



Town Hall #2

Announcements

Eliana and Elliot – Fairness

Eliana Kerendian – Chai Lifeline

Avi and Jonathan – Model Congress

JJ Stoff – Beach Volleyball Club

Dr. Harris – Latin Club

Jack Metzger – Business Club

Zach and Leah – ASL Club

Evan Beller – Robotics

Zion Schlusser - Comedy Club

Maalon Bohbot – Martial Arts and Fitness Club

Alexandra and Maalon – Fashion Club

Benjamin Gamson – BP

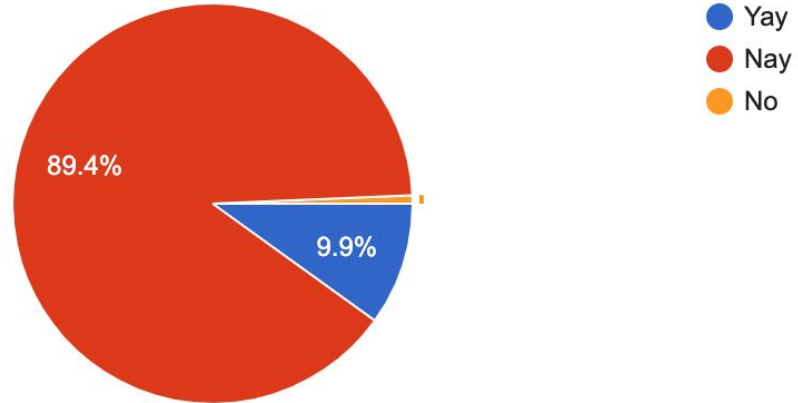
Oz Shalom

Sam Elyaszadeh - Design & Architecture Club

Proposal Results

Are you in favor of passing this proposal?

151 responses



Meme of the Week

By Jack Metzger

(and one by Zachary Ami Berman)



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Vort of the Week

דינא דמלכות דינא

“The law of the land is the law”

The Jewish principle of דינא דמלכות דינא teaches us that civil law is just as important as Halachic Law. As long as civil law does not directly contradict the Torah, we are obligated to follow it. We want today’s discussion to revolve around civil law.



**Yeshiva University
v. YU Pride Alliance**



Welcome
Professor Helfand!

The Main Points

- Yeshiva University refuses to recognize the YU Pride Alliance as an official student club, claiming that it goes against their Jewish values.
- A New York state judge ruled that YU must recognize this club because it falls under the city's anti-discrimination law. The law exempts some religious corporations, but the judge ruled that YU does not qualify for that exception as it has called itself an educational institution.
- YU has now filed an emergency application for a “stay” before the United States Supreme Court, arguing that the New York state judge's ruling violated the First Amendment's religious liberty protections.

Initial Questions

- What are your thoughts on this case?
- Should religious institutions have the ability to be exempt from some civil laws to preserve their values?
 - What if their values go against civil law?
- Should the state be allowed to limit the liberties of a religious institution?
 - Where is the line?

A Local Perspective

- If this issue came up in our school community, how would our values of both religion and inclusivity impact our decision?
- What are the differences when thinking about this case **morally vs. legally?**
- How should we approach the conflict between competing moral values?

Hypotheticals ?

- Should a catholic institution be forced to recognize a satanic worship club?
- Should a religious shul be forced to host an interfaith wedding if they don't believe in it?