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# How to Combat Campus Anti-Semitism and Anti-Israelism

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As students and faculty return to campus for the Fall semester, <u>The Louis D. Brandeis Center</u> has developed a Best Practices Guide to inform and guide university administrators who want to take campus anti-Semitism seriously while fully protecting the freedom of speech and academic freedom. Read our new Guide in this issue, and share your comments with us.

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Some university administrators are sincerely open to joining our efforts to combat campus anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism while also respecting free speech. We have developed a short <u>LDB Best Practices Guide</u> that explains how they can do this. In addition, the LDB website contains a growing repository of <u>Best Practices</u> examples and guidance which can support these efforts. LDB is always available to work with administrators who would like to ensure equal opportunity and mitigate the litigation risks which arise when hostile environments are permitted to fester.

### Anti-Semitism at St. Louis University?



This week, the Brandeis Center <u>urged</u> St. Louis University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., to speak out against anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hate speech in advance of the controversial conference which is scheduled to be conducted by an outside organization at St. Louis University next month. The Center <u>expressed concern</u> about the likelihood that anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hate will be expressed at the controversial so-called "End the Occupation" conference on September 21-23, 2012. As a human rights organization, the Brandeis Center believes that the appearance of university endorsement of hate and bias events could create a campus environment which is incompatible with equal opportunity and civil discourse.

#### Are Asians the New Jews?



A pending U.S. Supreme Court case, which addresses affirmative action at the University of Texas, raises the intriguing question as to whether Asian American college students now face forms of discrimination similar to what Jewish students faced in the twentieth century. This Reuters article discusses the issue and mentions the Supreme Court amicus brief which the Brandeis Center jointly filed with a coalition of Asian civil rights organizations. The Brandeis Center's brief, authored by LDB Advisor Alan Gura, has become one of the most talked-about submissions to the Court in this high-profile case.

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Can We Help You to Fight

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#### Campus Anti-Semitism?

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.

## **Promoting Civic Activism Among Jewish Student Leaders**



Earlier in the month, LDB President <u>Kenneth L. Marcus</u> keynoted the Civic Chair Kick-off at the 99th Annual Convention of Alpha Epsilon Pi at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. Working with Marcus, the Jewish fraternity has launched a new initiative aimed at increasing civic engagement among members of its nationwide chapters. In his <u>address</u>, Marcus discussed the importance of Jewish student civic engagement, drawing examples from his career in public service.

# Upcoming

As we approach the Jewish High Holidays, the Brandeis Center thanks those who have generously supported its efforts to support Jewish university and college students. Thanks to a generous matching contribution from an anonymous funder, new contributions will be matched up to \$100,000 at a 1:2 ratio. This enables new funders to leverage their giving more effectively to combat campus anti-Semitism. <u>Contributions</u> to the Brandeis Center are tax-deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and can be made securely online or through personal or foundation checks.

