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Resolution 35: Events During Breaks

Abstract: This resolution calls for Cornell University to establish recurring community-building programming during short academic breaks to support undergraduate students who remain on campus.

Authored by: Myshay Causey, Representative At Large

Endorsed by:

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented: 11/05/2026

Current Status: First Reading Calendar

Whereas, Cornell University's academic calendar includes several short breaks throughout the academic year during which a significant portion of the undergraduate student population leaves campus;

Whereas, students who remain on campus during these periods may disproportionately include first-generation students, low-income students, international students, and students who face financial or logistical barriers to traveling home;

Whereas, the departure of roommates, friends, and established social networks can create sudden feelings of isolation and disconnection for students who remain on campus;

Whereas, academic breaks can make socioeconomic differences within the Cornell community particularly visible, as some students travel home or participate in vacations and other activities while their peers lack the financial resources or flexibility to do the same;

Whereas, students who cannot afford to travel home may experience additional financial anxiety, homesickness, and emotional distress associated with being separated from their families and existing support systems;

Whereas, these circumstances can make academic breaks particularly difficult for students already navigating financial insecurity and the challenges of transitioning into university life;

Whereas, freshmen may be particularly vulnerable to isolation during short academic breaks because they have not yet established the friendships, social networks, or support systems that allow them to coordinate travel plans and maintain community outside of campus;

Whereas, freshmen who have yet to establish their independence or find their footing at Cornell may experience the sudden departure of their roommates and peers as a particularly disruptive transition, leaving them without established communities to rely on during periods when campus activity decreases;

Whereas, research published in the *Journal of Adolescent Research* in 2023, titled "It's Easy to Feel Alone, But When You Have Community, It Makes College a Lot Easier," found that meaningful peer relationships and institutional support are essential to first-generation students' successful adjustment to college, underscoring the importance of providing freshmen with structured opportunities to establish friendships and support networks;

Whereas, a 2026 study published in the *Journal of American College Health*, titled "Psychological Well-Being Among U.S. College Students: The Associations With School Climate, Loneliness, and Financial Stress," found that loneliness had the strongest negative association with psychological well-being among surveyed college students, while financial stress was also negatively associated with well-being, demonstrating the importance of addressing social isolation and financial insecurity as interconnected student welfare concerns;

Whereas, Cornell University's 2025 Undergraduate Experience Survey found that 59% of surveyed undergraduate students who reported working for pay did so because they needed money for school expenses, demonstrating the financial pressures experienced by a significant portion of the undergraduate population;

Whereas, the Tatkon Center for New Students serves as a university resource specifically dedicated to supporting freshmen as they transition into Cornell and establish their communities;

Whereas, the Tatkon Center is particularly well-positioned to help address freshman isolation during academic breaks through dedicated community-building programming;

Whereas, the challenges of socioeconomic isolation during academic breaks extend beyond freshmen and require a broader institutional response that includes students across all undergraduate class years;

Whereas, Cornell University has multiple departments, campus organizations, residential communities, and student groups with the capacity to support students who remain on campus during academic breaks;

Whereas, coordinating existing university resources and student organizations could create a more sustainable and comprehensive support system without placing the responsibility entirely on any single department or student organization;

Whereas, Cornell University has an interest in ensuring that students feel supported, included, and connected throughout the academic year, including periods when campus activity and access to their usual social communities decrease;

Be it therefore resolved, That Cornell University establish recurring community-building programming during every short academic break to provide students remaining on campus with opportunities to socialize, establish friendships, and access community support;

Be it further resolved, that the University evaluate existing departments, campus organizations, residential communities, and student groups to identify opportunities for collaboration in organizing and facilitating community-building activities during academic breaks;

Be it further resolved, that the University coordinate with relevant campus organizations and departments, including Student and Campus Life, residential communities, and undergraduate student organizations, to ensure that programming is accessible to students across all undergraduate class years;

Be it further resolved, that the Tatkon Center for New Students establish dedicated community-building programming for freshmen during every short academic break, recognizing the particular challenges faced by first-year students who have not yet established social networks and support systems at Cornell;

Be it further resolved, that community-building programming include accessible activities such as shared meals, recreational activities, outdoor games, and social gatherings that allow students to establish meaningful friendships regardless of their financial circumstances;

Be it further resolved, that the University provide appropriate funding and institutional resources to support free or low-cost programming and meals for students remaining on campus during academic breaks;

Be it further resolved, that the University monitor student participation and feedback following academic breaks to evaluate the effectiveness of programming and identify opportunities for improvement;

Be it finally resolved, that the Cornell Student Assembly calls upon the appropriate University offices to implement this resolution and provide the Assembly with an update on its implementation.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Myshay Causey
Representative At Large, *Student Assembly*

Student Assembly

Resolution 36: Restocking Necessities

Abstract: Abstract: This resolution calls for the permanent stocking of essential necessities, including menstrual pads, Band-Aids, and toothbrushes, at RPCC and Jansen's. With limited on-campus access to these supplies and inconsistent vending machine restocking, this initiative aims to ensure students have reliable access to basic necessities throughout the day.

