administrators, faculty or staff	0		
YU counseling center	0		
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	0		
RIETS/YU campus security	0		
Local police	0		

21. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you were concerned that the group would treat you poorly, not respond effectively, or not take any action?			
	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
RIETS Dean	0		
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	0		
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	0		
YU administrators, faculty or staff	0		
YU counseling center	0		
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	0		
RIETS/YU campus security	0		
Local police	0		

22. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you did not need assistance, did not think the incident was serious enough to report, or did not want any action taken?			
	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
RIETS Dean	0		
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	0		
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	0		
YU administrators, faculty or staff	0		
YU counseling center	0		
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	0		
RIETS/YU campus security	0		
Local police	0		

23. For each of the groups or organizations below, did you not contact the group because you felt that other people might think that what happened was at least partly your fault or that you might get in trouble for some reason?			
	# of responses	Yes, this was a reason for not contacting group	No, this was not the reason for not contacting group
RIETS Dean	0		
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	0		
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	0		
YU administrators, faculty or staff	0		
YU counseling center	0		
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	0		
RIETS/YU campus security	0		
Local police	0		

24. How upsetting was the incident for you?		
	# of responses	% of total
Very upsetting	0	
Upsetting	0	
Somewhat upsetting	0	
Not at all upsetting	0	
Total	0	

25. Did the incident lead you to have problems with your:			
	# of responses	Yes	No
a. schoolwork or grades	0		
b. friends, roommates, or peers	0		
c. family members	0		
d. job or with your boss or coworkers	0		

26. Since the beginning of the current academic year, has an intimate partner:			
	# of responses	Yes	No
a. threatened to hurt you but you did not think you might really get hurt?	26	0.0%	100.0%
b. threatened to hurt you and you thought you might really get hurt?	25	0.0%	100.0%
c. pushed, grabbed, or shook you?	25	0.0%	100.0%
d. hit you, kicked you, slapped you, or beat you up?	25	0.0%	100.0%

27. If you answered Yes to question 26, did you report this incident to a RIETS administrator, faculty or staff member?		
	# of responses	% of total
Yes	0	
No	0	

28. Since the beginning of the current academic year, have you done the following to anyone either in person or by phone, text message, e-mail, or social media? Please select all that apply.		
	Count	Percent
Made sexual advances, gestures, comments, or jokes to someone that were unwelcome to them	0	0.0%
Flashed or exposed yourself to someone without their consent	0	0.0%
Showed or sent someone sexual pictures, photos, or videos that they didn't want to see	0	0.0%
Showed or sent sexual photos/videos of someone or spread sexual rumors about someone that they didn't want shared	0	0.0%
Watched or took photos/videos of someone when they were nude or having sex, without their consent	0	0.0%
None of the above	25	100.0%

29. Since the beginning of the current academic year, (excluding bill collectors, telephone solicitors or other sales people) has anyone ever: (Please select all that apply.)		
	Count	Percent
Followed or spied on you	0	0.0%
Sent you unsolicited mail, emails or texts	1	3.7%
Made unsolicited phone calls to you	1	3.7%
Showed up at places where you were even though they had no business being there	0	0.0%
Left unwanted items for you to find	0	0.0%
Vandalized your property	1	3.7%
None of the above (skip to question 34)	24	88.9%

30. Where did the incident occur?		
	# of responses	% of total
On the RIETS campus	0	0.0%
Off-campus but in New York City	2	100.0%
In a different city	0	0.0%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0.0%
Total	2	100.0%

31. How upsetting was the incident for you?		
	# of responses	% of total
Very upsetting	0	0.0%
Upsetting	1	50.0%
Somewhat upsetting	0	0.0%
Not at all upsetting	1	50.0%
Total	2	100.0%

32. How frightened were you by these things?		
	# of responses	% of total
Very frightened	0	0.0%
Frightened	0	0.0%
A little frightened	1	50.0%
Not at all frightened	1	50.0%
Total	2	100.0%

33. Did you report the incident to a RIETS administrator, faculty or staff member?		
	# of responses	% of total
Yes	0	0.0%
No	2	100.0%
Total	2	100.0%

34. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Please answer as best as you can when thinking about your school.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. Sexual harassment is not tolerated at RIETS	27	81%	15%	0%	0%	4%
b. RIETS takes training in sexual assault prevention seriously	27	33%	15%	19%	0%	33%
c. RIETS is doing a good job of educating students about sexual assault (e.g., what consent means, how to define sexual assault, how to look out for one another)	27	15%	7%	26%	11%	41%
d. RIETS is doing a good job of trying to prevent sexual assault from happening	27	22%	22%	19%	0%	37%
e. RIETS is doing a good job of providing needed services to victims of sexual assault	27	19%	11%	4%	0%	67%
f. RIETS is doing a good job of investigating incidents of sexual assault	27	15%	7%	0%	4%	74%
g. RIETS is doing a good job of holding people accountable for committing sexual assault	27	15%	7%	7%	4%	67%

35. Have you ever attended an assembly or workshop, or received any online or other type of training or classes offered by RIETS that covered: Please select all that apply.

