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# A Tale of Two Cities: Bad News in Ann Arbor, Good News in Brooklyn

## The Brandeis Brief

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Several disturbing anti-Semitism reports are coming out of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Brandeis Center lawyers are investigating. Anti-Israel activists failed in their efforts to

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convince the University of Michigan student government to adopt a boycott resolution.

Enraged, they have reportedly threatened and harassed Jewish students, calling them "dirty Jew" and "kike." LDB has complained to the Michigan administration and continues to investigate. Meanwhile, at Brooklyn College, Brandeis Center clients enjoyed sweet vindication. The College apologized to four Jewish pro-Israel students, three represented by LDB, who had been removed from an anti-Israel panel discussion, co-sponsored by the College's Political Science Department. The students' only offense was to be known Jewish supporters of Israel who were holding pro-Israel materials. In addition to publicly apologizing to all four students, the College has adopted several policies to prevent future violations. The Brandeis Center commends these students, the true heroes in this case, for standing up for their rights. The Center also thanks the other organizations and individuals who were involved, including the Zionist Organization of America, Kirkland & Ellis, Garson Segal, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Rachel Lerman, Esq., and Alan K. Palmer, Esq.

## Articles

### **Pro-Israel Students Called 'Kike,' 'Dirty Jew' at University of Michigan** **Adam Kredo, Washington Free Beacon**



The University of Michigan would not explain how it is responding to death threats and racial epithets that were reportedly issued by pro-Palestinian activists at students who oppose a resolution to divest from Israel.

University of Michigan police were first contacted last week after two pro-Palestinian activists shouted "threats of violence" at a student who refused to support their boycott initiative during a "sit-in" at the student government's headquarters.

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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.

The Washington Free Beacon has further learned that the pro-Israel student received death threats and that others have allegedly been called "kikes" and "dirty Jews" by backers of the virulently anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement....

Kenneth Marcus, a former staff director at the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, told the Free Beacon that he has contacted high-level university officials to discuss the situation but that these calls have yet to be returned...

"This is a very disturbing incident and if the students' allegations are true, this is an environment that is hostile to Jewish students and the university has a legal responsibility to take prompt and effective action," said Marcus, who serves as president and general counsel of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law.

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## **B'klyn College Pro-Israel Students Deserve More than Late Apology**

*Lori Lowenthal Marcus The Jewish Press*



It's been more than a year since four Jewish pro-Israel students ... were forcibly ejected from an anti-Israel talk given by

two proponents of BDS, co-sponsored by and held at Brooklyn College. Finally, this past Friday, March 7, Brooklyn College president Karen Gould issued a public apology to the JPI Students....

The legal non-profit organization representing three of the four pro-Israel Jewish students who were expelled from the Brooklyn College BDS event on Feb. 7, 2013, is the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law,

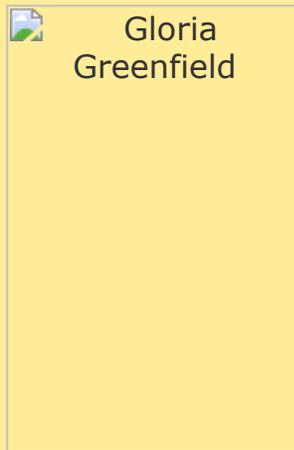
located in Washington, D.C., and run by Kenneth L. Marcus....

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[Note: Since this article was first published, Brooklyn College has adopted additional policies at the Brandeis Center's request to protect the rights of Brooklyn students.]

### **Gloria Greenfield Presents: "The Louis D. Brandeis Center: Human Rights Under Law"**

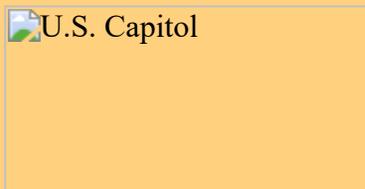
Acclaimed filmmaker Gloria Greenfield teamed up with Emmy Award-winning editor Raoul Rosenberg to produce this fabulous new short film on the Louis D. Brandeis Center and our campaign against campus anti-Semitism, which is now publicly available for the first time.



Gloria Greenfield

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### **Fixing Middle East Studies**



How can we fix taxpayer-funded, virulently anti-Israel and even anti-American public outreach programs at highly

politicized university-based Middle East Programs? LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus offers solutions in the Russell Senate Office Building in this Capitol Hill seminar presented by the Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET). The Brandeis Center thanks Sarah Stern and EMET.

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### **Vassar and the BDS War on Campus** Petra Marquardt-Bigman, The Brandeis Blog

Petra Marquardt-Bigman describes the latest unfortunate developments at Vassar College and the anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign (BDS) in this article published on the Brandeis Center Blog.



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## Why the Jews Did Not Always Love St. Patrick's Day

Harold Brackman, The Brandeis Blog



St. Patrick's Day

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The "You Don't Have to be Jewish to Love Levy's Real Jewish Rye ad debuted 50 years ago this year. Of course, you also don't have to be Irish to march at the front of the official St. Patrick's Day Parade....

The remarkable thing is how quickly the... problematic history of Irish-Jewish relations in the U.S. has disappeared from the popular and, even to some degree, the scholarly imagination....

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