Authored by: Myshay Causey, Representative At Large

Endorsed by:

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented: 11/05/2026

Current Status: First Reading Calendar

Whereas, access to basic necessities is an essential component of student well-being, and students should have reliable access to everyday personal care and health supplies throughout the academic day and evening;

Whereas, Cornell students currently have extremely limited options for purchasing basic necessities on campus, with Cornell Health serving as the only identified location where students can purchase these items;

Whereas, Cornell Health closes at 6:00 PM each day, leaving students without an accessible on-campus option to purchase basic necessities during evening hours;

Whereas, students may unexpectedly require essential items such as menstrual products, Band-Aids, and toothbrushes, and the inability to access these necessities outside limited operating hours creates unnecessary inconvenience and barriers to student well-being;

Whereas, a survey conducted among Cornell students identified menstrual pads, Band-Aids, and toothbrushes as the most requested essential supplies students would like to see made available on campus;

Whereas, RPCC currently has a vending machine intended to provide students with access to basic necessities, yet the machine remained unstocked during the first two months of the academic year;

Whereas, the RPCC vending machine was only restocked following direct intervention and outreach to the individuals responsible for its operation, demonstrating the need for more consistent oversight and maintenance;

Whereas, despite this intervention, the RPCC vending machine continues to be infrequently stocked and does not currently offer menstrual pads, failing to adequately address the needs identified by students;

Whereas, relying on an intermittently stocked vending machine does not provide students with dependable access to necessities, particularly when those items may be needed urgently;

Whereas, RPCC and Jansen's are important campus locations that provide opportunities to make basic necessities accessible to students throughout the day;

Whereas, permanently incorporating essential supplies into the regular inventory of RPCC and Jansen's would provide students with more reliable access to necessities without requiring them to travel to Cornell Health or depend on limited operating hours;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Cornell Student Assembly formally requests that the administrators and individuals responsible for stocking RPCC and Jansen's permanently incorporate essential student necessities into the regular inventory of both locations;

Be it further resolved, that the regular inventory at both RPCC and Jansen's include menstrual pads, Band-Aids, and toothbrushes, reflecting the most frequently requested items identified through student feedback;

Be it further resolved, that those responsible for stocking and maintaining these locations establish consistent restocking practices to ensure these necessities remain available to students on an ongoing basis;

Be it finally resolved, that the Cornell Student Assembly requests a meeting with the individuals responsible for inventory and stocking at RPCC and Jansen's to discuss the permanent implementation of this request.

Student Assembly

Respectfully Submitted,

Myshay Causey
Representative At Large, *Student Assembly*

Student Assembly

Resolution 32: Improving Access to Garbage Bags in Campus Residence Halls

Abstract: This resolution recommends that Cornell University makes plastic garbage bags readily accessible to students living in campus residence halls. Providing students with a consistent and convenient means of obtaining plastic garbage bags would support proper waste disposal, residential cleanliness, and maintenance of shared living spaces.

Authored by: Tyler Japal ’27

Endorsed by: Tin Cho Aye ’28

Reviewed by: Name of Committee, MM/DD/YYYY

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented: 10/26/2026

Current Status: Third Reading Calendar

Whereas, students living in Cornell Residence Halls are responsible for properly disposing of waste in generated in their individual rooms and shared residential spaces,

Whereas, access to garbage bags is an important component of containing household waste and transferring it to designated waste disposal locations,

Whereas, students may not always have convenient access to garbage bags within their own residence halls, requiring residents to purchase garbage bags and incur additional expenses for routine waste disposal,

Whereas, limited access to garbage bags can lead to uncleanly living conditions and an accumulation of waste in shared spaces such as bathrooms, kitchens, lounges, etc,

Whereas, providing garbage bags at accessible locations within residence halls could reduce barriers to proper garbage disposal and encourage residents to maintain clean individual and shared spaces,

Whereas, residence halls already contain common areas and other centralized locations through which residential supplies and services can be made available to students,

Whereas, any implementation of this proposal should remain consistent with Cornell University's waste-management and sustainability practices, including appropriate guidance regarding landfill waste, recycling, and composting,

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly recommends that Cornell University's Building Care Department, in consultation with Cornell University Housing and Residential Life, establish a system through which students living in campus residence halls can conveniently obtain garbage bags for residential waste disposal,

Be it therefore resolved, the garbage bags be made available at one or more clearly accessible locations within each campus residence hall such as common spaces, service area, designated supply stations, or other locations deemed appropriate by Housing and Residential Life,

Be it further resolved, that the University consider implementing a distribution system that provides students with reasonable access to garbage bags while minimizing unnecessary use and waste,

Be it further resolved, that information regarding the availability and appropriate use of garbage bags be communicated to Housing and Residential Life administration, Residence Hall Directors, Residential Advisors, and residential students at the beginning of the academic year and through relevant residential resources,

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly communicate this recommendation to the appropriate University administrators and request a response regarding feasibility, potential cost, and implementation of providing accessible garbage bags in all campus residence halls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Japal
Representative-At-Large, *Student Assembly*

Tin Cho Aye '28
College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Representative, *Student Assembly*

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Resolution 33: Starbucks Actually Off Our Campus

Abstract: This resolution calls on Cornell University to live up to its 2023 commitment to end its relationship with Starbucks Coffee Company by ceasing the sale of remaining Starbucks products everywhere across its campus, including in vending machines and Cornell Eateries.

