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The Brandeis Brief

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MARCH GOES OUT LIKE A LION

The Louis D. Brandeis Center continues to roar!

The horrific attack in Toulouse, France -- the murder of a rabbi, his two children and a young girl who were gunned down for being Jewish -- underscores why we need to continue to fight against anti-Semitism. The Louis D. Brandeis Center is fighting back through advocacy, research and education. March was a huge month for LDB, launching new work on [incitement to genocide](#), a special journal issue on Campus Anti-Semitism, and an intensive academic workshop on the intellectual underpinnings of academic anti-Zionism. LDB also continues to work with university officials, jewish organizations, civil rights groups, scholars, rabbis, activists, policymakers, and other individuals and groups on strategies, policies and statements for combating anti-Semitism in and out of higher education.

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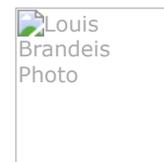
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The Louis D. Brandeis Center continues to garner much attention in the second month after its formal launch. For example, *Jewish Weekly* just announced [the Brandeis Center's launch](#) in a short piece explaining that the Center "will use civil rights litigation, legal research and public policy advocacy to combat trends such as one covered by IJCR research - that more than 40 percent of Jewish American students have witnessed or experienced anti-Semitism on campus." In a prominent editorial, *The Forward* acknowledged that "[Kenneth L. Marcus, ... as president and general counsel of The Louis D. Brandeis Center, has a laser focus on civil rights and Jewish students.](#)" Additionally, *The Cutting Edge News* syndicated [this profile of the Brandeis Center](#) by Daniel Vahab. These notices build on last month's shout-outs from the *Forward*, *Tablet Magazine*, JointMedia News, *Jewish Week*, the *Canadian Jewish News*, *Algemeiner*, Avi Bass' *Jewish Faculty Form*, the *National Review Online*, and the *Jerusalem Post*.

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Can We Help You to Fight Campus Anti-Semitism?



Kenneth Marcus

The Louis D. Brandeis Center stands ready if we can help you to combat anti-Semitism in academia. [Please contact us](#) if you are a student or professor who needs our help. We are also available to provide technical assistance to university administrators who are interested in achieving legal compliance and best practices for eliminating campus anti-Semitism.

LDB Fights Against Incitement to Genocide



Ahmadinejad at Columbia University

For several years, we have argued that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (pictured here at Columbia University) is [guilty of the international crime of incitement to genocide](#). This month, Loyola University Chicago Law Journal published the proceedings of a conference on [incitement to genocide](#) which we co-convened last year with Loyola Professor Alexander Tsesis. The conference included our major paper on "[Accusation in a Mirror](#)," which explains how and why genocidaires from Nazi Germany to Rwanda to Tehran have accused their intended victims of precisely the crimes which they themselves plan to perpetrate. LDB Advisor [Karen Eltis](#) (Columbia/Ottawa) elaborates on [Ahmadinejad's incitement](#) in this volume, connecting it to similarly dangerous language used during Israel Apartheid Week.

JSA Special Issue on Campus Anti-Semitism



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LDB is committed to developing and promoting research which identifies, explains, and responds to Jew-hatred and anti-Israelism on university campuses and elsewhere. This month, the Journal for the Study of Antisemitism will release the Special Issue which we guest edited on [Campus Antisemitism](#). Several of the key articles are now available online, including these important pieces:

- Gabriel Noah Brahm, [Holocaust Envy](#)

- Leila Beckwith, [Antisemitism at the University of California](#)
- Richard Cravatts, [Antisemitism and the Campus Left](#)
- Kenneth Lasson, [In an Academic Voice](#), and
- Linda Maizels, [On Whiteness and the Jews](#)

We believe that this scholarship will increase understanding of anti-Semitism within higher education. The issue will be available shortly in hard copy and as a download from the Journal's web site.

Heckling Israel



The *Jerusalem Post* ran [our article](#) describing efforts by anti-Israel protesters to silence speakers who support the State of Israel. Interestingly, some of these efforts have backfired, as some of Israel's most virulent critics are revealed to be hypocritical would-be censors.

Special Issue

Lesley Klaff on Jewish Identity and Civil Rights in America



[Lesley Klaff reviews Jewish Identity and Civil Rights in America](#) (Cambridge University Press), "a must-read for anyone who has ever questioned the 'dilemma of Jewish difference.'" Klaff evaluates the book in the context of continuing campus trends, praising the work of "Ken Marcus, who is prepared to initiate and lead the fightback against campus antisemitism."

Upcoming

Next month, watch out for the announcement of the LDB 10: leaders who are making a difference in the protection of Jewish student rights on campus. We look forward to sharing more information with you as we continue to combat campus anti-Semitism, advance the civil and human rights of the Jewish people, and promote justice for all. As always, we are interested in hearing from college students and faculty who need our help fighting anti-Semitic harassment and hostile environments for Jewish students on campus. We also welcome inquiries from university administrators who seek technical assistance on civil rights compliance or best practices for achieving a university environment in which all faculty and students can excel in the pursuit of knowledge.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Marcus

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