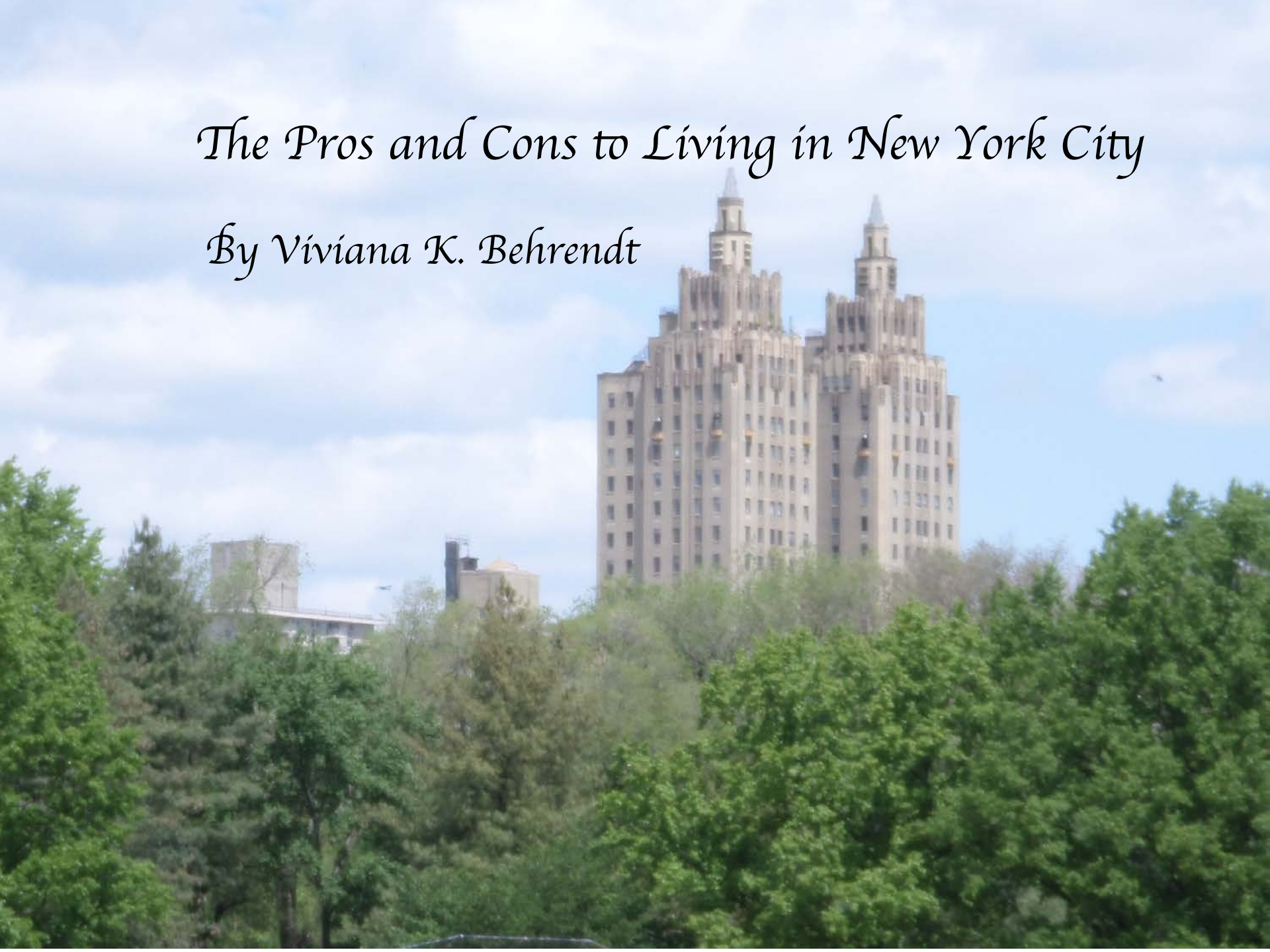


*The Pros and Cons to Living in New York City*

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People sometimes ask you where you are from. Whenever someone asks me I say New York City. They think *oh really!?* You are probably confused about why they seem so excited. It is because NYC is a great place to live. I am going to uncover the main pros and cons to living in New York City.





