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My Dear Friends,

We have all watched with great shock and sadness the public protests laced with antisemitism on college campuses throughout the United States, including in our neighboring campuses of Columbia and NYU. Ultimately, these are issues that need to be addressed by these respective universities. It is not good for America or for the Jewish people for any campus to be unsafe for Jewish students or students of any minority or vulnerable population. We extend our hand to be of any assistance in supporting efforts by these universities to protect their students from threats to their safety.

At the same time, we cannot ignore the profound distress we have been witnessing. No Jewish student should have to face the threats and intimidation that have sadly been taking place. While our enrollments are already full for the coming year, we at the flagship Jewish university will not turn our backs on these students.

Therefore, although the deadline for transfer applications has passed, we are reopening the portal for undergraduate applicants, including for our Honors programs ([link here](#) for further information). Additionally, we have reserved places for incoming students in our recently launched track for those interested in pursuing their undergraduate degree in Israel, in partnership with Tel Aviv University and Bar Ilan University ([link here](#)).

We have also heard from top-tier faculty across the country who are feeling uncomfortable on their current campuses and are interested in being part of an institution whose core values align with their own. As we continue to expand, we are creating new faculty positions in a number of fields. For inquiries, please contact the Office of the Provost (provostoffice@yu.edu).

This is a time of turmoil in higher education. Universities are under great stress to express their core values while balancing the needs of their diverse communities. For the future of higher education, the American university system needs to meet the challenges of this moment. Universities need to be safe for Jews, not free from Jews. I have devoted much time this year to finding and partnering with bridge builders, and I look forward to working with my colleagues from universities across the country to build a brighter future together.

Warm regards,



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