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After Gaza

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After the violent turmoil in Gaza, we are prepared to face an exceptionally difficult year for Jewish and pro-Israel students on American college campuses. An appalling incident at Temple University occurred before the school year officially even began. Over the summer, Brandeis Center lawyers met with senior administrators at several universities to prepare for potential anti-Semitic and anti-Israel incidents. To supplement our growing

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collection of fact sheets and resource guides, the Brandeis Center has also just issued a Fact Sheet on anti-Semitic discourse that educates administrators about the ancient and ever-present forms that anti-Semitism still takes. As the fall semester begins, we are intensifying our monitoring of college and university campuses and will be ready to take action -- thanks to you and your [support](#) for the Brandeis Center and our campaign against campus anti-Semitism.

Articles

After the Gaza conflict, preparing for a potentially stormy year for Israel on campus

Alina Dain Sharon, *JNS.org*

This summer's 50-day conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, which has come to a close if the cease-fire holds, has spurred a sharp rise in both anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incidents around the world. At the same time, the boundary between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism has become increasingly blurred, particularly on American college campuses.



Source: AMCHA Initiative

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Pro-Israel college students prepare for a tough year

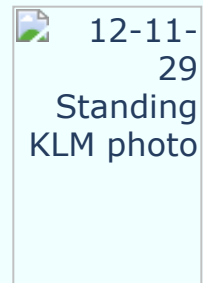
Cindy Mindell, *Jewish Ledger*

When Israel declared its statehood 65 years ago, there was little ripple effect at American universities. At the time, "campus anti-Semitism" referred to the Jewish quotas applied to student and faculty applicants to certain institutions of higher learning. But those rebuffed candidates could and did turn to alternative institutions, put the institutionalized racism behind them, and get

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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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on with their education or teaching. Over the decades, however, as the relationship between Israel and the adjacent Palestinian territories has become increasingly complex and perilous, many North American

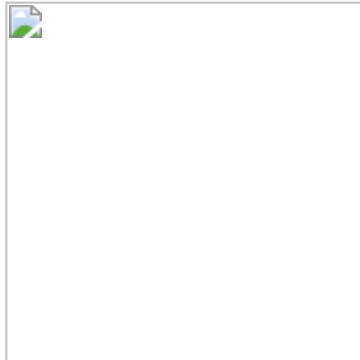
college campuses have come to reflect the conflict.

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Temple University - Latest Antisemitic Hotspot Protested Amid Record Donation Drive

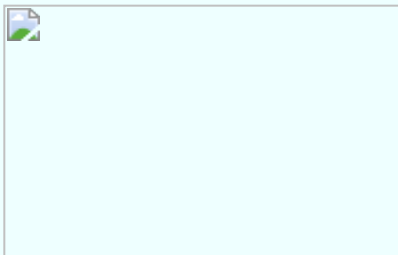
Edwin Black, *Times of Israel*
August 25, 2014

Temple University has become the latest focal point for groups concerned about the spreading wave of campus antisemitism and academic-based Holocaust minimizing.



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Brandeis Center Introduces Resource Guide for Identifying Anti-Semitic Behavior on U.S. College Campuses



As the fall semester begins, the Brandeis Center introduces a [resource guide](#)

to help promote civil discourse and prevent hateful and anti-Semitic activity on university campuses.

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Is the U.S. Next?

Harold Brackman, *Brandeis Blog*

August 27, 2014

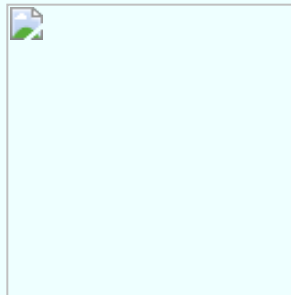
While everyday anti-Semitism has become part of the fabric of Western European life in a way it has not been since the 1930s, the situation in the U.S. is also becoming troubling. I would compare American manifestations of anti-Semitism to ugly boils on the body politic whose poisons have not yet entered the bloodstream.



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Letter warns U.C. president of union's 'anti-Israel propaganda'

A letter signed by 12 groups was sent to Janet Napolitano, president of the University of California, urging her to intervene to ensure anti-Semitic propaganda is not brought into university classrooms.



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Ali Abunimah Advocates Solidarity With Hamas

Petra Marquardt Bigman, *The Brandeis Blog*

For many years, Ali Abunimah has been a prominent proponent of "pro-Palestinian" solidarity activism, and he is often invited to speak on US campuses. As a veteran professional activist, he usually delivers [smooth presentations](#) that tend to obscure the fact that his often invoked demands for "justice in Palestine" require the injustice of doing away with the world's only Jewish state in order to replace it with another Arab Muslim-majority state. While Abunimah's activism focuses primarily on delegitimizing Israel and promoting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS) to help bring about the hoped for elimination of the Jewish state, he is usually not very outspoken about the fact that he is also an ardent supporter of [Palestinian terror groups](#) like Hamas and its Al-Qassam Brigades as well as Islamic Jihad.

Three Conceptions of Religious Freedom



LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus contributes a chapter on "Three Conceptions of Religious Freedom" to Hanoch Dagan, Shahr Lifschitz and Yedidia Z. Stern's new edited volume on Religion and the Discourse of Human Rights (Jerusalem, Israel: Israel Democracy Institute, 2014).

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