

## **Kenneth L. Marcus Speaks at Oberlin College**

Washington, D.C., September 19, 2016: Brandeis Center's Kenneth L. Marcus will speak at a symposium at Oberlin College on Thursday, September 22, on "Building a Hate-Free Campus Through Civil Discourse." Marcus will be joined by Stacey Aviva Flint and Chloe Simone Valdary. The Brandeis Center is a national non-profit, civil rights legal advocacy organization, best known for work fighting anti-Semitism in higher education.

President Marcus will discuss "Civil Rights and the Jewish Experience." *"I'm pleased to be speaking at a symposium that addresses such important issues of our generation, on a campus that has recently been a lot of problematic activity," Marcus said.*

Oberlin College, a private liberal arts school in Oberlin, Ohio, has dealt with significant anti-Semitism allegations over the past year. Initially, Oberlin came under much scrutiny when Oberlin professor Joy Karega's controversial social media posts were revealed. Recently, the College announced that Karega will be on academic leave and not teaching this Fall, as the school investigates.

Marcus will be joined by Chloe Simone Valdary, an influential figure for Pro-Israel activism among the college generation as well as having a visible presence through outlets like Prager U, Jerusalem U, The Wallstreet Journal, The Times of Israel, and more, who will discuss "Courage and Self-Respect in an Era of Anti-Semitism," and Stacy Aviva Flint, an active member of the African-American Jewish community, who will speak on "Building Bridges: The Intersectionality of Jews of Color." Flint has spoken on matters pertaining to the Black Lives Matter position on Israel and continues to be an important figure in both communities.

The event, sponsored by Oberlin Alums for Campus Fairness, will take place at The Local (23 S. Main Street, Oberlin) from 6:30-9pm. RSVP to [Obiesymposium@gmail.com](mailto:Obiesymposium@gmail.com). More info on the attached flyer.