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Defining Anti-Semitism August 2015

This month's Brandeis Brief focuses on the need for accurately defining anti-Semitism. In July, LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus published an [article](#) on the need for universities to condemn anti-Semitism in carefully defined terms. Also, Mr. Marcus' new [book](#), *The Definition of Anti-Semitism*, is now available for pre-order. Published by Oxford University Press, the proceeds from this book will benefit LDB and its campaign to fight campus anti-Semitism.

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The California State General Assembly recently passed a [resolution](#) encouraging the University of California to condemn anti-Semitism. After this, the UC Board of Regents announced that it will be pushing back its discussion of anti-Semitism till its next meeting in September, where it will seek to adopt "a statement of principles against intolerance, including, but not limited to anti-Semitism and other types of intolerance." Finally, two petitions are being circulated, one for [attorneys](#) and the other for [California stakeholders](#), to express their support for the State Department's definition of anti-Semitism to the UC Board of Regents.

LDB appreciates your continued [support](#) and hopes that you will join in the fight to better define anti-Semitism on college campuses.

Articles

Why Universities Need a Definition of Anti-Semitism

Kenneth L. Marcus, JNS.org



Kenneth L. Marcus

In this piece, Marcus reasons that in order to battle anti-Semitism, universities must address the definition of anti-Semitism itself. Marcus argues that a good definition of anti-Semitism must not only show us how slippery discourse can be, but it must also increase awareness on where the lines ought to be drawn between anti-Semitic and anti-Israel activity and speech. A good definition also requires, he notes, recognition of the "3Ds," which include:

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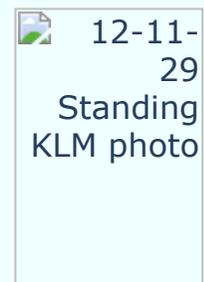


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Can We Help You?



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

de-legitimization of, demonization, and applying a double standard to Israel.

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Sign Petition to Board of Regents on State Department's Definition

Lee Sutherland, Brandeis Blog



Janet Napolitano

The University of California's Board of Regents, who was set to vote on whether it should adopt the U.S. State Department's definition of anti-Semitism at its meeting at the end of July, postponed the vote until their next meeting in September. At this meeting, efforts to combat anti-Semitism among other issues will be discussed. If you are an attorney, voice your support [here](#). If you are a California taxpayer, voice your support [here](#).

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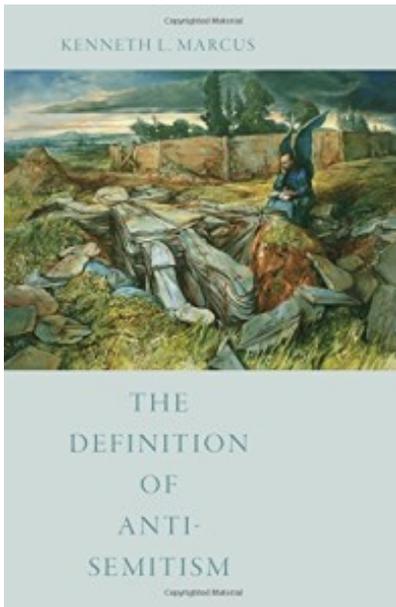
Kenneth Marcus's New Book Available for Pre-Order

Steven Isaacson, Brandeis Blog

LDB is pleased to announce that LDB President and General Counsel, Kenneth L. Marcus' new book, *The Definition of Anti-Semitism*, is now available for pre-order, published by Oxford University Press. The book is now available for Pre-Order on [Amazon](#) and is scheduled for publication on September 1.

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

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Front Cover

This book takes a hard look at implementing a working definition of anti-Semitism, leading the charge to protect civil rights, while not intruding upon First Amendment free speech rights.

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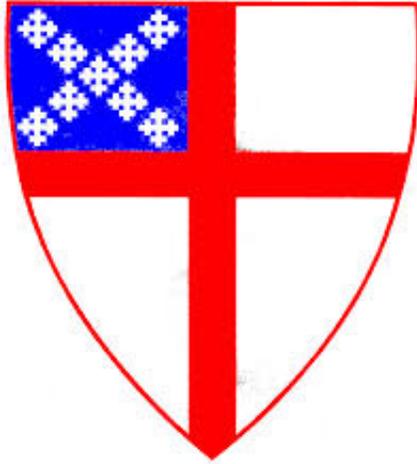
Cal State Assembly

The state of California has taken another important step forward in combating anti-Semitism. Earlier this month, the California State General Assembly unanimously passed a resolution urging the University of California to condemn anti-Semitism.

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Episcopal Church Strikes Down BDS

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Episcopal Church Seal

Following a series of political victories against BDS, the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops, at the church's General Convention in Salt Lake City, UT refused to divest from companies that do business with Israel in the West Bank, rejecting the anti-Semitic Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

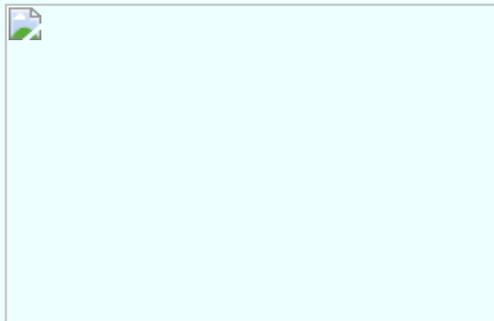
Bishop Leo Frade of Florida expressed great concern about the impacts of divestment. He noted, "...It hurts the same people we think we are helping. Palestinian jobs depend on investment, not divestment."

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Fall Internship Announcement

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The Brandeis Center is pleased to announce that it is now reviewing internship applications for the upcoming



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fall semester. This summer, LDB welcomed two Law Clerks and three Communications and Development interns.

The Center is looking for a group of new students to continue in the fight against anti-Semitism. While the Brandeis Center is located

in Washington, D.C., telework is available for students around the country.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and should be sent to info@brandeiscenter.com. For more information, please see the [career opportunities](#) page on the LDB website.

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