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Kenneth L. Marcus to Return to the Louis D. Brandeis Center as Chairman of the Board

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[The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law \(LDB\)](#)

is pleased to announce that Kenneth L. Marcus, founder of the Brandeis Center, will be returning to LDB on August 1, 2020. Mr. Marcus will serve as Chairman of the Board, a newly-established position.

"We are delighted that Kenneth Marcus has chosen to return to the Brandeis Center," said LDB President, [Alyza D. Lewin](#). She continued, "Eight years ago Kenneth had the wisdom and foresight to establish an organization uniquely devoted to utilizing the law to combat antisemitism. Today, the Brandeis Center has become a premier civil rights agency with an impact in Washington, D.C., around the country and across the world. The demand for the Brandeis Center's legal expertise, advocacy, research and education is higher today than it has ever been. As universities and life-in-general moved online due to the coronavirus pandemic, we witnessed a dramatic surge in online Jew-hatred. The services and guidance provided by the Brandeis Center have become crucially important to students on the front lines battling this scourge. There is no one more knowledgeable and experienced in this field than Kenneth Marcus, and we are thrilled that the Brandeis Center will once again be the vehicle for him to share his expertise. I am honored to partner with him as we strengthen and extend the Brandeis Center's mission."

Vice President of the Brandeis Center, Rachel Lerman, added, "We are excited for Kenneth's return. It is a loss for this administration but wonderful news for the Brandeis Center. I am looking forward to working with him and Alyza as our mission evolves."

Marcus will be stepping down at the end of July from his position as Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education for Civil Rights where he heads Department's Office of Civil Rights ("[OCR](#)"). Marcus previously worked in the same capacity at the Department of Education under President George W. Bush (from 2003 - 2004), when he was delegated the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Marcus has served in several senior positions in the U.S. government, including as Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (from 2004 - 2008). He also previously served as the Lillie and Nathan Ackerman Chair in Equality and Justice in America at the City University of New York's Baruch College School of Public Affairs. Marcus established the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law in 2012.

About the Louis D. Brandeis Center, Inc.

The Louis D. Brandeis Center, Inc., or LDB, is an independent, nonprofit organization established to advance the civil and human rights of the Jewish people and promote justice for all. The Brandeis Center conducts research, education and advocacy to combat the resurgence of antisemitism on college and university campuses. It is not affiliated with the Massachusetts university, the Kentucky law school, nor any of the other institutions that share the name and honor the memory of the late U.S. Supreme Court justice.

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