Commencement 2015 Accommodations for Shavuot Observers
Cornell University Residence Halls

Students and families who wish to stay in on-campus housing and who are observing the Shavuot holiday may make reservations for up to eight family members or friends for Commencement Weekend.

A block of rooms has been reserved in Hans Bethe House located on West Campus, in close proximity to 104West!, Cornell’s OU-Certified Kosher Dining Room. A lottery system will determine the order in which families are assigned to suites/rooms within Hans Bethe House. In order to make reservations for their families/friends, students may sign up for the Commencement Housing Lottery between 10:00am, February 2, 2015 and 12:00 noon, March 2, 2015. Through this process, students will be able to indicate if their group is interested in the following accommodations. Details follow:

Accommodation description:
- Accommodations are available within Hans Bethe House, on West Campus.
- Guests will be issued keys to access the House and their rooms.
- Lighting occupancy sensors in the bathrooms will be dismantled; bathrooms will instead be equipped with a night light.
- Room lighting is manually controlled.
- Candle lighting will be available at the Center for Jewish Living. Open flames are prohibited in the House and resident rooms.
- One small refrigerator (18 5/8"W x 20 1/8"D x 44 1/8"H) will be placed in each suite or in one corridor room per family reservation.
- Hans Bethe House is air-conditioned throughout all common areas (e.g., hallways), but rooms are not. All rooms are equipped with a ceiling fan.
- Only twin-sized beds are available. A single room has one twin bed, and a double has two twin beds.

Room types:
- **Family suites:** Suites can accommodate up to five guests. Suites have three single rooms, one double room, a full private bathroom, and a private living/sitting area. All rooms are furnished with bed sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels.
- **Corridor rooms:** Rooms are positioned along a common hallway and have shared men’s and women’s bathroom facilities on each corridor.

Accommodations for those with disabilities:
Some residence hall space is adapted for people with disabilities. Because the number of rooms available is very limited, we ask that anyone requesting accommodations for a guest who requires wheelchair accessibility do so by February 13, 2015 by emailing commencement_housing@cornell.edu.

Housing Rates:
Accommodations for those who are observing the Shavuot holiday will be charged at a four-night package rate that includes Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights (May 22, 23, 24, and 25). Rates are non-taxable. Use of a small refrigerator (18 5/8"W x 20 1/8"D x 44 1/8"H) is included in the rate.
As noted above, there are two options for guests who are purchasing this four-night package:
- $1250/suite (Suites have 3 single rooms, 1 double room, a private full bath, and a private living/sitting area)
- $250/person for corridor single or double room
**How to make reservations:**
Only students may reserve guest housing for Commencement Weekend and for the Shavuot four-night package. Students may reserve accommodations for up to eight family members.

The Housing Office projects that everyone who participates in the lottery will be able to reserve accommodations for their guests. The lottery merely determines the order in which students and families/friends will be assigned.

**Step 1:** Enter the Commencement Housing Lottery online
*When:* Any time between 10:00am, February 2, 2015 and 12:00 noon, March 2, 2015
*Where:* [Online here](#)

Students may enter the lottery any time during the time period above. Once students enter the lottery, they will receive an immediate electronic reply with their randomly selected sign-up time. The timing of their entrance will not impact what sign-up time they receive. While signing up for the lottery, students may indicate (via a checkbox) that they are interested in purchasing the Shavuot four-night stay package. Preferences regarding the type of rooms/suites as well as the number of guests will also be communicated through this sign-up process.

**Step 2:** Reserve housing for guests and agree to room reservations and associated costs
Based on the student’s sign-up time and communicated preferences, the student and family/friends will be assigned to an accommodation that best meets their needs. Reservation details will be electronically sent to the student by March 20, 2015. The student will also need to electronically confirm/agree to the reservation and associated costs within the communicated timeframe.

**Payment:**
If you are a registered student for the Spring 2015 semester, the charge for Commencement housing will go on your bursar account. If not currently a registered student, credit card payment is required at the time you make your reservations. No cash will be accepted. No refunds will be made after April 5, 2015. All cancellations before April 5 will incur a $50 cancellation fee. All cancellations must be in writing to the Housing Office at [commencement_housing@cornell.edu](mailto:commencement_housing@cornell.edu).

**Checking in:**
Check-in begins at 4:00pm Friday, May 22, 2015 at the Hans Bethe House Office. Office hours are as follows:

- Friday, May 22, 2015 at 4:00pm through Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 8:00pm
- Monday, May 25  8:00am – Noon
- Tuesday, May 26  8:00am – 11:00am

Check-out is by 10:00am Tuesday morning, May 26, 2015.

**Guest parking:**
Parking is free on campus beginning at noon on Friday, May 22, through 11:00am on Tuesday, May 26. You may not park in a parking place designated as “MT.” Parking in a handicap parking place requires a handicap parking permit. Please contact University Transportation at 607-255-4600 for parking questions. Helpful maps and directions can be found on the [Maps](#) page.

**Dining Accommodations and Rates:**

Please note: Meals are not included in the housing accommodations rate. Meals must be reserved and purchased online at [dining.cornell.edu/kosher](http://dining.cornell.edu/kosher) or contact Karen Trask at ks297@cornell.edu. All meals are served at 104West!, Cornell Dining’s OU-certified Kosher Dining Room.
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**Big Red Bucks (BRBs):** Big Red Bucks are dining dollars associated with student meal plans.

**Questions?**

You may also contact the Office of Residential and Event Services at commencement_housing@cornell.edu or 607-255-5368. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm, EST.