Authored by: Adriana Vink, Yasmeen Masoud, Adam Sendelbach

Endorsed by: Sruthi Dommaraju, Kevin Chang, Sofia Figueroa, Zoe Reisman

Reviewed by: Student Employment Policy Committee, 10/18/2026

Type of Action: Legislation

Originally Presented: 10/29/2026

Current Status: Third Reading Calendar

Whereas, on May 11, 2023, the Student Assembly passed Resolution 1: Starbucks Off Our Campus, demanding a termination of Cornell University's relationship with Starbucks Coffee Company [1].

Whereas, on May 17, 2023, Cornell University President Martha E. Pollack responded to Resolution 1, writing that "Cornell supports fair labor practices in compliance with federal and New York State law" [2].

Whereas, Starbucks Coffee Company is widely regarded to be one of the largest violators of U.S labor law in modern history, breaking the law over 130 times in response to union organizing across six states beginning in 2021 [3].

Whereas, the National Labor Relations Board ruled Starbucks Coffee Company violated the National Labor Relations Act by closing two Ithaca stores at 130 East Seneca Street and 722 South Meadow Street in response to workers, including many Cornell students, unionizing [4].

Whereas, the National Labor Relations Board ordered Starbucks Coffee Company reopen its Ithaca stores, and the company has not complied with that legal order for over two years.

Whereas, as of June 2023, Cornell University promised that it would terminate its relationship with Starbucks Coffee Company no later than the expiration of its then contract in June 2025 [5].

Whereas, Cornell University dining halls and Eateries have since primarily replaced Starbucks Coffee Company products with products from a combination of La Colombe, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Finger Lakes Coffee Roasters, Copper Horse Coffee, and Sun Coffee Roasters [6].

Whereas, Starbucks Coffee Company products are currently being sold in vending machines, including but not limited to those in Balch Hall, Becker House, Goldwin Smith Hall, Ives Hall, the Physical Sciences Building, Malott Hall, Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Milstein Hall, Olin Library, and Uris Hall.

Whereas, Starbucks Coffee Company products are currently being sold Cornell Eateries across campus, including but not limited to Amit Bhatia Libe Café, Bear Necessities Grill & C-Store, Goldie's Cafe, Green Dragon Cafe, Mac's Cafe, Mann Cafe, Mattins Cafe, Straight from the Market, and Terrace Restaurant.

Whereas, it is recognized that Starbucks Coffee Company has a 50/50 partnership with Pepsi and we are a Pepsi school. However, this partnership does not necessitate that Starbucks Coffee products be sold on campus, as not all Pepsi products are represented across our campus.

Whereas, Article III, Section 1 of the Student Assembly Charter provides, "the SA will have legislative authority over the policies of the Department of Campus Life and the Office of the Dean of Students, and will have the authority to review the budgets and actions of said departments," which thereby vests the Student Assembly with the authority to determine policy for the Department of Student and Campus Life and its subordinate entities, including Cornell Dining [7].

Be it therefore resolved, Cornell University must live up to its commitment to ending its relationship with Starbucks Coffee Company and cease selling all Starbucks Coffee Company products across all dining facilities, cafes, and retail locations.

Be it further resolved, Cornell University should sell non-Starbucks Coffee Company bottled coffee products, such as those it already sells from La Colombe.

Be it further resolved, any remaining stock of Starbucks Coffee Company products should be sold at a discounted price, so that Cornell University recovers its initial expenditures from purchasing these products without generating any profit.

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be formally conveyed to President Michael Kotlikoff, Vice President for Student and Campus Life Ryan Lombardi, Cornell Dining leadership, and all other relevant University administrators responsible for dining services, purchasing, and procurement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adriana Vink
Student Workers' Representative, *Student Assembly*

Yasmeen Masoud

Brooks School of Public Policy Representative, *Student Assembly*

Adam Sendelbach,

School of Industrial and Labor Relations Representative, *Student Assembly*

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Student Assembly

Resolution 34: Approving Special Projects Request for the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council

Abstract: Approves $4,000 from the Special Projects fund for the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council (SMSC) to host the Sephardi-Mizrahi Shabbat, a Shabbat dinner open to all Cornell undergraduate students on Friday, November 6, 2026.

Authored by: Christian Tarala ’27

Reviewed by: Executive Board (6-0-1)

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 11/05/2026

Current Status: Third Reading Calendar

Whereas, the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council (SMSC) is a registered student organization that shares the traditions of Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews, whose communities originate from Spain, the Middle East, and North Africa, with the broader Cornell community,

Whereas, SMSC receives its primary byline funding through the Interfaith Council at Cornell (ICC) and has a pending 2026–2027 ICC allocation of $1,250 for non-event expenses,

Whereas, SMSC seeks funding for the Sephardi-Mizrahi Shabbat, a dinner to be held on Friday, November 6, 2026, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, with an expected attendance of 500 students,

Whereas, SMSC’s four previous Shabbat dinners each drew more than 400 students, and SMSC is conducting outreach beyond the Jewish community, including to Muslim and Christian students through partnerships with religious organizations and community leaders,

Whereas, the total cost of the event is $11,350, consisting of $8,920 for CU Dining Shabbat dinner catering, $1,650 for Kiddush food, $660 for utensils, and $120 for promotional materials,

Whereas, SMSC has also requested $2,500 from CU Tonight for this event, which is pending,

Whereas, Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 1, of the Standing Rules reads:

> The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through the Assembly Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending.

