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## Better Than Ever April 2016

The Brandeis Center is blooming this Spring, with the appointments of Jennie Gross to Senior Staff Attorney and Professor Oren Gross to LDB's Academic Advisory Board. Starting the season off with a successful Third Annual National Law Student Leadership Conference (our biggest conference to date!), the Center is growing in response to the prevalent problem of anti-Semitism on college campuses nationwide. This latest issue of *The Brandeis Brief* discusses developments in our on-going battle against anti-Semitism and

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anti-Israelism, including the landmark statement issued by the Regents of the University of California. This issue also contains illuminating perspectives on anti-Semitism in the case of *Ben-Levi v. Brown*, in addition to how BDS activities can be unlawful as well as the link between BDS and anti-Semitism. Once again, we thank you for your tax deductible [donations](#) and observe that without you our work could not be done.

## Articles

### The California Regents Provide a Purim Present, But There's Still Work to Be Done

*Kenneth L. Marcus, Algemeiner*

On the eve of Purim, March 23, the Regents of the University of California unanimously adopted a historic statement



*UC Berkeley campus*

against intolerance. LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus explains what this development is all about and why it matters.

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### UC Regents' Condemnation of Anti-Semitism & Anti-Zionism is Timely for UC Davis

*Jennie Gross, Brandeis Blog*



Arab-Israeli Diplomat for Israel,

March 23's announcement from the Regents of the University of California is particularly timely for the Davis campus, where a disruptive

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George Deek

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halted a lecture by Israeli diplomat George Deek earlier this month.

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## In Praise of Justice Alito's Statement in *Ben-Levi v. Brown*

*Dawinder Sidhu, Brandeis Blog*

The government's relationship with religion, if anything, means that the government may not categorically subject a particular religious group to



Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito (By: Art Lien)

heightened requirements for religious exercise, may not endorse and codify a particular interpretation of religious doctrine, and may not limit the religious exercise of an individual because the government disagrees with the individual's interpretation of his faith. In his enlightening analysis for the Brandeis Blog, Professor Dawinder Sidhu explains how each of these first principles was violated in the case of *Ben-Levi v. Brown*.

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## BDS and the First Amendment

*Marc Greendorfer, Brandeis Blog*



As part of its public relations campaign to lure unwitting American citizens into supporting unlawful activity, the BDS movement, through affiliated

groups, has published a number of quasi-legal memoranda that wrongfully portray BDS support as being absolutely protected by the First Amendment. In a recently published analysis, The Lawfare Project effectively exposed the flawed and misleading BDS legal claims as they relate to New York State law.

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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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Lawfare's analysis also touched on the Constitutional issues that are involved, which Marc Greendorfer discusses in greater detail here.

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## Israeli Apartheid Week in Britain: Why Students' Unions Are Acting Unlawfully

Lesley Klaff, *Flashpoint: Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy*

Israeli Apartheid Week sits within a global social movement, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions or BDS movement, which aims to exclude Israel from the economic,



cultural and educational life of the rest of the world. Professor Lesley Klaff explains how England's BDS campaign violates English law -- with implications for the United States and the rest of the world.

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## Anti-Semitism on Campus Linked to Anti-Israel Activity

Lauren Markoe, *The Gazette*



(RNS) Anti-Semitism goes hand-in-hand with anti-Israel activities at U.S. colleges, according to a new report that one critic called a "crude rhetorical cudgel" against the so-called Boycott,

Divestment and Sanctions movement. The report was released on March 14 by the AMCHA Initiative, a group founded by two

professors in the University of California system in response to anti-Semitic incidents on campuses.

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## **Lawsuit Against CUNY Alleges Pervasive, Explicit Antisemitism Among Kingsborough College Administrators**

*Andrew Pessin, Algemeiner*

A lawsuit filed in February by a faculty member at the City University of New York's (CUNY) Kingsborough Community College alleges explicit

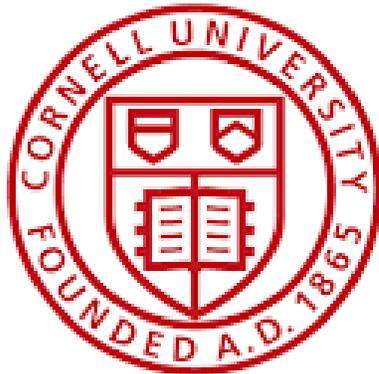


Kingsborough Community College

antisemitic discrimination and harassment by senior administrators. According to the complaint, filed by Professor of Business Jeffrey Lax and obtained by The Algemeiner, senior administrators actively limited the hiring and obstructed the promotion of Jews, and have "promoted and maintained a pervasively hostile work environment."

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## **LDB Urges Cornell Administrators to Condemn Anti-Semitism on Campus**



On March 17, [the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law](#) (LDB), along with the LDB Law Student Chapter at Cornell University, urged Cornell administrators to condemn the numerous anti-

Semitic statements made in a talk by Rev. Graylan Hagler.

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## **Civil Rights Group Expands Litigation Initiative**

The campaign against campus anti-Semitism just took another step forward with the expansion of a major litigation initiative. On March 21, LDB announced the appointment of Jennie Gross to the position of Senior Staff



Jennie Gross

Attorney. She joins LDB with many years of experience litigating in federal courts on behalf of plaintiffs in class actions and mass torts, including the Vioxx litigation, antitrust litigation against Microsoft, and complex litigation against the tobacco industry.

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## **Brandeis Center Appoints Oren Gross to Academic Advisory Board**



Professor Oren Gross

On March 31, LDB was pleased to announce the appointment of Oren Gross, Irving Younger Professor of Law and the Director of the Institute for International Legal & Security Studies at the University of Minnesota Law

School, to LDB's Academic Advisory Board. As an internationally recognized expert in the

areas of international law and national security law, in addition to being an expert on the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict, Gross' knowledge will help to strengthen the Brandeis Center's expertise.

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## **LDB Announces a Spring Showering of Events**

On March 25, LDB announced its next batch of Spring LDB Law Student Chapter events. These events will span the next six weeks at Cornell, CUNY, Harvard, Loyola Chicago, Northwestern, Pennsylvania State University at



Harrisburg, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Chicago, the University of Minnesota, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Washington, and Yeshiva University, as well as at the StandWithUs anti-BDS conference in Los Angeles.

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## **LDB Holds Third Annual National Law Student Leadership Conference**

*Michelle Yabes, Brandeis Blog*



Conference participants and speakers during the second day.

On February 21-22, the Louis D. Brandeis Center hosted its third annual National Law Student Leadership Conference in Berkeley, California. The conference brought together 26 law student leaders from 14 law schools across

the country, and educated these students on topics including civil rights law; international law and the Arab-Israeli Conflict; international anti-Semitism and the European response; and how to use legal tools to combat anti-Semitism and the Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel, while in law school and in their future legal careers. Additionally, the students were presented with networking opportunities amongst their peers, attorneys, and legal scholars.

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