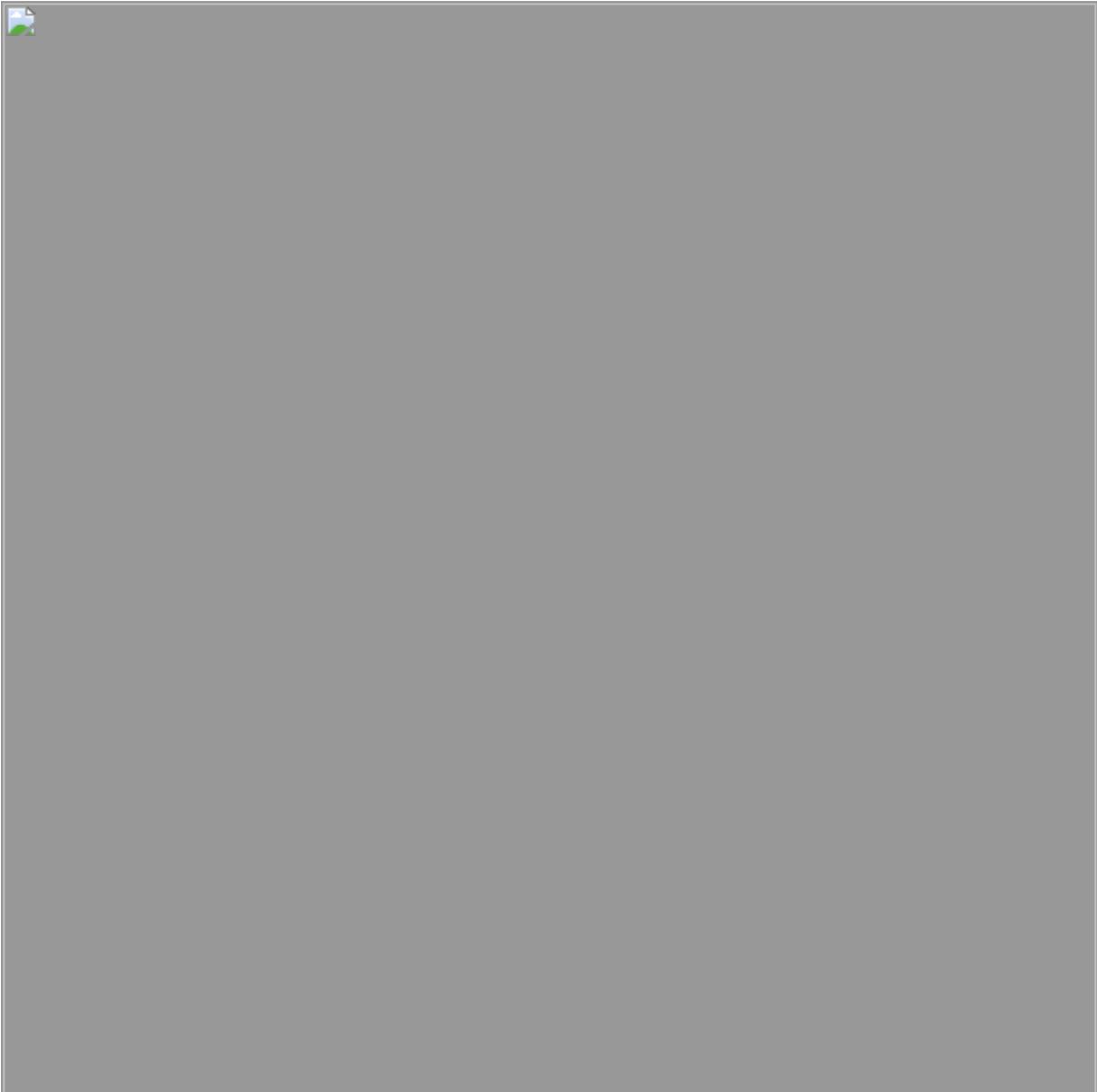


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## The Heat Is On August 2016

As the summer draws to a close, the battle against campus anti-Semitism is only heating up. We at the Brandeis Center have been working throughout the heat to ensure that all Jewish students will be safe in their studies this fall. While exposing the anti-Semites of

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WikiLeaks and going to court against the American Studies Association, the Brandeis Center continues to address anti-Semitic and anti-Israel incidents at such places as Irvine, Saint Louis, and Los Angeles. Meanwhile, new lawsuits have been filed against the ASA and the pro-BDS National Lawyers Guild, and we are pleased to note that New Jersey and Rhode Island have joined the growing list of states that have legislated against the anti-Israel boycott movement. This month's Brandeis Brief explores these and other developments, features community leader Mark Bloome, and introduces new LDB intern Dani Hovsha. Once again, we thank you for your tax-deductible [donations](#) and acknowledge that without you our work could not be done.

