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While the YU Pride Alliance is pleased to see the committee release a [statement](#) addressing matters present in our [mission statement](#), albeit nearly a year after the committee was formed, we remain disappointed that YU continues to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

In meetings between our board and the YU administration, we have delineated that the ultimate course of action to achieve our shared goals will be the establishment of an official club for the YU LGBTQ+ community and we are deeply saddened that the YU administration is unable to recognize that.

The administration has failed to be transparent about which halachic “nuances” are at odds with the club and, on the contrary, we stand firm in our belief that pikuach nefesh necessitates the creation of our club.

A club application was submitted for the upcoming semester and we remind student leaders of their responsibility to represent and advocate on behalf of the *entire* student body in dealings with the administration, rather than vice versa.

–The YU Pride Alliance 2020-2021 Board