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Brandeis Center Commends Florida State University President for Adopting IHRA Definition of Anti-Semitism

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

The Louis D. Brandeis Center commends Florida State University President John Thrasher for adopting the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism. In his [letter](#) to the FSU community this afternoon, Thrasher wrote, “The United States, the State of Florida, and Florida State University recognize the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of Anti-Semitism and its contemporary examples. I encourage everyone to educate themselves on the IHRA definition and examples of Anti-Semitism, as I have done myself.”

Brandeis Center Chairman Kenneth L. Marcus commented, “We are delighted that President Thrasher is assuming leadership by recognizing, studying, and endorsing this important tool. It is really the most important single thing he could have done – and it should be an example to other university leaders. We are hopeful that FSU will build upon this critical first step by taking additional actions to support Jewish students and ensure a safe and healthy atmosphere for everyone at his university.”

Brandeis Center President Alyza D. Lewin added, “FSU and the State of Florida are now leading the way by demonstrating an understanding of anti-Semitism that many have failed to grasp. Recognizing that contemporary anti-Semitism often manifests itself as the demonization not only of Jews, but also of the Jewish collective, the Jewish State of Israel, is an essential first step in combatting this scourge. We are delighted to have worked with [groups that pressed](#) for the Florida anti-Semitism legislation and are pleased to be working with FSU students, alumni and administrators as they seek to improve the climate on FSU’s campus for Jewish students. Kudos to President Thrasher on taking this bold first step.”

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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.