

Chapter 1 : The Big Apple: Poor Man's Harvard (CCNY nickname)

The role of the College of the City of New York (CCNY) in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries is described, particularly with regard to early Jewish immigrants. It is suggested that the myth of the "easy marriage" of Jewish values and American opportunities ignores the variety of.

Her family had moved to Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and she accidentally kicked a soccer ball into the yard of some chasidic Jews. She looked at them, and they at her, but not a word was exchanged as she retrieved her ball. Today, of the 16, students on its campus of neo-Gothic buildings and open plazas, a third are African American, a third Hispanic, and a third white and other. Mittelman, a man of high energy with a gentle nature, first came to CUNY in as the Hillel rabbi and an adjunct in Jewish studies. He became director 11 years ago. About 1, students register for around 15 Jewish studies courses each semester. This week, Mittelman, who holds a doctorate in religion from Temple University and ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, is traveling to Morocco with students from his advanced seminar on the Jews of Morocco. At City College, the Jewish studies program office doubles as a venue for this United Nations of learners to hang their coats, study, use the computer and occasionally gather for pizza. Mittelman is an accomplished photographer, and his black-and-white views of Morocco line the space. In the adjacent library in the Jewish studies lounge, he shows a visitor a leather-bound copy of the Torah in Urdu, a gift from the family of a Pakistani student, who presented it to him at graduation. Mittelman, 57, describes the program as academically rigorous and admits that it reflects his vision. A student who works in a supermarket had a question about packaged meat and another wanted to know whether the New Testament refutes the kosher laws. After explaining why blood sausage would never be kosher, Rabbi Vinas shifted the conversation from the practical details to the history of blood-libel accusations. After class, Tauhid Mahmud, a premed bio major from Bangladesh with a minor in Jewish studies, lingered to talk more about halal, the Muslim dietary laws. When I saw non-Jews in the classes, I realized it was something special. In yeshiva, I asked too many questions. I was the black sheep. This is a good place to ask questions. They take you seriously. Hoffman, who was raised in El Salvador, says that her classes in Jewish studies affect her life outside of the classroom, in how she thinks and sees the world. Young, a published fiction writer, was already on the road to conversion when she began the program. Born in New York and raised in Cairo, Elhaies, who is also majoring in international relations, says that he was always curious about Judaism. After graduate studies he plans to return to Cairo. Although not a Zionist, Elhaies says that he is very interested in the possibility of a trip to Israel with Mittelman, despite some security concerns. The trip they have been discussing would include Jewish and Arab sites, and events reflecting the two cultures. A few years ago, Mittelman asked the Muslim students in the program about engaging in a dialogue with Jewish students. So for about three years, a group of Muslim and Jewish women in the program met for a kosher halal lunch and discussion. Mittelman explains that the lunch has now morphed into a weekly session of male and female Middle Eastern students hanging out in the lounge; the Muslim students sometimes pray there. There are all kinds of ways to talk about healing the Middle East conflict, and this is how we do it. Nihal Hashem, who has worn a hijab since she was 16, was convinced by her friend Elhaies to sign up for a course, and now is a Jewish studies minor. We are very similar. A thick journal of 70 essays by students, the title refers to the traditional view that there are 70 ways to interpret the Torah. In addition to the trips and publications, the programs hosts speakers and special events weekly, mostly of an academic nature, open to the entire CCNY population. Last week Lisa Mayer and Sruli Dresdner gave a presentation on klezmer music, including explanations, performance and "with chairs moved out of the way" dance instructions. Mayer led the circle "with women in hijabs, others with crosses around their necks, a Ramaz grad, a tall guy with fashionable glasses and a keffiyah and a black woman from mid-Manhattan who said she was born to dance. Standing on the sidelines, Mittelman was taking in the scene with his camera.

