Students registered in the S. Daniel Abraham Joint Israel Program will have the opportunity to apply for housing at the Yeshiva University Israel Office in May.

An integral part of the YU experience is living in University Housing, which is required for your first two semesters on campus. Being a part of University Housing provides you with the resources to succeed academically, socially, and professionally. As a member of a Residence Hall community you have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from discussions, lectures, and programs. The Beren Campus offers you a wide array of campus resources available within the Residence Halls, including fitness centers, the Student Health Center, the Package Center, a Beit Midrash and food marts. Yeshiva University has made a conscious effort to keep affordable dormitories below market value in midtown Manhattan in order to accommodate students’ needs.

In addition to the campus resources, the Housing and Residence Life Team, including the Director, Assistant Directors, Office Staff, Resident Advisors and Graduate Assistants are here for you. Our goals are to ensure you are happy, healthy, safe, and getting the most out of your YU experience. Please don’t hesitate to send us an e-mail at Berenhousing@yu.edu or call us at (646) 592-4163 if we can be helpful in any way.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HOUSING ON THE BEREN CAMPUS?**
Undergraduate University Housing accommodations are available on a semester basis to students enrolled in 12 or more undergraduate credits at the Beren Campus. (12 credits is the minimum requirement for full-time status at the Beren Campus.) By completing the housing application you are agreeing to follow all the rules and regulations as stated on our housing website (www.yu.edu/student-life/housing/women/).

**IS THERE A HOUSING REQUIREMENT AND IS IT EVER WAIVED?**
All students are required to live in University Housing for their first two semesters enrolled as a full time student. In some cases, the two-semester Housing requirement is waived. Most often, this is for students who are above 21 years old, married, or commuting from home, although other cases are considered as well. To access the waiver, you must first submit your Intent to Enroll form and pay the $250 non-refundable and non-transferrable deposit. You will then be emailed your YUAD credentials. The requirement waiver can be accessed on the Yeshiva University Housing Portal (yu.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortal). Click "Click Here to Login" on the middle of the page. You will be redirected to the Yeshiva University login page. Once you have input your Canvas username and password, you will be sent back to the Portal. The housing waiver can be found on the top menu. All waivers are due by Thursday, June 6th. Students will be informed if their waiver submission has been approved within 2 weeks.

**HOW DO I GET TO THE ONLINE HOUSING APPLICATION?**
To access the Housing Application, you must first submit your Intent to Enroll form and pay the $550 non-refundable and non-transferrable deposit. Then, visit the Yeshiva University Housing Portal at https://yu.starrezhousing.com/starrezportal. Click "Click Here to Login" on the middle of the page. You will be redirected to the Yeshiva University login page. Once you have input your Canvas username and password (aka YUAD, Yeshiva University Active Directory, your YU email), you will be sent back to the Portal. On the top bar, click "Apply for Housing" then scroll down and click “2019-2020 Academic Year”. Note: You will be emailed your YUAD credentials after paying your deposit. If you have paid your deposit and not received your YUAD, please email labhelp@yu.edu and they will help you set up your YU email address.

**ARE EMERGENCY CONTACTS NECESSARY?**
Two emergency contacts and their cell phone numbers are required on the application. It is recommended that these individuals are people you would feel comfortable with Yeshiva University contacting in case of an emergency. It is strongly recommended that all your emergency contacts be relatives over the age of 18 years old and that at least one contact (relative or not) live in the New York area.
WHERE DO I EXPLAIN MY NEED FOR A SPECIFIC ACCOMMODATION?
You will be asked if you are in need of a specific accommodation based on your personal circumstances. If you click yes, a detailed description of your request for special accommodations due to a medical condition, disability or other circumstances must be provided further in the application. Documentation is required before special accommodation requests can be considered. Proper documentation must be uploaded to the application by the June 6th deadline. You will only be able to finalize your housing application once the documentation has uploaded.

