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Capitol Update The Brandeis Brief August 2014

This summer has been unusually busy for the Brandeis Center in Washington, D.C. With most American universities in summer session, we have focused our efforts on public policy advocacy and appellate litigation. At the U.S. Supreme Court, the Brandeis Center recently filed an important amicus brief in *Zivotofsky v. Kerry*, the "Born in Jerusalem" passport case. At the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the

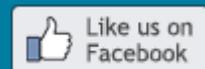
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Brandeis Center has just given expert testimony on how government officials and university administrators can protect students from harassment and hostile environments without encroaching on rights protecting under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

At the U.S. Capitol, the Brandeis Center has urged action to address federally funded Middle East studies outreach programs that engage in one-sided, politicized, anti-Israel indoctrination. Meanwhile, the Center is preparing for an unusually difficult academic year in light of the continuing crisis in Gaza. In this month's edition of The Brandeis Brief, you'll find updates on the Center's activities as well as one of Harold Brackman's latest essays, and a new appointment to LDB's Legal Advisory Board. Once again, we thank you for making our work possible by your continued [support](#) for the Brandeis Center.

Articles

Brandeis Center Urges Supreme Court to Protect Rights of Persons Born in Jerusalem



Menachem Zivotofsky

At the Brandeis Center, we spend considerable time addressing anti-Israel double standards in American higher

education. Unfortunately, similar double standards can sometimes be found in the policies of the federal government. This month, the Brandeis Center filed an important amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court to combat such double standards in the American passport service, co-signed by some of the leading constitutional law and international affairs scholars.

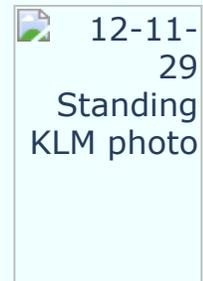
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LDB President Testifies on Federal Sexual Harassment Policy

Louis Brandeis Photo

The Louis D. Brandeis Center is a nonprofit organization supported by individuals, groups and foundations that share our concern about Jewish college students. Contributions are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To [support](#) our efforts to combat campus anti-Semitism, please contact us at info@brandeiscenter.com.

Can We Help You?



Kenneth L. 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.

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Last week, LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights as an expert on sexual harassment policy and the First Amendment. His testimony, "[Fighting Sexual Harassment in American Higher Education](#),"



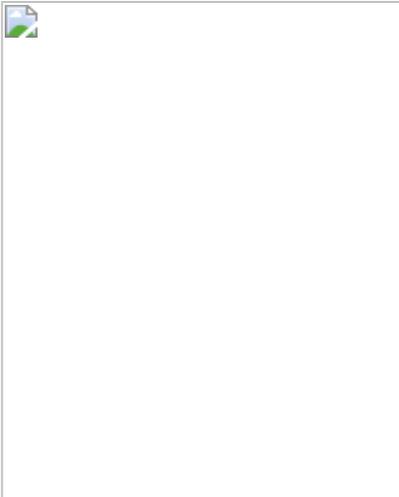
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explores strengths and weaknesses in recent federal enforcement efforts and provides recommendations on how government officials and university leaders can more effectively protect students from harassment while fully respecting their freedom of speech. While not directly addressing campus anti-Semitism, many of the same principles from this testimony should apply to enforcement of laws and policies protecting Jewish students.

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The Horror of War and the Stench of Hypocrisy

Harold Brackman, Brandeis Blog



General Philip Sheridan

The Wall Street Journal recently ran what might be called a 'war is hell' op edit page. The top half was devoted to Peggy Noonan's reflections on WWI which ended forever "gentlemen's wars"- first on the Western Front where Germany unconscienceably invaded neutral Belgium and "raped"

its civilian population, and then on the Eastern Front which was a bloodbath of both soldiers and civilians on both sides. The more recent and perhaps relevant perspective is, for example, the U.S. "Shock and Awe" campaign in Iraq where

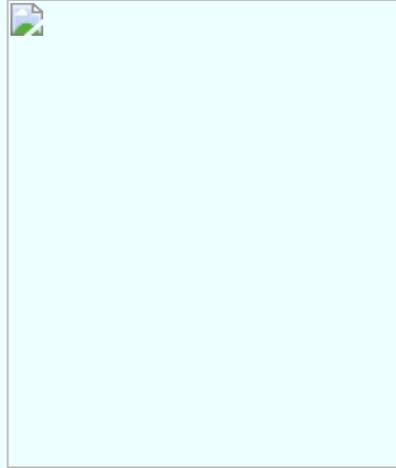
Americans are said to have inflicted 6,600 civilian deaths during the initial "invasion" phase. The best way to save civilian lives in both Gaza and Israel is to end the war-and defeat Hamas-in a way that prevents recurrence any time soon.

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Brandeis Center Appoints Joshua Brewster to Legal Advisory Board

Press Release, The Brandeis Center

The Brandeis Center has appointed Joshua Sol Brewster, Esq., to its Legal Advisory Board. Joshua was previously a senior civil rights legal fellow with The Brandeis



Joshua Brewster

Center. Joshua received his JD from Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2002. He practiced civil rights law with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission for ten years, where he most recently held the position of Deputy Director and Chief Staff Counsel. We are very pleased with this appointment, as Joshua's passion for and expertise in civil rights law and fighting campus anti-Semitism will add greatly to our Advisory Board.

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