I decided to major in Spanish because I want to be able to communicate comfortably with people from diverse back-grounds. If some readers are still not convinced of the measurable benefits of learning other languages, I suggest they read the article “Why Speaking English Can Make You Poor When You Retire” by Tim Bowler. This article highlights some key research done by Keith Chen, a behavioral economist. Being bilingual, my odds of surviving retirement are pretty high. Can you say the same?

**THE CASE FOR HOSTELS**

By Shachar Gannot
Editor-in-Chief

Most of us dream about travel during the semester. But, at our age, we often feel discouraged at the costs of spending a few weeks abroad. In my experience, I’ve found that staying at hostels when traveling significantly decreases the budget needed for a trip. It is also a great experience and, I would argue, one that every twenty-something must have before upgrading to stays at hotels.

While the first time I stayed at a hostel dates back to the winter of 2010, I didn’t get the full hostel experience until this summer, when I backpacked through the Balkans. Twenty-something must have before traveling, think about these cheap traveler-friendly lodgings. I promise you that you will experience travel significantly different because, in a way that you will not be able to through staying at a hotel. Hostels enable you to meet travelers from all over the world who are usually university-educated and just want to explore the world, the same as you. Whether you are looking for a good party or just want to have intellectual conversations with people from different cultures, hostels are great places to stay at when abroad. So next time you are contemplating traveling, think about these cheap traveler-friendly lodgings. I promise you that you will experience travel in a whole new way.

Japanese Oki-nawan Sweet Fritters

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6 cups peanut oil or vegetable oil  
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By Julie Bayer

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China Relaxes One Child Policy
By Esther Robinson

China recently had its Third Plenary session, which is often viewed as an opportunity to make overarching policy changes, as the leadership has had time to adjust to power. One major change this time around was the relaxation of China's decades-old policy of restricting most couples to having only a single child, known as the “One Child Policy.” This policy was originally put in place in order to curb China's population growth problems. However, the One Child Policy has caused problems of its own. For example, China now has a gender imbalance due to parents opting for sex-selective abortions to ensure male children. There is also the “4-2-1” problem, in which each working-age adult has to care for his/her two parents and 4 grandchildren by him/herself.