 Q: How many hours of sleep do you get per night?

A: It varies. When I'm feeling really productive, I get about 7-8. Usually, I get about 4-5.

Q: What time do you have to wake up in the morning to arrive on-time to school?

A: To arrive at school at 8:30, I wake up at seven. But when I want to meet Taylor early for precalculus, I wake up around 5:45. 

Q: How long is your commute?

A: By car, 30-40 minutes. By train, about 45 minutes. 

Q: What is the first idea that comes to mind when you wake up?

A: Ugh, I want to be sleeping right now.

Q: What are your responsibilities in the morning (ie. siblings, chores, schoolwork)?

A: I don't really have any chores, other than just the usual wake up and shower. After, I have to meet my brother and dad by a certain time. They usually get the car out of the garage, and I have to meet them at the street corner.

Q:  Is cost a factor in deciding your routine?

A: No, it's not. In terms of transportation, it's free both ways. By car, it's free. By train, I have the student MetroCard, so it's free as well.

Q: Does anything change once you arrive at school (public vs. private self)? If so, why?

A: In public, I get a burst of energy and I am much more aware of my behavior. Usually, when I get out of the car when we arrive at school, my posture straightens. 

Q: Tell me about your culture.

A: I am Jewish, but I don't practice it all. We celebrate both Hanukkah and Christmas. I'm a bad Jew! I'm also gay, which does play a role. "Coming out" wasn't really a process, but I just decided to stop denying it. I didn't think I needed to post or announce anything. I mean, I knew all along. Being gay, it makes me understand oppression. My sexuality is oppressed. I understand why American people are so angry sometimes. Another part of my culture is being from New York. As a New Yorker, I see the world differently. I feel like New Yorkers have a different sense of street smarts. Also, Los Angeles is a big part of who I am. I used to live there and moved when I was two, and I go out there every summer. I always relate my life to being a New Yorker. For example, I think of myself as very independent. Since I was thirteen years old, I've gotten myself places.

 Q: Do you think the values and beliefs within your culture influence your habits throughout your morning routine?

A: Yeah, I think New Yorkers are very intense and I can relate. Everyone always needs to get somewhere, and I am always in a rush. Even when I am not in a rush, I get anxiety because I'm not stressed. For example, this Mod is very easy for me. I only have some geometry homework and Junior Workshop, but I'm always thinking, "Am I missing something?" I get stressed out when I have nothing to do. 

Q: What song do you think represents you best?

A: Super Rich Kids, Frank Ocean. I love this song, only because I'm not rich, but I am surrounded by really rich kids at my private school. Simply put, I am surrounded by the "Super Rich Kids," but I'm not one of them.