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IMPORTANT CASES THIS WEEK



Yeshiva University v YU Pride Alliance



Alderman v. United States



Atkins v. Virginia

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Setting the standards for equality and recognition.



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In 2020, Yeshiva University declined an LGBTQ+ student alliance organization's request for official recognition.

The university claimed supporting the club would not be consistent with its Torah values. A New York state court ordered the university to recognize the club. The Supreme Court recently decided to let that decision stand, and sent the case back to the New York state court level. Read the full decision [here](#).

Alderman v United States

Evidence suppression amid 4th Amendment violations.

This Supreme Court case held that individuals can only suppress evidence if it is unlawfully obtained (not solely damaging to their case). In such a situation, if the petitioner is found to have standing, the Government must disclose the aforementioned evidence. Read the full decision [here](#).



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Atkins v Virginia

Are there exceptions to the 8th Amendment?

This Supreme Court case held that executing mentally disabled individuals violates the 8th Amendment prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment because their actions don't constitute the "level of moral culpability that characterizes the most serious adult criminal conduct." Read the full decision [here](#).



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