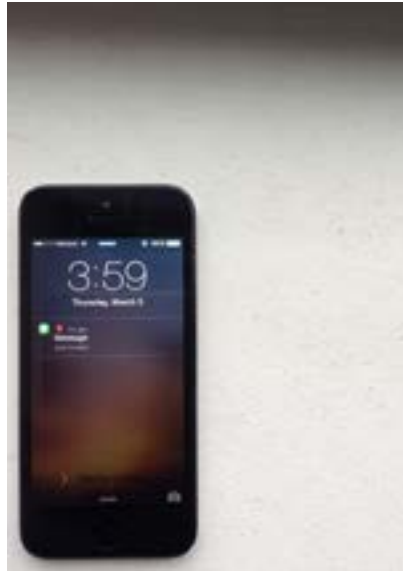
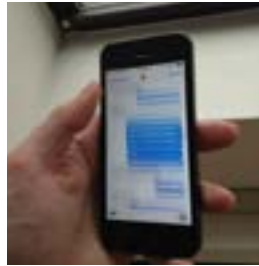


WOULD YOU LIKE TO PHONE A FRIEND?



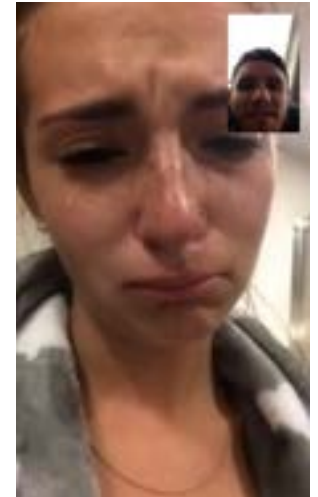
Moving to a new environment and leaving everything behind back home was a double-edged sword. We were overwhelmed with feelings of excitement, curiosity, and even fear. The summer following high school graduation flew by, and soon we encountered the disturbing truth that we would now live apart, challenged to remain best friends. At the same time, we were both so excited to go to the place we had wished of for so long. We understood, though, that it would take effort to push what we have through those years apart that were ahead of us. Our only option was to stay in touch as often as we could through our phones and other technologies. Here I am typing more so everything looks nice hi hi.



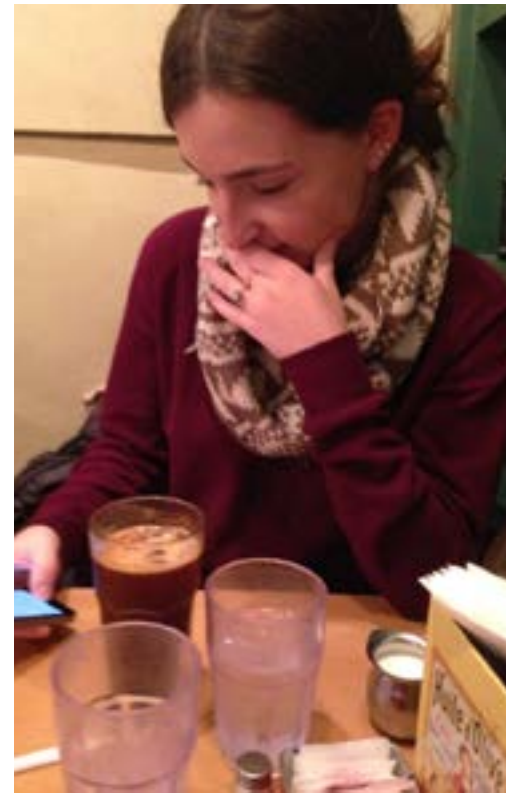
After parting ways, we FaceTimed our days away; deciphered text messages for tone; used punctuation to our advantage!!! We reimagined our relationship with technology. Everything was entirely different, requiring one to update the other on what's the ha going on, whereas in the past we would experience it together. Filler type. Type is fun when it works? Y.

So,

as much as technology seems to make us distant from those around us, it is also a tool that can fabricate the bond between two people who are constantly far away. I find myself at dinner tables texting, racing to rerepond within the frame of time it's considered polite to respond to a text. Without technology, my relationship with a vast array of people would be wildly different. Perhaps many of those relationships would no longer exist. Here I am typing more to make all of this fit on type is big and small wow l.



"I forgot to respond...I'm sorry"



We wonder, or at least I wonder what the line should be in regards to being present technologically and being present physically. Am I detaching too much from my physical self? Or is this the only way necessary to maintain a friendship with a true companion? A few missed responses and attempts at being more physically present are often the source of issues in these types of relationships, for the lack of communication leaves much in question. Filler type hii. I really dont like Baruch. Today I am mad because it is basically spring and its supposed to snow! Noooo why.