WHAT ARE MY MEAL PLAN OPTIONS?
Meal Plans are required for all undergraduate students residing in University Housing. Students can choose between one of two plans: Standard ($3,500) or Reduced ($3,000). Calculated within the cost of each plan is a $1350 membership fee per year, covering basic overhead costs associated with dining hall operations and supplies. The remaining balance of each plan is applied to Dining Dollars and Omni Funds. Dining Dollars can be used for tax-free food purchases in the dining halls on either campus, including school cafeterias and food marts in residence halls. Omni Funds can be used at local restaurants (Eden Wok, Mendy’s, Tiberias, Chop Chop, Lake Como, Grandma’s Pizza, One Stop Kosher, Golan Heights). For students on either meal plan, all food purchased with Dining Dollars on campus will be at significantly discounted prices because the overhead costs will be already covered by the membership fee. Students enrolled in either the Standard or Reduced Plans can add money to their Meal Plans at any time. Each dollar added goes directly to “Omni Funds” for use at local restaurants or cafeterias.

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WHERE WILL I BE LIVING NEXT YEAR?
Students who will be living on the Beren campus for the first time will be placed in Brookdale Residence Hall, located at 50 East 34th Street, between Park and Madison Avenues, unless there is a specific need noted as an accommodation request on their housing application. It is a 20-story building consisting of Standard 4 person rooms, 5 person suites and Deluxe 4 person rooms. All freshman, sophomores and a high percentage of the junior class reside in Brookdale Residence Hall. It is conveniently located across the street from Mendys, Tiberias and Eden Wok restaurants, which are all part of the Omni fund on the meal plan. Amenities offered within Brookdale are a Beit Midrash, the student Package Center, the Student Health Center, 2 study rooms, a fitness center and the “Caf Store”. It is strongly encouraged that you apply for your preferred room option and we will try to accommodate your request, based on availability. Please note, there are many more Standard 4 person rooms than Deluxe 4 person rooms. Brookdale Deluxe rooms will be assigned by seniority and need, just as all housing assignments are determined on campus.

**OPTION 1:** BROOKDALE RESIDENCE HALL, 50 EAST 34TH STREET (STANDARD ROOM)
$4,500/Semester and $9,000/Year
4 Person Room: one large room that 4 students share
5 Person Suite: one room divided in 2 parts, 2 beds on one half & 3 beds on the other half of the suite

**OPTION 2:** BROOKDALE RESIDENCE HALL, 50 EAST 34TH STREET (DELUXE ROOM)
$4,750/Semester and $9,500/Year
4 Person Room with Full Kitchen: one large room that 4 students share
There are 16 4-person deluxe rooms with full kitchens (ie. full refrigerators, electric ovens, microwaves).

AM I GUARANTEED THE HOUSING OPTION I REQUEST?
The filing of this application does not automatically guarantee the assignment of a room. University Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to grant housing privileges. There are many factors that are considered in coordinating housing placements. Therefore, it is important that all of your housing requests are viable options and that you are not relying on living somewhere other than Brookdale Residence Hall. You are strongly encouraged to submit your housing application by the deadline. Every effort will be made to grant your housing request, however your request cannot be guaranteed.
**What is a Roommate Group and how do I assemble it?**

You will have the opportunity to put together a group consisting of other students you wish to live with for the upcoming academic year. Groups can vary in size from two to five students. Each student can only be a member of one group. When you reach the Roommate Groups section of the Housing Application, you will have the following options:

- **Create Group**: If you already know who you wish to live with and are the first of your group to apply for housing, you should create your group and give it a unique name, as well as determine your desired group size and whether or not other people can search for your group. You can then share this name with your future roommates so they can add themselves to your group.

- **Join Group**: If you know the name of the group you wish to join, you can do so by entering it here.

- **Search for Roommate Group**: If you wish to join a group but are not sure which, you can use this page to search either by group name, group member name, or desired group size. If you find one you are interested in, you can then request to join it.

- **Search for Roommates by Details**: You can search for potential roommates either by their Roommate Matching Screenname or by their age. You can then either add them to your group, send them a message, or view their profile, which includes the answers to their lifestyle questions.

- **Search for Roommates by Profiles**: You can search for potential roommates based on their answers to the lifestyle questions that appeared earlier in the application. You can then either send them a request to join your group, send them a message, or view their profile, which includes the answers to their lifestyle questions.

