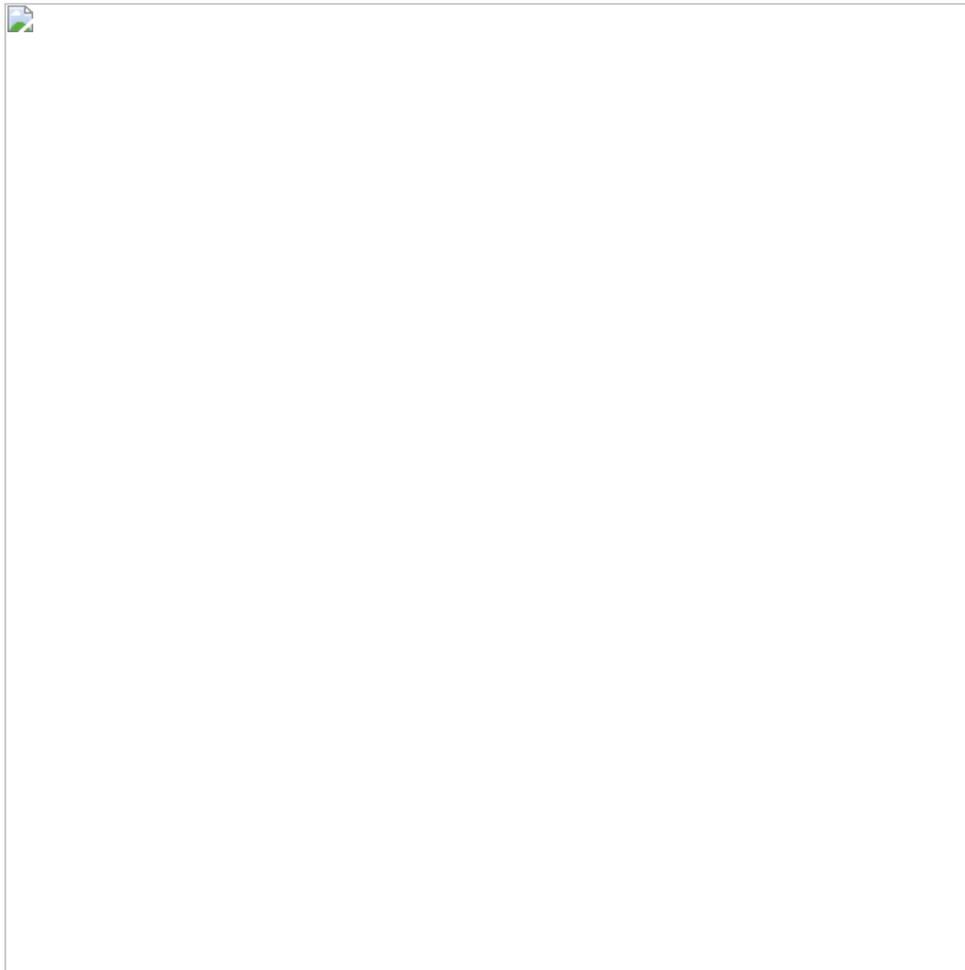


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The Brandeis Brief

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LAUNCHED!

The Louis D. Brandeis Center takes off!

As Purim approaches, we thought it would be appropriate to share with you the inaugural issue of the *Brandeis Brief* newsletter for the newly established Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law. We launched just last month in order to combat the resurgence of campus anti-Semitism through legal advocacy, research and education. This initial issue of the Brandeis Brief discusses the organization's launch and republishes a few relevant articles by us, about us, or mentioning our work.

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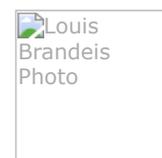
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The Louis D. Brandeis Center is a nonprofit organization supported by individuals and foundations that share our concern about Jewish college students. Our application for 501(c)(3) status is pending before the Internal Revenue Service. Fiscal sponsorships are now in place. Please contact us at info@brandeiscenter.com to discuss how you can support LDB.

With a nice boost from the [Institute for Jewish & Community Research](#), as well as a handful of generous initial donors, the Brandeis Center announced itself by press release in February. We're already struck by the immediate and powerful response by the many people who agree that the time has come for a civil rights organization that can provide a coordinated legal response to campus anti-Semitism. The *Jewish Daily Forward* and *Tablet Magazine* both fueled this response with nice coverage of our opening. JointMedia News Service has also helped by distributing my columns describing this new, independent, Washington, DC, based organization. Now, you may have read about us in the *Jewish Week*, the *Canadian Jewish News*, *Algemeiner*, Avi Bass' *Jewish Faculty Form*, the *National Review Online*, or elsewhere. Charles Jacobs also gave us a nice mention in his recent *Forward* op ed, and we were even mentioned by the *Jerusalem Post*. Soon, as people realize that we are named for the Justice and not the university, they may stop asking if we are moving to Waltham!



What to do about Israel Apartheid Week

University campuses have just faced the annual onslaught known as "Israel Apartheid Week," or "Hate Week." In the United States, this coordinated ideological assault lasts from Feb. 26 to March 3. In Europe, it begins the week before, and elsewhere the week after. Some preliminary events, such as the University of Pennsylvania's controversial Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) conference, have already occurred. The question for the Jewish community is what to do about it. [Read more](#)

The Title VI Crusade Finds an Address

[Editor's Hint: It's not in Massachusetts.]

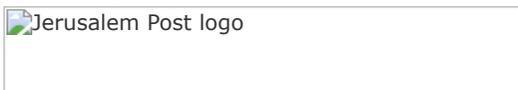


Naomi Zeveloff writes in the *Jewish Daily Forward*: "A new, Washington DC-based organization will advocate for the rights of Jewish students under federal civil rights law." [Read more](#)

The Campaign Against Campus Anti-Semitism

Just over a year ago, the Jewish community won an important victory against campus anti-Semitism. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) agreed, for only the second time, to extend civil rights protection to Jewish college students. We are making progress in this battle, although we have also had some setbacks. [Read more](#)

Think Again: Purim in Contemporary Guise



The Jerusalem Post ran an interesting review of Gloria Greenfield's new documentary, *Unmasked: Judeophobia*. Both the movie and the review present my observations about university professors who are afraid to step forward and speak out against campus anti-Semitism. [Read more](#)

Special Issue

JSA Special Issue on Campus Anti-Semitism



Keep an eye out for the upcoming issue of the [Journal for the Study of Antisemitism](#).

Special Issue: Campus Anti-Semitism
Guest Editor: Kenneth L. Marcus

This next issue will feature a number of important articles, including research by Gabriel Noah Brahm, Leila Beckwith, Richard Cravatts, Kenneth Lasson and Linda Maizels. It will be available shortly in hard copy and as a download from the Journal's web site.

Upcoming

We hope you enjoyed this inaugural issue of the Brandeis Brief. In future issues, watch out for the upcoming announcement of the LDB 10: leaders who are making a difference in the protection of Jewish student rights on campus. We will also be rolling out new research and publications on campus anti-Semitism and genocidal incitement. We look forward to sharing more information with you as we continue our efforts to combat campus anti-Semitism, advance the civil and human rights of the Jewish people, and promote justice for all. In the meantime, please let us know if there are ways that we can work together. We are especially interested in hearing about university students and faculty who need our help fighting anti-Semitic harassment and hostile environments for Jewish students on campus.

Sincerely,

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