Whereas, SMSC complies with Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 2, subsection a, of the Standing Rules as a Cornell registered student organization,

Whereas, Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 8, of the Standing Rules reads:

> Organizations without open membership are not eligible for Special Projects Funding, except in cases where the applicant is hosting an event open to all Cornell undergraduate students.

Whereas, the Sephardi-Mizrahi Shabbat is open to all Cornell undergraduate students,

Whereas, Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 5, of the Standing Rules reads:

> Requests $2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. … The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly approves the $4,000 disbursement from the Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Account (30001) into the account of the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council to fund the November 6, 2026 Shabbat dinner open to all undergraduate students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christian Tarala ’27
Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

Submitted by: Gavin Hakimian (gh438@cornell.edu) on Oct 15, 2026 6:16 PM

2026-2027 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Request Survey PENDING APPROVAL

Submission ID: 7102395

Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects Application (Part 1)

Dear Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects applicant,

This form is the official application for AY 2026-2027 Special Projects funding. Below are guidelines for the Special Projects fund:

The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through the Assembly Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending. Special Projects funding may be requested by any of the following, but not limited to:

- *(i) Any Cornell registered student organization,*
- *(ii) the Assembly committee chairs that seek funding for expenditures that exceed their committee's budgeted allocation.*

(1) 1. The President and Vice President for Finance together may approve any special projects funding request up to $500 without consultation with the Executive Committee. Amounts up to $500 may also be funded by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Request must be made public at a Student Assembly meeting in the form of an "Announcement/Report" before being approved. Any voting member can motion for the request to be sent to the Executive Committee if they feel necessary.

(2) The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over $500 and under $2,500 by a majority vote. The Assembly, at large, may reverse an Executive Committee decision to fund amounts over $400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

(3) Requests $2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of $2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

In addition to the Special Project rules outlined in the 2025-2026 Standing Rules, pursuant to APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines (lines 822-825) of the Student Assembly Charter, an organization is only allowed a maximum of $5,000 per semester in Special Projects funding.

- *x. Student Assembly*
  - *a. The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell University Office of Assemblies Department.*
  - *b. The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed $5,000 per organization per academic year.*

What Organization is requesting the funding? *

Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

What is your role in your organization? *

Vice President

If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) *

N/A

Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? *

Interfaith Council at Cornell (ICC)

What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? *

11350

What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? *

4000

Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.

If this is for a one-time event, please include the name of the event, date of the event, expected attendance at the event, etc.

If this is for a one-time purchase of a good or service, please describe the items to be purchased, quantity purchased, cost per item, number of people this purchase will affect, etc. *

Event Name: Sephardi-Mizrahi Shabbat Date: Friday, November 6th (6:30pm-9:30pm) Expected Attendance: 500 Description: Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews are those originating from Spain, the Middle East and North Africa. They are a minority within the broader Jewish community, and the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council's goal is to share the Sephardi and Mizrahi warmth and traditions with Cornell students while spreading awareness and appreciation of our minority group. Through a vibrant Shabbat dinner with amazing food, singing, and atmosphere, this event will showcase the core values of the Sephardi & Mizrahi community to a wider audience at Cornell, engaging all types of students. The previous four dinners each brought in 400+ students, and we have greater attendance goals for this event. We will discuss and practice several Jewish traditions during the event. We will do ceremonies such as a blessing recited on grape juice, ritual hand washing, and a blessing on bread to begin the meal. Additionally, we will display a gallery of posters on different Sephardic communities to spark students' interest in learning more about these communities. Lastly, two students from the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council will give short speeches relating their background traditions to a lesson related to a Jewish text. We are directly advertising to Jewish students through social media, group chats, and posters. Our other target audiences are the Muslim and Christian communities, who we will be reaching through partnerships with religious organizations and community leaders. We will set up fliers in many locations on campus, including residence halls, libraries, dining halls, and in Collegetown.

Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2026-2027 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. *

Interfaith Allocation ($1,250 pending, non-event related) CU Tonight ($2,500 pending)

Please list all sources of funding your organization received, has applied for, or intends to apply for in the 2025-2026 AY. In addition, name all sources of funding that will be used to fund this project. Finally, name all other possible sources of funding that have failed to fund this project and how they have failed.

Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. *

500

Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. *

Interfaith Yearly Allocation: + $4,000 Sephardi Boat: - $800 Sephardi Tea House Dinner: - $350 Sephardi Yom Kippur Break Fast: - $100 CU Tonight Funding (PENDING): + $2,500 Sephardi Shabbat Dinner (TENTATIVE): - $11,350

This should not be a transaction history. Expenses should be event costs, food for meetings, etc.

Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. *

Utensils $660.00 Promotional Materials $120.00 Total Non-Food Items $780.00 CU Dining Shabbat Dinner Food Total $8,920.00 Shabbat Kiddush Food Total $1,650.00 Total $11,350.00

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. *

While the event will be highly attended by Jewish students, we will be hosting and welcoming non-Jewish students from Cornell's large community to attend the event, while specifically focusing on increasing Muslim and Christian student attendance. This event will highlight the diversity within the Jewish community that is often overlooked. By introducing several ceremonies with explanations and definitions for new terms, this will help all students understand the ceremonies and feel welcome in participating in them. Additionally, the gallery of posters will introduce students to learning about Sephardic communities with fun facts and explanations. This will make the Cornell student community more aware and accepting of Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews, creating a better environment for this minority group.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

Policy related to Accessibility (Policy 5.12: Web Accessibility)

Policy related to Inclusion (Policy 6.4: Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct)

Please upload the most updated Constitution or Charter for your organization. *

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Please upload the most updated Bylaws or other Governing Documents for your organization. *

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Student Assembly

Resolution 35: Events During Breaks

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Authored by: Myshay Causey, Representative At Large

Endorsed by:

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented: 11/05/2026

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Whereas, the departure of roommates, friends, and established social networks can create sudden feelings of isolation and disconnection for students who remain on campus;

Whereas, academic breaks can make socioeconomic differences within the Cornell community particularly visible, as some students travel home or participate in vacations and other activities while their peers lack the financial resources or flexibility to do the same;

Whereas, students who cannot afford to travel home may experience additional financial anxiety, homesickness, and emotional distress associated with being separated from their families and existing support systems;

Whereas, these circumstances can make academic breaks particularly difficult for students already navigating financial insecurity and the challenges of transitioning into university life;

Whereas, freshmen may be particularly vulnerable to isolation during short academic breaks because they have not yet established the friendships, social networks, or support systems that allow them to coordinate travel plans and maintain community outside of campus;

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Whereas, research published in the *Journal of Adolescent Research* in 2023, titled "It's Easy to Feel Alone, But When You Have Community, It Makes College a Lot Easier," found that meaningful peer relationships and institutional support are essential to first-generation students' successful adjustment to college, underscoring the importance of providing freshmen with structured opportunities to establish friendships and support networks;

Whereas, a 2026 study published in the *Journal of American College Health*, titled "Psychological Well-Being Among U.S. College Students: The Associations With School Climate, Loneliness, and Financial Stress," found that loneliness had the strongest negative association with psychological well-being among surveyed college students, while financial stress was also negatively associated with well-being, demonstrating the importance of addressing social isolation and financial insecurity as interconnected student welfare concerns;

Whereas, Cornell University's 2025 Undergraduate Experience Survey found that 59% of surveyed undergraduate students who reported working for pay did so because they needed money for school expenses, demonstrating the financial pressures experienced by a significant portion of the undergraduate population;

Whereas, the Tatkon Center for New Students serves as a university resource specifically dedicated to supporting freshmen as they transition into Cornell and establish their communities;

Whereas, the Tatkon Center is particularly well-positioned to help address freshman isolation during academic breaks through dedicated community-building programming;

Whereas, the challenges of socioeconomic isolation during academic breaks extend beyond freshmen and require a broader institutional response that includes students across all undergraduate class years;

Whereas, Cornell University has multiple departments, campus organizations, residential communities, and student groups with the capacity to support students who remain on campus during academic breaks;

Whereas, coordinating existing university resources and student organizations could create a more sustainable and comprehensive support system without placing the responsibility entirely on any single department or student organization;

Whereas, Cornell University has an interest in ensuring that students feel supported, included, and connected throughout the academic year, including periods when campus activity and access to their usual social communities decrease;

Be it therefore resolved, That Cornell University establish recurring community-building programming during every short academic break to provide students remaining on campus with opportunities to socialize, establish friendships, and access community support;

Be it further resolved, that the University evaluate existing departments, campus organizations, residential communities, and student groups to identify opportunities for collaboration in organizing and facilitating community-building activities during academic breaks;

Be it further resolved, that the University coordinate with relevant campus organizations and departments, including Student and Campus Life, residential communities, and undergraduate student organizations, to ensure that programming is accessible to students across all undergraduate class years;

Be it further resolved, that the Tatkon Center for New Students establish dedicated community-building programming for freshmen during every short academic break, recognizing the particular challenges faced by first-year students who have not yet established social networks and support systems at Cornell;

Be it further resolved, that community-building programming include accessible activities such as shared meals, recreational activities, outdoor games, and social gatherings that allow students to establish meaningful friendships regardless of their financial circumstances;

Be it further resolved, that the University provide appropriate funding and institutional resources to support free or low-cost programming and meals for students remaining on campus during academic breaks;

Be it further resolved, that the University monitor student participation and feedback following academic breaks to evaluate the effectiveness of programming and identify opportunities for improvement;

Be it finally resolved, that the Cornell Student Assembly calls upon the appropriate University offices to implement this resolution and provide the Assembly with an update on its implementation.

Student Assembly

Respectfully Submitted,

Myshay Causey
Representative At Large, *Student Assembly*

Student Assembly

Resolution 36: Restocking Necessities

Abstract: Abstract: This resolution calls for the permanent stocking of essential necessities, including menstrual pads, Band-Aids, and toothbrushes, at RPCC and Jansen's. With limited on-campus access to these supplies and inconsistent vending machine restocking, this initiative aims to ensure students have reliable access to basic necessities throughout the day.