	Count	Percent
The legal definition of sexual assault	5	10%
What the definition of "consent" is and how to obtain it from a sexual partner	4	8%
RIETS's policy on sexual assault	4	8%
How to report sexual assault	5	10%
What services are available for survivors of sexual assault	4	8%
How to intervene as a bystander to protect other students from sexual assault	4	8%
Other strategies for preventing sexual assault	4	8%
None of the above	21	41%

36. Do you have any suggestions about additional training that may be useful for RIETS to offer to students?

37. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements,answering as best as you can when thinking about RIETS.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. I am aware of and understand RIETS'procedures for dealing with reported incidents of sexual assault	27	15%	11%	26%	26%	22%
b. I know what services are available for people who experience sexual assault	27	15%	22%	30%	11%	22%
c. If a friend of mine were sexually assaulted, I know where to take my friend to get help	27	26%	26%	22%	4%	22%
d. At RIETS, students who are accused of perpetrating a sexual assault are treated fairly	27	15%	7%	4%	0%	74%
e. At RIETS, when it is determined that sexual assault has happened, the perpetrator gets punished appropriately	27	15%	11%	0%	4%	70%

38. If I were sexually assaulted I believe RIETS would:						
	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. Take my case seriously	27	67%	22%	4%	0%	7%
b. Protect my privacy	27	63%	30%	0%	0%	7%
c. Treat me with dignity and respect	27	74%	15%	4%	0%	7%
d. Enable me to continue my education without having to interact with the person who assaulted me	27	48%	19%	4%	0%	30%

39. How likely or unlikely would you be to go to or get in touch with the following groups or organizations at RIETS if you were sexually assaulted?					
	# of responses	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat likely	Not at all likely
RIETS Dean	25	32%	20%	20%	28%
RIETS Mental Health Counselor	25	48%	20%	12%	20%
Other RIETS administrators, faculty, or staff	25	28%	24%	24%	24%
YU administrators, faculty or staff	23	22%	26%	35%	17%
YU counseling center	25	64%	12%	12%	12%
A crisis center or helpline, or a hospital or health care center not at RIETS or YU	25	40%	12%	32%	16%
RIETS/YU campus security	25	24%	28%	32%	16%
Local police	24	46%	25%	29%	0%

40. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following things. Please think about the situation and answer as best as you can.					
	# of responses	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat likely	Not at all likely
a. If your friends are sending sexual pictures, web pages, or messages to someone who didn't ask for them, how likely are you to say something to try to get them to stop	25	60%	24%	16%	0%
b. If people you don't know very well are making unwanted sexual comments, jokes, or gestures, how likely are you to say something to try to get them to stop	25	28%	20%	36%	16%
c. If you see one of your friends leading someone who is obviously drunk away to have sex with them, how likely are you to say or do something to get them to stop	25	56%	44%	0%	0%
d. If you suspect that one of your friends might be in an abusive relationship, how likely are you to ask them if they are being mistreated	25	40%	52%	8%	0%
e. If someone tells you that they had sex with someone who passed out, how likely are you to report the incident to a campus administrator or police?	25	44%	28%	16%	12%
f. If you see someone you don't know who looks uncomfortable and is being touched, grabbed, or pinched in a sexual way, how likely are you to speak up or help in some other way	25	52%	36%	12%	0%
g. When you go out with your friends, how likely are you to come up with a plan for helping each other be safe	25	24%	32%	12%	32%

41. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. As you consider these statements, please think about the overall population of students at RIETS and try to answer as best as you can.

	# of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. At RIETS, it is common for students to spread sexual comments, photos, or videos that people don't want shared, either in person or by text, e-mail, or social media	25	0%	0%	8%	88%	4%
b. At RIETS, when students make sexual comments, jokes, or gestures , other students stand up to them	25	44%	20%	8%	8%	20%
c. A lot of sexual assaults happen among students at RIETS when students are unable to provide consent because they are incapacitated, passed out, unconscious, blacked out, or asleep	25	0%	0%	8%	84%	8%
d. Most students at RIETS are knowledgeable about the topic of sexual assault, including how it is defined, how often it occurs, and what the legal consequences are	25	12%	28%	20%	20%	20%
e. At RIETS, if students see someone trying to have unwanted sexual contact with someone, they will try to stop them	25	44%	32%	8%	0%	16%

42. Please indicate how much you are aware of the function of the following RIETS resources specifically relating to sexual assault, domestic/dating violence and stalking:

	# of responses	Very Aware	Aware	Somewhat Aware	Not At all Aware
a. RIETS Dean	25	16%	8%	16%	60%
b. RIETS Mental Health Coordinator	25	32%	20%	16%	32%
c. YU Counseling Center	25	40%	24%	16%	20%

43. Have you ever been provided with a copy of, or link to, RIETS' Sexual Misconduct Policy & Procedures For Students?

	# of responses	% of total
Yes	6	24%
No	19	76%