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Standing up for Jewish Students

The Brandeis Brief
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The legal campaign to protect Jewish students' rights has had several [important positive impacts](#), despite

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some legal setbacks, which are discussed in October's issue of the *Brandeis Brief*. In light of increasing campus hostility, it has never been more important to fight for students who have been harassed or discriminated against for being Jewish. For this reason, the Brandeis Center is very pleased to announce its continued expansion, as the [Center welcomes](#) two new Civil Rights Legal Fellows, Sitara Kedilaya and Ari Plaut, as well as a new class of fall interns. Also in the *Brandeis Brief*, legal scholar Ronald J. Rychlak explains how Soviet propagandists deliberately disseminated anti-Semitic materials in the Middle East as a means of inciting hatred against the [United States and Israel](#). Academic freedom expert Avi Snyder argues that university trustees must step up and take [more responsibility on campus](#). We hope you enjoy this issue of the *Brandeis Brief*, and for those who celebrate the Jewish holidays, wish you a joyous start to the new year.

Articles

Standing up for Jewish students

Kenneth L. Marcus, Jerusalem Post



As American college students return to campus for the new academic year, there are signs that the movement for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against Israel will be stronger this year. And

Israel-haters won't stop there. They will harass Jewish students. They will interrupt pro-Israel speakers and rallies. They will vandalize Jewish property, spit at Jewish students, threaten violence, or physically assault Jewish supporters of Israel. For several years, the Jewish community has struggled with the right response to such incidents as they have escalated.

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Brandeis Center Expands to Combat Campus Anti-Semitism

The [Louis D. Brandeis Center](#) has announced two Civil Rights Legal Fellows and its first fall intern class to support its campaign against campus anti-Semitism. "These members are crucial as the Brandeis Center expands with its mission



Ari Plaut Sitara Kedilaya

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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

to stop anti-Semitism and promote justice for all through research, education, and legal advocacy," says LBD President Kenneth L. Marcus. Ari Plaut and Sitara Kedilaya joined as Civil Rights Legal fellows, while Eesha Bhavne and Maria Islam joined as Development interns.

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Soviet Propaganda in the Middle East

Ronald Rychlak, Brandeis Blog



In a recent article for *The Tablet*, Kenneth R. Timmerman said that when he traveled to Gaza, Amman, and Damascus in 1994, he kept asking Hamas and Muslim Brotherhood leaders whether they thought the Jews had a plan to dominate the world. Timmerman recounted the enthusiastic answer one Hamas leader: "Yes, indeed. I have a copy right here." The man then pulled down from a shelf his copy of an Arabic version of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Says

Timmerman: "It was a response I heard again and again."

Why did that happen? How did a horrible anti-Semitic tract spread though the Muslim world? This was not a natural development; anti-Semitic hatred was cultivated by the Soviet government's disinformation experts.

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WMDS, Barack Obama, and Hegel's "The Cunning of History"

Harold Brackman, Brandeis Blog

According to Hegel, Reason realizes itself in History through the action of "great men." However, Hegel argues that Reason does not act in a manner that seems "reasonable" on the surface. Men acting -- as



Freud would say unconsciously of ultimate results -- bring Reason's purposes to fruition. Historian Harold Brackman's starting point here is the assumption that members of the human rights community, including especially friends of Israel, have a strong interest in curbing WMD use, no matter what they think about Barack Obama. This goal has been embraced by

available to provide technical assistance to university administrators who are interested in achieving legal compliance and best practices for eliminating campus anti-Semitism.

internationalists and humanitarians at least since the League of Nations endorsed it in 1925.

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University Trustees Must Step Up and Defend Real Academic Freedom

Avi Snyder, Brandeis Blog



In a [post](#) at the Brandeis Center Blog, Avi Snyder of the [American Council of Trustees and Alumni](#) noted several examples of how professors abuse and violate the principles of academic freedom. How has the landscape of academic

freedom changed over the years and who is best positioned to stand up and fight for it today? These are important issues for the campaign against campus anti-Semitism, so we are delighted to share the latest thoughts from ACTA's academic freedom experts.

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