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New Developments in California

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As we prepare for the start of a new academic year, [The Louis D. Brandeis Center](#) evaluates important recent developments at the University of California, presenting a widely discussed opinion piece by LDB President [Kenneth L. Marcus](#), as well as a public statement to the University. The Brandeis Center has also spent time this summer beefing up its two advisory boards with exciting new appointments in preparation for a busy year. Finally, the Brandeis Center still needs your help unlocking a matching challenge grant worth up to \$50,000 this year if we can raise \$100,000 in new contributions.

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 UC Berkeley

For several years, the University of California has faced some of the most serious charges of anti-Semitism in North American higher education. New developments provide hope that the University will turn this situation around. Kenneth L. Marcus described these developments in a [recent article](#) for the *Jerusalem Post*. The Brandeis Center underscored Marcus' analysis with this [public statement](#). Marcus' widely-discussed piece has been quoted in [other reports](#) on these developments, such as this analysis in the *San Diego Jewish World*. LDB Legal Advisor [Neal Sher](#) has also weighed in, and his comments can be found [here](#).

Rachel Lerman Joins Legal Advisory Board

 Rachel Lerman

The Brandeis Center [announced](#) this month that California Super Lawyer L. [Rachel Lerman](#) has joined [LDB's Legal Advisory Board](#). This development will strengthen the Center's expertise in appellate practice. Lerman is a litigation partner in the Los Angeles office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, where she focuses on appellate and trial work. Kenneth L. Marcus commented, "Rachel Lerman is a brilliant lawyer and a terrific addition to the Brandeis Center's advisory board." Lerman assumes a new position on the Brandeis Center's growing Legal Advisory Board.

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Can We Help You to Fight

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Kenneth Marcus

Campus Anti-Semitism?

The Louis D. Brandeis Center stands ready if we can help you to combat anti-Semitism in higher education. [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.

David Menashri Joins Academic Advisory Board

 David Menashri

The Brandeis Center also announced this month that Dr. David Menashri, President of The College of Law & Business, Israel, has joined the Brandeis Center's Academic Advisory Board. Dr. Menashri is an internationally renowned scholar of Iranian Studies and anti-Semitism. LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus commented, "David Menashri is widely respected by anti-Semitism scholars throughout the world.... Having collaborated with Dr. Menashri on various projects in the past, I am delighted to work with him once again as the Brandeis Center expands its efforts to combat campus anti-Semitism and secure the civil and human rights of the Jewish people. Dr. Menashri takes the seat on the LDB Academic Advisory Board formerly occupied by Hon. Ed Morgan.

Brandeis Center Advisor Appointed to Judiciary

 Ed Morgan

Earlier in the month, the [Brandeis Center announced](#) that a member of its Academic Advisory Board, Professor Ed Morgan, has been named to the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto. LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus commented at the time, "Mr. Justice Morgan is an outstanding lawyer, a good man, and a fine scholar. We have valued our time working with him, and we know that Canada will be strengthened by this superb addition to its judiciary."

LDB President to Address London Anti-Semitism Summit

On Sunday, December 2, 2012, Kenneth L. Marcus be one of the featured speakers at the Journal for the Study of Antisemitism's [symposium](#) on "Contemporary Antisemitism in the

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UK" at the Wiener Library in London, England. Marcus will chair the conference's first panel, which will address "The Definition of Anti-Semitism." Marcus commented, "JSA has become an indispensable forum on anti-Semitism, and the London symposium will provide a very important look into the resurgence of anti-Semitism in the United Kingdom and around the world."

Upcoming

In August, Kenneth L. Marcus will present at the 99th anniversary convention of Alpha Epsilon Pi in Phoenix, Arizona. He looks forward to meeting many Jewish college student leaders there. 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.