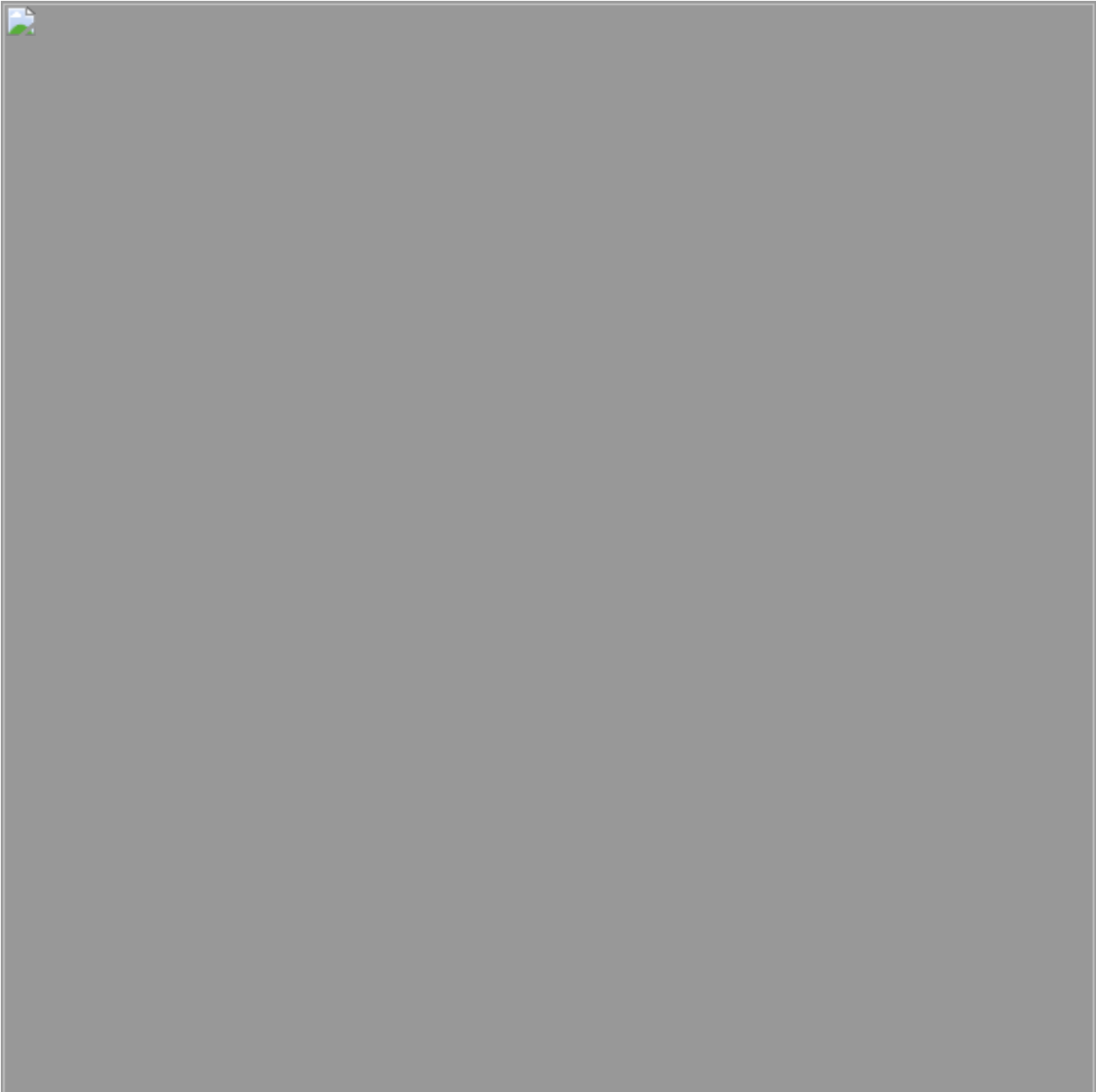


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## Giving Thanks November 2016

Whatever your feelings about the recent U.S. election, we all have much to give thanks about. This past month, we faced many challenges. On college campuses, extremist organizations continued their efforts to suppress speech that deviates from established

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academic orthodoxies. We saw recently, for example, at San Francisco State, where an event with Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat was disrupted. LDB's own Jennie Gross faced a similar problem at the University of Minnesota, where she spoke out against the movement to Boycott, Divest from, and Sanction Israel (BDS). We have been fighting back against the haters and censors. Fortunately, we are winning and making our message heard. Further, at the state level, decency continues to prevail in successful legislative efforts to combat BDS. Once again, as we begin a new fiscal year, we thank you for your tax-deductible [donations](#) and acknowledge that without you our work could not be done. As we approach Thanksgiving, we are thankful to the progress that is being made.