Authored by: Myshay Causey, Representative At Large

Endorsed by:

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented: 11/05/2026

Current Status: First Reading Calendar

Whereas, access to basic necessities is an essential component of student well-being, and students should have reliable access to everyday personal care and health supplies throughout the academic day and evening;

Whereas, Cornell students currently have extremely limited options for purchasing basic necessities on campus, with Cornell Health serving as the only identified location where students can purchase these items;

Whereas, Cornell Health closes at 6:00 PM each day, leaving students without an accessible on-campus option to purchase basic necessities during evening hours;

Whereas, students may unexpectedly require essential items such as menstrual products, Band-Aids, and toothbrushes, and the inability to access these necessities outside limited operating hours creates unnecessary inconvenience and barriers to student well-being;

Whereas, a survey conducted among Cornell students identified menstrual pads, Band-Aids, and toothbrushes as the most requested essential supplies students would like to see made available on campus;

Whereas, RPCC currently has a vending machine intended to provide students with access to basic necessities, yet the machine remained unstocked during the first two months of the academic year;

Whereas, the RPCC vending machine was only restocked following direct intervention and outreach to the individuals responsible for its operation, demonstrating the need for more consistent oversight and maintenance;

Whereas, despite this intervention, the RPCC vending machine continues to be infrequently stocked and does not currently offer menstrual pads, failing to adequately address the needs identified by students;

Whereas, relying on an intermittently stocked vending machine does not provide students with dependable access to necessities, particularly when those items may be needed urgently;

Whereas, RPCC and Jansen's are important campus locations that provide opportunities to make basic necessities accessible to students throughout the day;

Whereas, permanently incorporating essential supplies into the regular inventory of RPCC and Jansen's would provide students with more reliable access to necessities without requiring them to travel to Cornell Health or depend on limited operating hours;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Cornell Student Assembly formally requests that the administrators and individuals responsible for stocking RPCC and Jansen's permanently incorporate essential student necessities into the regular inventory of both locations;

Be it further resolved, that the regular inventory at both RPCC and Jansen's include menstrual pads, Band-Aids, and toothbrushes, reflecting the most frequently requested items identified through student feedback;

Be it further resolved, that those responsible for stocking and maintaining these locations establish consistent restocking practices to ensure these necessities remain available to students on an ongoing basis;

Be it finally resolved, that the Cornell Student Assembly requests a meeting with the individuals responsible for inventory and stocking at RPCC and Jansen's to discuss the permanent implementation of this request.

Student Assembly

Respectfully Submitted,

Myshay Causey
Representative At Large, *Student Assembly*

Student Assembly

Resolution 32: Improving Access to Garbage Bags in Campus Residence Halls

Abstract: This resolution recommends that Cornell University makes plastic garbage bags readily accessible to students living in campus residence halls. Providing students with a consistent and convenient means of obtaining plastic garbage bags would support proper waste disposal, residential cleanliness, and maintenance of shared living spaces.

Authored by: Tyler Japal ’27

Endorsed by: Tin Cho Aye ’28

Reviewed by: Name of Committee, MM/DD/YYYY

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented: 10/26/2026

Current Status: Third Reading Calendar

Whereas, students living in Cornell Residence Halls are responsible for properly disposing of waste in generated in their individual rooms and shared residential spaces,

Whereas, access to garbage bags is an important component of containing household waste and transferring it to designated waste disposal locations,

Whereas, students may not always have convenient access to garbage bags within their own residence halls, requiring residents to purchase garbage bags and incur additional expenses for routine waste disposal,

Whereas, limited access to garbage bags can lead to uncleanly living conditions and an accumulation of waste in shared spaces such as bathrooms, kitchens, lounges, etc,

Whereas, providing garbage bags at accessible locations within residence halls could reduce barriers to proper garbage disposal and encourage residents to maintain clean individual and shared spaces,

Whereas, residence halls already contain common areas and other centralized locations through which residential supplies and services can be made available to students,

Whereas, any implementation of this proposal should remain consistent with Cornell University's waste-management and sustainability practices, including appropriate guidance regarding landfill waste, recycling, and composting,

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly recommends that Cornell University's Building Care Department, in consultation with Cornell University Housing and Residential Life, establish a system through which students living in campus residence halls can conveniently obtain garbage bags for residential waste disposal,

Be it therefore resolved, the garbage bags be made available at one or more clearly accessible locations within each campus residence hall such as common spaces, service area, designated supply stations, or other locations deemed appropriate by Housing and Residential Life,

Be it further resolved, that the University consider implementing a distribution system that provides students with reasonable access to garbage bags while minimizing unnecessary use and waste,

Be it further resolved, that information regarding the availability and appropriate use of garbage bags be communicated to Housing and Residential Life administration, Residence Hall Directors, Residential Advisors, and residential students at the beginning of the academic year and through relevant residential resources,

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly communicate this recommendation to the appropriate University administrators and request a response regarding feasibility, potential cost, and implementation of providing accessible garbage bags in all campus residence halls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Japal
Representative-At-Large, *Student Assembly*

Tin Cho Aye '28
College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Representative, *Student Assembly*

Student Assembly

Resolution 33: Starbucks Actually Off Our Campus

Abstract: This resolution calls on Cornell University to live up to its 2023 commitment to end its relationship with Starbucks Coffee Company by ceasing the sale of remaining Starbucks products everywhere across its campus, including in vending machines and Cornell Eateries.

Authored by: Adriana Vink, Yasmeen Masoud, Adam Sendelbach

Endorsed by: Sruthi Dommaraju, Kevin Chang, Sofia Figueroa, Zoe Reisman

Reviewed by: Student Employment Policy Committee, 10/18/2026

Type of Action: Legislation

Originally Presented: 10/29/2026

Current Status: Third Reading Calendar

Whereas, on May 11, 2023, the Student Assembly passed Resolution 1: Starbucks Off Our Campus, demanding a termination of Cornell University's relationship with Starbucks Coffee Company [1].

