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Dear Students,

**Subject: First day of the spring semester – “Purim Mishulash”**

The opening day of the spring semester has been set for Sunday, March 16 (17th of Adar). As you know, Purim will be celebrated all over Israel on the 14th of Adar, which falls on a Friday. In Jerusalem, Purim falls on Shabbat (15th of Adar). In such a case, the megillah (Book of Esther) is read on Friday like everywhere else, while the seudah (festive Purim meal) and the mishloah manot are deferred to Sunday afternoon. The campus rabbi's office will hold a seudah on the campus for anyone interested.

Students who live in Jerusalem and wish to celebrate Purim there, are exempt from mandatory attendance at lectures held after 12 noon. Instructors residing in Jerusalem who teach after 12 noon on that day may teach on Zoom or defer their lecture to another time, in coordination with the class.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "אריה ריכח".

Arie Reich