- **Suggest Roommates**: The housing database can suggest potential roommates to you based on how you answered the lifestyle questions that appeared earlier in the application. You can then either send them a request to join your group, send them a message, or view their profile, which includes the answers to their lifestyle questions.

**What does it mean to be the Group Leader?**

The student who creates a roommate group is automatically the group leader. Group leaders are responsible for managing requests to join the group, as well as verifying the group once it is complete. Only a group leader can remove a roommate from the group or delete the group entirely. Group leaders can make any other group member the leader if they wish to leave the group or no longer want the role. Both the group leader and other members can send requests to students to join their group.

**What factors should I take into consideration when choosing roommates?**

Each student enters the housing experience with a unique set of personality traits, habits and beliefs about what dorm life should be like. Take a moment to prioritize your needs/preferences, before choosing your roommate(s). Then, assess your compatibility based on your personal preferences, needs and views (ie. religious and cultural backgrounds, study habits, sleep schedule, etc.) to make the best possible decisions for your housing future. Remember, it is not essential that you seek out someone just like you or that you and your roommate(s) become best friends. Politeness, respect and open communication are all paramount in fostering healthy roommate relationships.

**Do I need to be a member of a group?**

Absolutely not! You can request a full room, some roommates but not a complete room, or choose to go pot luck. All available beds will be filled when Housing Administrators complete assignments over the summer.

**How do I request to live with a student who is not yet on campus?**

You will be able to search for and select any applicant who has reached the Roommate Group page. This applies to any student who intends to live on campus next year, including incoming women. If your potential roommate does not appear in your search, please confirm with her that she has begun her application.

**Can I save the sections that I already filled out overnight?**

The information you input is automatically saved and you have the ability to return to the application and make changes/updates until Tuesday, June 11th, as long as you click “Save and Continue” at the bottom of the page.
DO I NEED TO SUBMIT A PICTURE WITH MY HOUSING APPLICATION?
The passport style picture that you submit on your housing application will be used as your photo on your Yeshiva University ID.

WHAT DOES THE DEADLINE MEAN?
All applications received by the deadline will be considered on the same basis, this is NOT a “first come, first serve” system. If the Office of University Housing and Residence Life does not receive your completed application by the Thursday, June 6th deadline, it becomes more difficult to accommodate any requests you have for floor, room or roommate.

WHAT IF MY CIRCUMSTANCES OR REQUESTS CHANGE OVER THE SUMMER?
If circumstances change and you need to submit a housing application after the deadline, you can access it throughout the summer. If your housing or roommate preferences change after June 11th, please contact a housing administrator (berenhousing@yu.edu, 646-592-4163).

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT THE ONLINE HOUSING APPLICATION?
By the second week in July you will receive an email with your building assignment for the 2019-2020 academic year. When you arrive on campus for Orientation, you will receive your exact room and roommate assignment.

WHAT IF I DECIDE TO WITHDRAW FROM HOUSING?
- If you decide to withdraw your housing application prior to Monday, August 26th, you must submit a Cancellation and Withdrawal Request. You will not be charged for housing, but you will lose your $300 deposit. To access this form, visit the Yeshiva University Housing Portal at https://yu.starrezhousing.com/starrezportal. Click "Click Here to Login" on the middle of the page. You will be redirected to the Yeshiva University login page. Once you have input your Canvas username and password, you will be sent back to the Portal. On the top bar, click "Cancellation and Withdrawal Requests".
- If you withdraw from housing anytime between Monday, August 26th and Sunday, September 22nd, there is a pro-rated weekly refund schedule. After that point, there is no refund and you will be billed for the entire semester. At that time, you must submit a Cancellation and Withdrawal Request (see instructions above).

It is our goal to maintain a safe and supportive environment to ensure your success. We have created a residence life program singularly geared to help you have the most positive, engaging and enjoyable experience possible at Yeshiva University. We hope you will embrace this fun, educational and unique environment; the excitement of Midtown Manhattan coupled with the warmth and individual attention of our tight-knit community.