## Articles

### Anti-Semitism Expert: WikiLeaks 'Knew What It Was Doing' When Invoking Antisemitic Tropes on Twitter (INTERVIEW)

*Lea Speyer, Allgemeiner*

Brandeis Center President Kenneth L. Marcus takes WikiLeaks to task for an anti-Semitic tweet from the organization's account.



Source: [wikileaks.org](http://wikileaks.org)

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### Campus Anti-Semitism Surges in 2016

*Daniella Hovsha, Brandeis Blog*



AMCHA Initiative co-founder Tammi-Rossman-Benjamin.

2016 is unfolding as another unsettling year for Jewish students across U.S. college campuses. According to a report released last week by the

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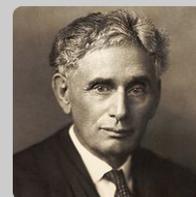
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AMCHA Initiative, anti-Semitic activities have surged over the past six months. Moreover, the study provided "ample empirical evidence showing that the presence of anti-Zionist student groups, faculty boycotters and anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) activity are each strong predictors of anti-Jewish hostility."

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## Brandeis Center and Hillel Urge UC Irvine to Respond to Anti-Semitic Incident

*Aviva Vogelstein, Brandeis Blog*

Hillel International, Hillel of Orange County, and LDB wrote in early July to University of California - Irvine (UCI) Chancellor Howard Gillman urging a strong response to the physical intimidation of a Jewish student, Eliana Kopley and the campus climate of intimidation aimed at Jewish and Pro-Israel students. LDB represents Eliana Kopley regarding this matter.



Source: en.wikipedia.org

[Read the full statement](#)

## National Lawyers Guild Sued for Discrimination

*Emma Dillon, Brandeis Blog*



Image of the rejected ad from the filed complaint, *Bibliotechnical v. NLG*, 07/13/16

alleges that NLG practiced unlawful

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Kenneth L. Marcus

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discrimination, violating the New York City and State Human Rights Laws. The activity described in the complaint is consistent with NLG's involvement in a recent aggressive protest on the UC Irvine campus, and suggests that NLG, which promotes itself as a human rights organization that provides neutral and independent "legal observers" is perhaps not so neutral when it comes to discrimination against Israelis and pro-Israel Americans.

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## Another Anti-BDS Lawsuit Filed

*Aviva Vogelstein, Brandeis Blog*

It's been a rough year for the American Studies Association (ASA), legally speaking. In mid-July, a lawsuit was filed in New York State Court against the New York Metro



Source: en.wikipedia.org

chapter of the ASA, alleging "unlawful discrimination under the New York City and State Human Rights Laws," in relation to the ASA's boycott of Israeli academic institutions. This is the second lawsuit filed against the ASA in a matter of months, following LDB's lawsuit filed against the ASA, on behalf of four distinguished American Studies professors, for its unlawful boycott of Israel.

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## LDB Praises Rejection of Charges Against Saint Louis Jewish Students

*Press release*



On July 15, LDB praised St. Louis University ( " SLU " ), for rejecting retaliatory charges brought against two Jewish students by an anti-Israel activist. LDB advised the students who faced these charges after filing an appropriate and

Source: <http://www.slu.edu> legitimate bias complaint against another student.

LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus commended the SLU administration for setting a good example for other university administrations nationwide.

[Read the full statement here](#)

## **New Jersey's Anti-BDS Legislation**

*Michelle Yabes, Brandeis Blog*

In June, the New Jersey General Assembly in an overwhelming 69-3 vote passed legislation prohibiting the investment of state pension and annuity funds in companies that boycott Israel or Israeli businesses.