## Articles

### Vandalism at University of Minnesota Law School Prior to LDB Presentation

Jennie Gross, *Brandeis Blog*



University of Minnesota

Last month, LDB's Jennie Gross visited the University of Minnesota Law School to present on anti-Semitism in higher education. However, before Ms. Gross's speech, the promotional flyers were torn down by vandals. This was yet another example of efforts to suppress speech that is believed to deviate from campus orthodoxies. Dean Garry W. Jenkins responded well, admonishing that "Any efforts to shut down communication, including removing notices, undermine the values of our school and our profession." Determined to make her message heard, Ms. Gross went ahead with a well-received LDB presentation.

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### Can We Help You?

## Israel's Two-Equally False-Narratives

*Jeffrey Robbins, Observer*

San Francisco State University's recent report on anti-Israel students' disruption of a campus event featuring Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat casts new light on a spreading



San Francisco State University

phenomenon: pro-Palestinian activists channeling the tenor and tactics of Nazi Brown Shirts while fancying themselves "progressives." As LDB's Kenneth L. Marcus said of the event, "The Mayor was not able to conduct his speech as planned. Instead, a small group of students interested in hearing him huddled closely around him. Several Jewish students were crying and others left because they felt unsafe. The chanting lasted for over 45 minutes while the law enforcement officers in attendance stood by doing nothing."

[Read the full article](#)

## Next Steps for Oberlin College

*Melissa Landa, Algemeiner*



On September 22, 2016, more than 60 members of the Oberlin College community gathered for an important event: an off-campus symposium sponsored by the Oberlin Chapter of

Alums for Campus Fairness (OCACF). Called "Building a Hate-Free Campus Through Civil



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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Discourse" and featuring three distinguished speakers - renowned legal thinker, leading young activist Chloe Simone Valdary and community organizer Stacey Aviva Flint, the symposium focused on the topics of defining modern-day antisemitism, maintaining courage in the face of antisemitism and asserting one's individual identity.

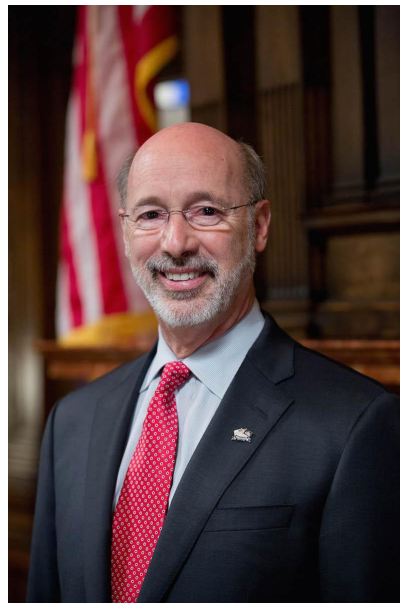
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## **Pennsylvania Senate Passes Anti-BDS Bill**

*Brandeis Blog, Daniella Hovsha*

2016 has state legislatures taking a firm stance against the Boycotts, Disinvestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. This past summer California, New Jersey, Rhode Island and New York all enacted various laws against this invidious form of discrimination. In early November, PA Governor Tom Wolf signed Pennsylvania Bill HB 210 into law.



Governor Tom Wolf

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## **Why all Labour members need to read parliament's antisemitism report**

*Lesley Klaff, The Conversation*



Some recent developments in the U.K. should give hope to Americans. For example, England's parliamentary

Home Affairs Committee recently recommended that the British government

adopt the excellent and important definition of antisemitism proposed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). This is substantially similar to the approach that LDB has taken in the United States.

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## **Brandeis Center Welcomes Two New Legal Fellows**

LDB is pleased to welcome two new Civil Rights Legal Fellows to the staff, Xiao Ma and Rachel Leach. Xiao Ma, who also goes by Hana, joins us from Harvard Law School. Rachel Leach joins us from George Washington University Law School.



[Read the full statement here](#)

## **Kenneth L Marcus Featured at Jewish Book Fairs**



For book lovers, November is shaping up as an exceptional month. LDB's Founder Kenneth L. Marcus spoke about his book, "The Definition

of Anti-Semitism" (Oxford 2015) on November 6th at the 65th annual Detroit Jewish Book Fair

. For those of you who missed it, there is another opportunity. On November 16, Marcus will appear at the St. Louis Jewish Book Festival.

[Full details here](#)