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We wish a very Happy Hannukah to our readers. As you may be aware, this has been a busy time for the Louis D. Brandeis Center and the campaign against campus anti-Semitism. This month, the *Jewish Daily Forward* honored LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus by including him in its *Forward* 50 listing of influential Jewish Americans. This has provided important exposure for LDB's work. It has also brought much-needed public attention to the problems which Jewish students face at many schools. Unfortunately much remains to be done. In the wake of Operation Pillar of Defense, we are seeing a spike in campus incidents that are hostile to Israeli or Jewish students. Some of these involve anti-Semitism as well as virulent criticism of the Jewish state. The Louis D. Brandeis Center had warned that such incidents would be likely. Some university administrators are learning how to respond effectively to anti-Semitic and anti-Israel incidents. Others, however, have not been such quick studies and require further attention. We will explore the good, the bad and the ugly in this Hannukah issue of *The Brandeis Brief*. As a special note to our European friends, please

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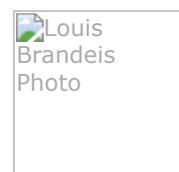
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note that Kenneth Marcus will chair the opening panel of this weekend's [London conference](#) of the *Journal for the Study of Anti-Semitism*. We look forward to seeing you there! And to all of our Jewish readers, we hope you will keep faith alive during the coming Festival of Lights!

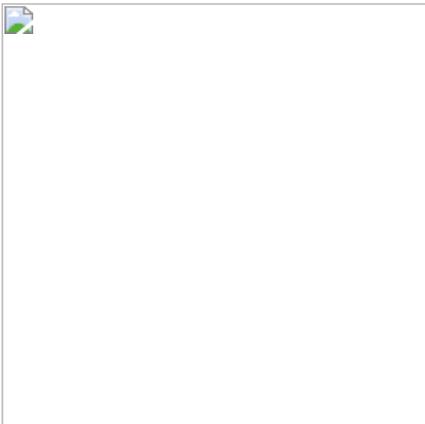
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Some Campuses Get Ugly After Operation Pillar of Defense



The climate towards Israel on many college campuses badly deteriorated this month. In the wake of Operation Pillar of Defense, countless anti-Israel activists staged significant anti-Israel activities, bringing the Middle East conflict to American higher education. The Israel on Campus Coalition has tracked [55 anti-Israel protests and rallies](#) over the last couple of weeks, according to an eye-opening article by the ICC's Steve Kuperberg. This is a pattern that we have seen during prior Middle East conflicts. As the Anti-Defamation League has noted, these [protesters often use extreme anti-Israel rhetoric](#), comparing the Jewish State to Nazi Germany or Apartheid South Africa and praising the terrorist leadership of Hamas. At the University of California at Davis, for example, anti-Israel activists occupied a university building and [refused to admit students](#) who do not support their cause. Some Jewish students are [reporting](#) that they do not feel comfortable or safe on that campus, describing extreme anti-Semitic rhetoric used by some protesters. The Louis D. Brandeis Center had [cautioned university leaders](#) about the prospect of such incidents shortly before they occurred, explaining that failure to address hostile environments could create legal liability for the schools. The Brandeis Center is now evaluating these situations and urges students, faculty, or other individuals who have information about anti-Semitic incidents to [contact Brandeis Center lawyers](#) as soon as possible.

Wheaton College Responds Effectively to Anti-Semitism



At Wheaton College in Massachusetts, university leaders have [reponded effectively](#) to recent anti-Semitic incidents. Earlier this month, anti-Semitic [vandalism was found](#) at Wheaton's Jewish life building. The Louis D. Brandeis Center has been in touch with Wheaton officials, community members, and Northeastern regional leadership of sister Jewish organizations. In this case, the university [responded](#) firmly and effectively to the incident, issuing a strong [statement](#), holding an all-campus meeting, offering a reward for information about the perpetrators, and taking other measures that reflect the seriousness of anti-Semitic incidents. The Brandeis Center provided Wheaton administration with guidance on [effective methods](#) for addressing such incidents, and has [praised them](#) for their prompt and forceful actions. Members of the Wheaton community should be proud of the work that their administrators are doing to combat anti-Jewish bigotry, and other universities should look to Wheaton as an example of best practice leadership.

LDB President Named to Forward 50

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Can We Help You?



Kenneth Marcus

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.

 **12-03-07 KLM Unmasked Photo**

This month, LDB President [Kenneth L. Marcus](#) was [honored](#) by inclusion in the [Jewish Daily Forward](#)'s prestigious [Forward 50](#) listing of the "American Jews who made the most significant impact on the news in the past year." The *Forward* described its 50 honorees as "the new faces of Jewish power," predicting that "if Marcus has any say in it, we may witness a new era of Jewish advocacy." [Marcus is honored](#) for launching the Louis D. Brandeis Center earlier this year and for pioneering legal tools to combat discrimination against Jewish college and university students. The *Forward* 50 designation validates Marcus' efforts to establish the Brandeis Center as the premier institution to combat campus anti-Semitism through research, education and legal advocacy. The *Forward* honors Marcus as "a vocal proponent of using federal civil rights law to combat campus anti-Semitism." Although the Brandeis Center remains small, the *Forward* observes that "we live in a time when the tools of power and influence are not necessarily concentrated in legacy organizations but grasped by such visionary individuals."

LDB Prepares to Launch Legal Training Initiative

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In December, LDB will launch a new initiative to train attorneys nationwide on how to fight campus anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism through legal means. Our goal is to create a significant nationwide corp of lawyer who are able to join LDB in protecting the rights of Jewish students and faculty. These trainees will supplement LDB's distinguished [Legal Advisory Board](#). On December 13, LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus will train Washington state lawyers at a [Seattle Continuing Legal Education program](#) co-sponsored with [StandWithUs](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle](#). Washington state lawyers are encouraged to [sign-up](#) now. Future programs are being considered for Chicago, New York and other cities. Please contact the Brandeis Center if you are interested in working with us on training in your area.

The Last Word

The [Brandeis Center](#) thanks those who support our efforts to defend Jewish university and college students. Thanks to a generous matching contribution from an anonymous funder, new contributions will be matched up to \$100,000 at a 1:2 ratio. This enables new funders

to leverage their giving more effectively to combat campus anti-Semitism. [Contributions](#) to the Brandeis Center are tax-deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and can be made securely online or through personal or foundation checks. Contributions to the Brandeis Center support our [mission](#) of advancing the civil and human rights of the Jewish people and promoting justice for all. Specifically, they make it possible for the Brandeis Center to combat campus anti-Semitism through research, education and legal advocacy. [Please help us to do this urgent work!](#)

