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Law Students Take Center Stage December 2014

As we celebrate Giving Tuesday, we at the Louis D. Brandeis Center are grateful to the many law student leaders who are giving back by helping us to achieve our mission. Over the last month, the Brandeis Center has launched three new Law Student Chapters in New York, Minneapolis, and St. Paul. The growth of LDB Law School Chapters has been an encouraging response to resurgent campus anti-Semitism.

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The December Brandeis Brief describes this development, while also presenting articles on the global spread of anti-Jewish hatred, the Nazification of Israel, and more. If you choose to celebrate Giving Tuesday, we ask you to consider a [donation](#) to the Louis D. Brandeis Center.

Articles

Jewish Students Have the Right to Feel Safe on Campus

Melanie Goldberg, JNS.org

"It all started when I took out some anti-BDS information sheets at a Brooklyn College-sponsored event last year that featured Omar Barghouti, the founder of the BDS movement. I planned to challenge Barghouti... but I never got the chance to participate. When I refused [to hand over the flyers] he had City University of New York (CUNY) security officials escort me and two other yarmulke-clad students out of the event, no questions asked.



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Three New Law Schools Join the Fight Against Campus Anti-Semitism



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In response to the dramatic spike in anti-Semitic and anti-Israel incidents on college campuses in the U.S., the LDB launched three new law school chapters this month at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City.

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Can We Help You?

 12-11-29 Standing KLM photo

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.

Swastikas Deface Fliers at Northeastern University

Laura Crimaldi, Boston Globe

Police at Northeastern University launched an investigation after an attack on media publicizing an LDB event featuring an IDF attorney, in which swastikas were drawn on fliers posted on campus. Shortly after the incident LDB lawyers trained Northeastern law students how to respond to anti-Semitic incidents, and met with senior administrators on best practices for dealing with such situations. Faced with this vandalism, the students swung quickly into action and obtained an exceptionally strong statement from administration. In the end, the LDB event went smoothly and was well attended.



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An Old Hatred Returns

Courtney O'Brien, Townhall.com

In this article from *Townhall.com*, O'Brien expands on incidents covering both global and campus anti-Semitism with commentary from



leading experts on anti-Semitism, including extensive quotes from LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus. The article goes on to describe the illegitimate use of anti-Semitic rhetoric in political discourse, and disproportionately negative representations of Israel by liberal media outlets.

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The Return of the Malevolent Jew: The Academic Nazification of Israel

Richard L Cravatts, Brandeis Blog

"What if the Jews themselves were Nazis?," mused French philosopher, Vladimir Jankélévitch in 1986. "That would be great. We would no longer have to feel sorry for them; they would have deserved what they got."

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The recasting of Israelis, and, by extension, Jews as Nazis has, in fact, taken place, just as Jank~~l~~~~v~~itch envisioned.

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The Hamas Book Club

Petra Marquardt Bigman, Brandeis Blog

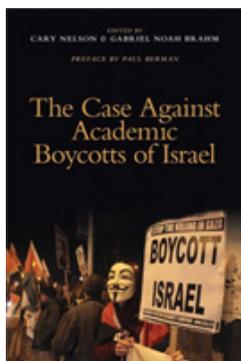
Writing shortly after the publication of Max Blumenthal's anti-Israel screed "Goliath" a year ago, Eric Alterman noted that it would be "no exaggeration to say that this book could have been published by the Hamas Book-of-the-Month Club (if it existed)." Though perhaps it already does in the Middle East Monitor (MEMO), an organization that has been criticized as a sometimes openly anti-Semitic "Islamist news outfit" and a "hate publisher" with close ties to Hamas.



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Is BDS Anti-Semitic?

Elizabeth Redden, Inside Higher Ed



Is the academic boycott against Israel anti-Semitic? Variations of that question come up again and again in a new book of essays, *The Case Against Academic Boycotts of Israel*, edited by Cary Nelson and Gabriel Noah Brahm. LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus contributes a chapter on anti-Semitism in the anti-Israel boycott movement entitled, "*Is the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement Anti-Semitic?*" Marcus

situates the BDS movement within the history of prior anti-Israel and anti-Jewish boycotts and concludes that BDS is anti-Semitic.

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