

Dear High School Seniors, Parents, and Guidance Counselors,

The Jewish community at Penn is considered one of the strongest student communities in the country, and the programs it schedules and opportunities it provides are unparalleled. Students participate in daily shiurim, tzedakah, and chesed projects. In addition to Kosher meals served on Shabbat and throughout the week, there are also multiple daily minyanim. Whether through visiting the sick as a part of the weekly bikkur cholim program, planning a barbeque for Yom Ha'Atzmaut, or enjoying a scholar-in-residence visiting for the weekend, there are countless ways to get involved in Orthodox life on campus.

Each fall, Jewish students from around the country spend a Shabbat at the University of Pennsylvania as part of their college decision-making process. This Shabbaton will provide a setting for visiting seniors to learn about Orthodox Jewish life at Penn, and to interact with current students and other prospective freshmen. While they are certainly welcome to visit anytime, the activities during this weekend will be specifically geared towards giving prospective students a deeper glimpse into our community.

This year, the Orthodox Community at Penn (OCP)'s 9th-annual Prospective Student Shabbaton will take place Friday afternoon, September 23rd, through Sunday morning, September 25th. Students are asked to find their own transportation to campus - we are happy to provide information about convenient transportation options - where they will be met by their OCP hosts.

The OCP works tirelessly to ensure that each student is a valued member of the community. The Hillel at Penn is also a home to many Orthodox students at Drexel University, and students interested in applying there are welcome at the Shabbaton, as well. Penn is a great place for Orthodox Jewish students, and we hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to spend Shabbat with us.

The cost of registration is \$55. All registrations must be received by September 16th so that housing and meals can be arranged. The registration form is online at pennocp.org/prefrosh, which also includes a link to pay online with PayPal. (To access the link, please close this window.)

The cost of \$55 covers all meals from dinner Friday night through breakfast on Sunday, as well as housing, a tour, an information session, Shabbat programs, and an exciting activity on Saturday night. Please check our website at pennocp.org in the coming weeks for a detailed schedule of the Shabbaton.

In order to register for the Shabbaton, visit pennocp.org/prefrosh. If you have any questions about the weekend or general questions about Jewish life at Penn, please don't hesitate to contact us at ocphospitality@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Eliana Machefsky - OCP Hospitality Chair