Whereas, on May 17, 2023, Cornell University President Martha E. Pollack responded to Resolution 1, writing that "Cornell supports fair labor practices in compliance with federal and New York State law" [2].

Whereas, Starbucks Coffee Company is widely regarded to be one of the largest violators of U.S labor law in modern history, breaking the law over 130 times in response to union organizing across six states beginning in 2021 [3].

Whereas, the National Labor Relations Board ruled Starbucks Coffee Company violated the National Labor Relations Act by closing two Ithaca stores at 130 East Seneca Street and 722 South Meadow Street in response to workers, including many Cornell students, unionizing [4].

Whereas, the National Labor Relations Board ordered Starbucks Coffee Company reopen its Ithaca stores, and the company has not complied with that legal order for over two years.

Whereas, as of June 2023, Cornell University promised that it would terminate its relationship with Starbucks Coffee Company no later than the expiration of its then contract in June 2025 [5].

Whereas, Cornell University dining halls and Eateries have since primarily replaced Starbucks Coffee Company products with products from a combination of La Colombe, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Finger Lakes Coffee Roasters, Copper Horse Coffee, and Sun Coffee Roasters [6].

Whereas, Starbucks Coffee Company products are currently being sold in vending machines, including but not limited to those in Balch Hall, Becker House, Goldwin Smith Hall, Ives Hall, the Physical Sciences Building, Malott Hall, Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Milstein Hall, Olin Library, and Uris Hall.

Whereas, Starbucks Coffee Company products are currently being sold Cornell Eateries across campus, including but not limited to Amit Bhatia Libe Café, Bear Necessities Grill & C-Store, Goldie's Cafe, Green Dragon Cafe, Mac's Cafe, Mann Cafe, Mattins Cafe, Straight from the Market, and Terrace Restaurant.

Whereas, it is recognized that Starbucks Coffee Company has a 50/50 partnership with Pepsi and we are a Pepsi school. However, this partnership does not necessitate that Starbucks Coffee products be sold on campus, as not all Pepsi products are represented across our campus.

Whereas, Article III, Section 1 of the Student Assembly Charter provides, "the SA will have legislative authority over the policies of the Department of Campus Life and the Office of the Dean of Students, and will have the authority to review the budgets and actions of said departments," which thereby vests the Student Assembly with the authority to determine policy for the Department of Student and Campus Life and its subordinate entities, including Cornell Dining [7].

Be it therefore resolved, Cornell University must live up to its commitment to ending its relationship with Starbucks Coffee Company and cease selling all Starbucks Coffee Company products across all dining facilities, cafes, and retail locations.

Be it further resolved, Cornell University should sell non-Starbucks Coffee Company bottled coffee products, such as those it already sells from La Colombe.

Be it further resolved, any remaining stock of Starbucks Coffee Company products should be sold at a discounted price, so that Cornell University recovers its initial expenditures from purchasing these products without generating any profit.

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be formally conveyed to President Michael Kotlikoff, Vice President for Student and Campus Life Ryan Lombardi, Cornell Dining leadership, and all other relevant University administrators responsible for dining services, purchasing, and procurement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adriana Vink
Student Workers' Representative, *Student Assembly*

Yasmeen Masoud

Brooks School of Public Policy Representative, *Student Assembly*

Adam Sendelbach,

School of Industrial and Labor Relations Representative, *Student Assembly*

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Student Assembly

Resolution 34: Approving Special Projects Request for the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council

Abstract: Approves $4,000 from the Special Projects fund for the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council (SMSC) to host the Sephardi-Mizrahi Shabbat, a Shabbat dinner open to all Cornell undergraduate students on Friday, November 6, 2026.

Authored by: Christian Tarala ’27

Reviewed by: Executive Board (6-0-1)

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 11/05/2026

Current Status: Third Reading Calendar

Whereas, the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council (SMSC) is a registered student organization that shares the traditions of Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews, whose communities originate from Spain, the Middle East, and North Africa, with the broader Cornell community,

Whereas, SMSC receives its primary byline funding through the Interfaith Council at Cornell (ICC) and has a pending 2026–2027 ICC allocation of $1,250 for non-event expenses,

Whereas, SMSC seeks funding for the Sephardi-Mizrahi Shabbat, a dinner to be held on Friday, November 6, 2026, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, with an expected attendance of 500 students,

Whereas, SMSC’s four previous Shabbat dinners each drew more than 400 students, and SMSC is conducting outreach beyond the Jewish community, including to Muslim and Christian students through partnerships with religious organizations and community leaders,

Whereas, the total cost of the event is $11,350, consisting of $8,920 for CU Dining Shabbat dinner catering, $1,650 for Kiddush food, $660 for utensils, and $120 for promotional materials,

Whereas, SMSC has also requested $2,500 from CU Tonight for this event, which is pending,

Whereas, Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 1, of the Standing Rules reads:

> The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through the Assembly Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending.

Whereas, SMSC complies with Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 2, subsection a, of the Standing Rules as a Cornell registered student organization,

Whereas, Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 8, of the Standing Rules reads:

> Organizations without open membership are not eligible for Special Projects Funding, except in cases where the applicant is hosting an event open to all Cornell undergraduate students.

