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Fall 2010 Admissions 100: Getting In: What the Experts Say

A knowledgeable college consultant can help high school students find good school matches, assist in getting admitted, and offer critical advice students and parents may not be able to find elsewhere, such as these insider tips from consultants throughout the States.

How will social networking impact my admissions chances?

Janet Rosier, Janet Rosier's Educational Resources, Woodbridge, Connecticut (HECA, IECA, NACAC): You need to be very careful here. Your Facebook is not so private, and what you say can come back and bite you. Admissions personnel do not look kindly on photos of underage drinking or text that "disses" any universities. My rule is this: If Bubbe would *plotz* if she read what is on your wall, take it down.

What Jewish questions should I ask—and not ask?

Janet Rosier: Avoid making assumptions and ask what you need to know. Very few colleges cancel classes on the High Holidays, so if this is an issue, ask about school policies regarding missing classes on those days. If *kashrut* is important to you, find out its availability on or near campus.

Can what my parents do affect my chances of getting accepted?

Janet Rosier: Very often parents need to take a step back during this time, resisting the urge to call the admissions office and ask the questions a student should be asking. College admissions offices take note of this. Parents who start to refer to this as "our application" or constantly call the office raise red flags that hurt their child's chances. You, the student, need to take ownership of this process.