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Wingate Hall on the left, Townsend Harris Hall in the background. It was one of the early public high schools in America following earlier similar institutions being founded in Boston , Philadelphia , and Baltimore. Founder Townsend Harris proclaimed, "Open the doors to all! Let the children of the rich and the poor take their seats together and know of no distinction save that of industry, good conduct and intellect. The experiment is to be tried, whether the children of the people, the children of the whole people, can be educated; and whether an institution of the highest grade, can be successfully controlled by the popular will, not by the privileged few. Nicholas Avenue looking up westward to St. Nicholas Terrace. In , a curriculum was adopted which had nine main fields: Even in its early years, the Free Academy showed tolerance for diversity, especially in comparison to its urban neighbor, Columbia College , which was exclusive to the sons of wealthy families. The Free Academy had a framework of tolerance that extended beyond the admission of students from every social stratum. Gibbs was a professor and held an appointment at the Free Academy since In , he was awarded an honorary degree from Columbia with a unanimous vote by its Trustees with the strong urging of Columbia president Frederick Augustus Porter Barnard. Finley gave the College a more secular orientation by abolishing mandatory chapel attendance. Late 19th century[edit] Statue of General Alexander S. In , the academic senate, the first student government in the nation, was formed. Having struggled over the issue for ten years, in , the New York state Legislature voted to let the City College build a new campus. A four-square block site was chosen, located in Manhattanville , within the area which was enclosed by the North Campus Arches; the College, however, quickly expanded north of the Arches see below. The second president, General Alexander S. Webb , assumed office in , serving for almost the next three decades. In , while still president of the City College, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism at Gettysburg. A full-length statue of Webb, in full military uniform, stands in his honor at the heart of the campus. He later became the chief engineer on the Panama Canal project " with one of the excavation cuts named for him. General Webb was succeeded by John Huston Finley " , as third president in Finley relaxed some of the West Point-like discipline that characterized the College, including compulsory religious chapel attendance. It was the first national organization of its type to accept members without regard to religion, race, color or creed. Richard Gottheil who aimed at establishing a Jewish fraternity with Zionist ideals. This chapter, however, has become defunct. The School of Education was established in The college newspaper, The Campus , published its first issue in , and the first degree-granting evening session in the United States was started. Students were also required to sign a loyalty oath. In , the College celebrated its centennial year, awarding honorary degrees to Bernard Baruch class of and Robert F. Wagner class of A year time capsule was buried in North Campus. Until , City College had been an all-male institution. During that time, specifically in , the first chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity was founded. In , the entire institution became coeducational. In the years when top-flight private schools were restricted to the children of the Protestant establishment, thousands of brilliant individuals including Jewish students attended City College because they had no other option. It was said that the old CCNY cafeteria in the basement of Shepard Hall, particularly in alcove 1, was the only place in the world where a fair debate between Trotskyists and Stalinists could take place. When he returned to the cafeteria late in the day, he would find that the same debate had continued but with an entirely different cast of students. Russell wrote "a typical American witch-hunt was instituted against me. Russell took revenge in the preface of the first edition of his book *An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth*, which was published by the Unwin Brothers in the United Kingdom the preface was not included in the U. Knickerbocker, Chairman of the Romance Languages Department, was accused of anti-semitism by four faculty members. They claimed that "for at least seven years they have been subjected to continual harassment and what looks very much like discrimination" by Knickerbocker. Davis of the Economics Department was accused by students of maintaining a racially segregated dormitory at Army Hall. In , a City College student named Alan A. Brown founded the economics honor society, Omicron Chi Epsilon. The purpose of the society was to confer honors

on outstanding economics students, organize academic meetings, and publish a journal. In , Omicron Chi Epsilon merged with Omicron Delta Gamma, the other economics honor society, to form Omicron Delta Epsilon , the current academic honor society in economics. Beginning in , the program opened doors to college to many who would not otherwise have been able to attend college. But after three decades, by , the CUNY Board of Trustees voted to eliminate remedial classes at all CUNYs senior colleges, thereby eliminating a central pillar of the policy of Open Admissions and effectively ending it. Students attending the CCNY Honors College are awarded free tuition, a cultural passport that admits them to New York City cultural institutions for free or at sharply reduced prices, a notebook computer, and an academic expense account that they can apply to such academic-related activities as study abroad. These undergraduates are also required to attend a number of specially developed honors courses. In October , Dr. The building was designed by James Renwick, Jr. According to some sources, it was the first Gothic Revival college building on the East Coast. They are superb examples of English Perpendicular Gothic style and are among the first buildings, as an entire campus, to be built in the U. Groundbreaking for the Gothic Quadrangle buildings took place in ". The original neo-Gothic buildings on the new upper Manhattan campus were as follows: Shepard Hall, standing on its own, across the street from the campus quadrangle on Convent Avenue Baskerville Hall.

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ary magazine, and so on. His record at City College, that hothouse of poor Jewish intellectuals on the make, was even better. His class year-book entry simply said: "prodigy of prodigies, genius of geniuses." 7 At City College he excelled in literature but also in philosophy, where his teacher was the terrifying Morris Raphael Cohen, whom Steinberg years later recalled in a letter on.

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Abstract. Hidden in these quiet pages is a probing analysis of what has happened to all Americans, not just the Jewish poor who went to City College.