Photo: State.NJ.US

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## **Rhode Island Governor Signs Anti-BDS Legislation**

*Juan Pablo Rivera Garza, Brandeis Blog*



Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo (D) Courtesy of <http://www.governor.ri.gov/>

This month, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo (D) signed into law HB-7736, "Anti-Discrimination in State Contracts," an anti-BDS law that prohibits the State of Rhode Island from patronizing any business that refuses to do business with another firm based upon national origin, effectively preventing

Rhode Island's tax payer money from supporting companies that boycott Israel. This new law is an important step in combatting BDS, and we commend Governor Raimondo for her principled stand against the anti-Semitic

forces of BDS.

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## **LDB Deeply Concerned by UCLA Response to Milan Chatterjee**

*Anne Crowell, Brandeis Blog*

In mid-July, LDB issued a statement expressing our continued support for Milan Chatterjee, the former President of the UCLA



Photo courtesy of Milan Chatterjee.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) who has been subjected to months of harassment by supporters of the BDS movement for his neutral stance regarding BDS. This is an important time to reiterate our support for Mr. Chatterjee, as the UCLA Discrimination Prevention Office (DPO) recently issued a report which alleged that his refusal to fund either side of the BDS debate was a violation of university policy. Additionally, this news from UCLA serves as a reminder of the concerning spread of anti-Semitism on University of California campuses such as UCLA and UC Irvine, and underscores the importance of putting the policy of the UC Regents' Statement of Principles Against Intolerance into practice.

[Read the full statement](#)

## **LDB Pleased to Participate in Civil Society Consultations**

*Press Release*

On July 28, LDB submitted a statement to several federal agencies as part of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Civil Society Consultation process, urging officials to more effectively address campus anti-Semitism. This is a key component of LDB's participation in the upcoming series of Civil Society Consultations, which are hosted on behalf of various federal agencies to ensure the implementation of recommendations from the United States's 2015 Universal Periodic Review



Photo courtesy of Anne Crowell.

before the United Nations Human Rights Council. Anne Crowell, an LDB Civil Rights Legal Fellow, is scheduled to speak at three of the consultations.

[Read the full statement on campus anti-Semitism](#)

## Mark Bloome: Community Leader and Coalition Builder

*Aviva Vogelstein, Brandeis Blog*

Mark Bloome has become an expert at coalition-building and finding innovative ways to fight the Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions movement (BDS) against Israel and its anti-Semitism on a national basis. But why is he so committed to solving these issues? Read more to find out.

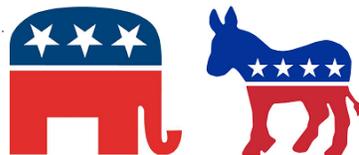


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## Major Party Platforms Combat BDS

*Juan Pablo Rivera Garza, Brandeis Blog*



Source: [postnewsgroup.com](http://postnewsgroup.com)

push against the forces of BDS.

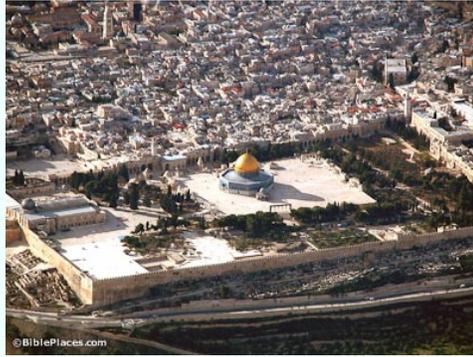
In a pair of positive steps, both the Democratic and Republican parties have inserted language into their party platforms that

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## UNESCO Delays Temple Mount Vote

*Juan Pablo Rivera Garza, Brandeis Blog*

On July 12th, UNESCO (The UN's Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) delayed a vote on a draft resolution that would damage ties that Israel and the Jewish people as a whole have with the Temple Mount and the Al-Aqsa Mosque.



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## LDB Welcomes Intern Daniella Hovsha

*Emma Dillon, Brandeis Blog*



Photo courtesy of Daniella Hovsha.

LDB welcomes Daniella Hovsha, who will be joining the organization as a Civil Rights Communications & Development Intern for Fall 2016. Daniella's early arrival is much welcomed in light of LDB's busy docket, including its landmark lawsuit against the

American Studies Association (ASA) for the ASA's unlawful boycott of Israeli academic institutions, legal advocacy work--including representing Eliana Kopley, a UC Irvine student aggressively confronted and threatened by anti-Israel protesters, and efforts to expand its law student chapter initiative network.

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