Whereas, the Sephardi-Mizrahi Shabbat is open to all Cornell undergraduate students,

Whereas, Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 5, of the Standing Rules reads:

> Requests $2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. … The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly approves the $4,000 disbursement from the Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Account (30001) into the account of the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council to fund the November 6, 2026 Shabbat dinner open to all undergraduate students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christian Tarala ’27
Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

Submitted by: Gavin Hakimian (gh438@cornell.edu) on Oct 15, 2026 6:16 PM

2026-2027 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Request Survey PENDING APPROVAL

Submission ID: 7102395

Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects Application (Part 1)

Dear Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects applicant,

This form is the official application for AY 2026-2027 Special Projects funding. Below are guidelines for the Special Projects fund:

The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through the Assembly Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending. Special Projects funding may be requested by any of the following, but not limited to:

- *(i) Any Cornell registered student organization,*
- *(ii) the Assembly committee chairs that seek funding for expenditures that exceed their committee's budgeted allocation.*

(1) 1. The President and Vice President for Finance together may approve any special projects funding request up to $500 without consultation with the Executive Committee. Amounts up to $500 may also be funded by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Request must be made public at a Student Assembly meeting in the form of an "Announcement/Report" before being approved. Any voting member can motion for the request to be sent to the Executive Committee if they feel necessary.

(2) The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over $500 and under $2,500 by a majority vote. The Assembly, at large, may reverse an Executive Committee decision to fund amounts over $400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

(3) Requests $2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of $2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

In addition to the Special Project rules outlined in the 2025-2026 Standing Rules, pursuant to APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines (lines 822-825) of the Student Assembly Charter, an organization is only allowed a maximum of $5,000 per semester in Special Projects funding.

- *x. Student Assembly*
  - *a. The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell University Office of Assemblies Department.*
  - *b. The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed $5,000 per organization per academic year.*

What Organization is requesting the funding? *

Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

What is your role in your organization? *

Vice President

If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) *

N/A

Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? *

Interfaith Council at Cornell (ICC)

What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? *

11350

What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? *

4000

Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.

If this is for a one-time event, please include the name of the event, date of the event, expected attendance at the event, etc.

If this is for a one-time purchase of a good or service, please describe the items to be purchased, quantity purchased, cost per item, number of people this purchase will affect, etc. *

Event Name: Sephardi-Mizrahi Shabbat Date: Friday, November 6th (6:30pm-9:30pm) Expected Attendance: 500 Description: Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews are those originating from Spain, the Middle East and North Africa. They are a minority within the broader Jewish community, and the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council's goal is to share the Sephardi and Mizrahi warmth and traditions with Cornell students while spreading awareness and appreciation of our minority group. Through a vibrant Shabbat dinner with amazing food, singing, and atmosphere, this event will showcase the core values of the Sephardi & Mizrahi community to a wider audience at Cornell, engaging all types of students. The previous four dinners each brought in 400+ students, and we have greater attendance goals for this event. We will discuss and practice several Jewish traditions during the event. We will do ceremonies such as a blessing recited on grape juice, ritual hand washing, and a blessing on bread to begin the meal. Additionally, we will display a gallery of posters on different Sephardic communities to spark students' interest in learning more about these communities. Lastly, two students from the Sephardi & Mizrahi Student Council will give short speeches relating their background traditions to a lesson related to a Jewish text. We are directly advertising to Jewish students through social media, group chats, and posters. Our other target audiences are the Muslim and Christian communities, who we will be reaching through partnerships with religious organizations and community leaders. We will set up fliers in many locations on campus, including residence halls, libraries, dining halls, and in Collegetown.

Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2026-2027 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. *

Interfaith Allocation ($1,250 pending, non-event related) CU Tonight ($2,500 pending)

Please list all sources of funding your organization received, has applied for, or intends to apply for in the 2025-2026 AY. In addition, name all sources of funding that will be used to fund this project. Finally, name all other possible sources of funding that have failed to fund this project and how they have failed.

Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. *

500

Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. *

Interfaith Yearly Allocation: + $4,000 Sephardi Boat: - $800 Sephardi Tea House Dinner: - $350 Sephardi Yom Kippur Break Fast: - $100 CU Tonight Funding (PENDING): + $2,500 Sephardi Shabbat Dinner (TENTATIVE): - $11,350

This should not be a transaction history. Expenses should be event costs, food for meetings, etc.

Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. *

Utensils $660.00 Promotional Materials $120.00 Total Non-Food Items $780.00 CU Dining Shabbat Dinner Food Total $8,920.00 Shabbat Kiddush Food Total $1,650.00 Total $11,350.00

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. *

While the event will be highly attended by Jewish students, we will be hosting and welcoming non-Jewish students from Cornell's large community to attend the event, while specifically focusing on increasing Muslim and Christian student attendance. This event will highlight the diversity within the Jewish community that is often overlooked. By introducing several ceremonies with explanations and definitions for new terms, this will help all students understand the ceremonies and feel welcome in participating in them. Additionally, the gallery of posters will introduce students to learning about Sephardic communities with fun facts and explanations. This will make the Cornell student community more aware and accepting of Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews, creating a better environment for this minority group.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

Policy related to Accessibility (Policy 5.12: Web Accessibility)

Policy related to Inclusion (Policy 6.4: Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct)

Please upload the most updated Constitution or Charter for your organization. *

Upload file

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Please upload the most updated Bylaws or other Governing Documents for your organization. *

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