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LEAH

I'll figure it out. I'm not moving back
with Mamma.

She DASHES out.

Esther grabs the last donut and bites into it.

EXT. WASHINGTON SQUARE - DAY

Leah arrives at the front of Weinstein Dormitory. She watches
the Students for a moment, excited.

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INT. NYU ADMISSIONS OFFICE - DAY - LATER

Leah, nervous, sits across from the young undergraduate
ADMINISTRATOR. He looks over her application.

ADMINISTRATOR

Rehbetzin. Is that how you pronounce it?

LEAH

Yes. I was a Rabbi's wife.

He goes back to reading, not wanting to pry.

ADMINISTRATOR

We've got your GPA. You don't require
financial aide. You're going for our
basic Undergrad Ed. Undergraduate
Education. Are you leaning toward
religion?

LEAH

No.

ADMINISTRATOR

I just thought, you being--religious.
(back to application)

Okay, all we need is for you to take the
S-A-T and get us your scores.

LEAH

(deep breath)

I know. I have to get it over with.

ADMINISTRATOR

My advice--take a prep class. They have
them everywhere.

(beat)

You know we have a kosher meal plan.

LEAH

Yes.

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ADMINISTRATOR

Are you going to request a roommate who is also of your faith?

LEAH

I didn't know I'd have that option applying so late for the next semester.

He stops her.

ADMINISTRATOR

Leah. Can I call you that?

(Leah nods)

There's not a prayer-- No offense. The earliest, if you're accepted, would be for mid-term.

LEAH

(disheartened)

That's six months away!

He nods solemnly. Leah is rattled. This isn't what she wants to hear. She can't move back in with her mother.

-END-

INT. BAM ROSE CINEMAS - LATER

Leah and a Few diehard Fans sit in the theatre watching "Moonstruck." She's enraptured.

INTERCUT WITH: SCREEN & AUDIENCE

The entire GASTORINI CLAN is in the kitchen as Rose speaks with Loretta.

ROSE

Do you love him, Loretta?

LORETTA

Yeah, Ma, I love him awful.

ROSE

Oh God, that's too bad.

INT. MALKA'S APARTMENT/LIVING ROOM - NIGHT (BROOKLYN)

Old-world charm. Malka pours whiskey into MRS. FINKELMAN'S teacup. At 45, she's the neighborhood matchmaker.

Malka adds some to CARMIE'S teacup, which he joyously accepts. Carmie is a chubby man of 35 with doughy cheeks, kind eyes, and a spotty dark beard. They toast.

CARMIE

Chaim.

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