A pro to living in New York City is that there is diverse food to choose from. According to *vilagevoice.com* the top 10 foods in NYC stretch from cheesecake to Chinese chicken. Whenever I pass by 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue I see all the different restaurants next to each other, Japanese, burger joint, and Italian all right there. Also Pia Brancaccio, a NYC citizen who has known the city for a decade, says, "My favorite restaurants are Indian, Japanese, Italian, and Turkish restaurants."

One of the cons to living in NYC is traffic. Traffic is a real problem in New York City. According to [cbslocal.com](http://cbslocal.com) NYC is the second most traffic jammed city in the world. Whenever I look at Second Avenue I see a long line of traffic. Go figure. Also, drivers around the tri-state area are known to get stuck in traffic. Once when I was going to Brooklyn I was stuck in traffic for hours. According to Pia Brancaccio, "The traffic is the worst at 5:30 pm because everybody is rushing to go home." Most people go on subways before rush hour time to avoid traffic.







Another con is that subway cars are so filthy!!!! Come on, they could at least sweep cups off the floor! Anyway, according to *straphangers.org*, NYC subways did not set goals to make subway cars cleaner. I always see cups all over the floor. Also, floors and surfaces need constant cleaning, and the MTA does not clean them enough. Pia thinks the subway cars with soda on the floors are so sticky and disgusting. Who wouldn't agree with her? Also, in 1998, the MTA got public criticism for how dirty the subway cars were. Now that... I can believe.

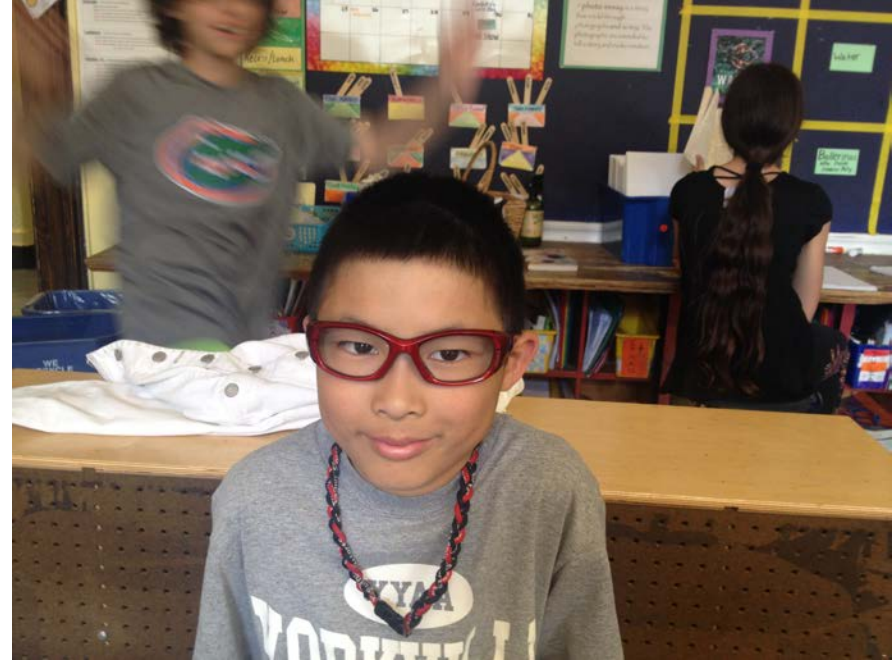


*A real landmark of NYC is Central Park. Obviously, it is a pro. But Central Park is preserving nature and letting people have fun. According to [nycparks.gov](http://nycparks.gov), Central Park is one of the most frequently visited parks with 25 million guests a year. I can imagine that. Whenever I go to Central Park I see huge crowds of people. Pia says, "Central Park is so wild you forget you are in the city." Also [nycpark.gov](http://nycpark.gov) says that in Central Park there are 21 official playgrounds, 50 fountains, and 36 bridges and arches. There are many attractions for people to have fun. One time my dad and I went to Central Park to play soccer. We were browsing where to play, and after 20 minutes we found ten good fields to play in.*





*This is Dameon from Cape Verde*



*This is Julian from China (above)*

*This is Kyle from Israel (below)*

*There are many different races in NYC. Diversitynyc.com says that NYC is known for its ethnic diversity. In the subway I see so many different skin tones. Also, it says many communities represent different countries. When I go travelling in NYC I go through Chinatown, Little Italy, and Little India. This diversity is good because New Yorkers become more accepting of other races and they learn about different cultures.*







*Now you can see how wonderful New York City is, even though it has negative aspects. Now you can tell your friends the good and bad things about having an apartment in NYC.*