



EXAMPLES OF AMCHA INITIATIVE'S ACTIVISM ACTIVITIES

AMCHA Initiative is a non-profit organization dedicated to investigating, documenting, educating about, and combating antisemitism at institutions of higher education in America.

There are the five main areas AMCHA Initiative responds to campus antisemitism:

- 1) HARRASSMENT OF JEWISH STUDENTS
- 2) VERBAL AND PHYSICAL THREATS AGAINST JEWISH STUDENTS
- 3) PROFESSORS USE OF UNIVERSITY RESOURCES TO PROMOTE ANTISEMITISM
- 4) DEPARTMENTS USE OF UNIVERSITY PRESTIGE AND FUNDING TO SPEW ANTISEMITISM
- 5) STUDENT TRAVEL PROGRAMS USED TO PROMOTE ANTISEMITISM

The following information provides a sample of incident details and AMCHA's responses:

HARASSMENT OF JEWISH STUDENTS

The harassment and intimidation of Jewish students by members of anti-Israel student groups, particularly during Israel Apartheid Week, student-run BDS campaigns, and attempts to shut down Jewish student events.

INCIDENT: At UC Davis on February 27, 2012, the Students for Justice in Palestine illegally interrupted and heckled speakers at a pro-Israel event, and in so doing, suppressed the freedom of speech and freedom of assembly of the Jewish students and their invited speakers.

AMCHA RESPONSE: AMCHA Initiative contacted President Mark Yudof about the event. On March 8, 2012, President Mark Yudof issued a public condemnation and stated his commitment to the safety of Jewish students on campus.

INCIDENT: A San Francisco State University student group, the General Union of Palestine Students (GUPS), hosted an event honoring an Edward Said memorial where participants could make posters that said, "My heroes have always killed colonizers" as well as images of the convicted hijacker Leila Khaled holding a gun. The GUPS event received several thousands of dollars of funding from the university and was co-sponsored by the Arab and Muslim Ethnicities Initiative (AMED) in the College of Ethnic Studies.

AMCHA RESPONSE: AMCHA Initiative uncovered the posters and alerted President Wong about the event. Two days later President Wong issued a statement condemning the posters and stating, "celebrating violence or promoting intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism or any other form of hate mongering" would not be tolerated at SFSU. He also ensured "a safe and civil campus environment" for Jewish students.

INCIDENT: In an attempt to target, harass and intimidate Jewish students, Students for Justice in Palestine and other anti-Israel groups demanded that candidates for student government positions sign a statement pledging that they will not go on any trip to Israel sponsored by three Jewish organizations. No church or mosque groups that sponsor Israel trips was targeted. SJP also launched a campaign calling for the investigation of student council members who have taken trips to Israel with Jewish organizations.

AMCHA RESPONSE: Shocked at UCLA's statement that the university did not plan to intervene, AMCHA

Initiative represented seven organizations before the Board of Regents, demanding the Regents, President Janet Napolitano and UCLA Chancellor Gene Block stop these bullying and intimidation tactics. AMCHA also coordinated a letter to the Regents, Napolitano and Block from the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel, the Lawfare Project, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, Simon Wiesenthal Center, StandWithUs and the Zionist Organization of America. The next day, Block and Napolitano condemned the antisemitic pledge and asked University administrators to intervene.

VERBAL AND PHYSICAL THREATS AGAINST JEWISH STUDENTS

Student hatred of Jews and/or Israel can lead to violent and threatening behavior and a dangerous campus situation for Jewish students.

INCIDENT: The President of a university-sanctioned student group at San Francisco State University (SFSU) publicly threatened SFSU Jewish students, Israelis, and anyone who supports Israel. He also glorified the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a known terrorist organization responsible for 159 violent terrorist acts. For example, the student was shown wielding a knife on social media with the caption, *"I love this blade...it makes me want to stab an Israeli soldier"* as well as identifying an Israeli soldier and claiming *"the only 'peace' I'm interested in is the head of this f**cking scum on a plate, as well as the heads of all others like her, and all others who support the IDF"* and *"The Liberation of Palestine can only come through the destruction and decimation of this Israeli plague and it can't possibly come soon enough."* He additionally remarked that he hopes members of the student group Hillel *"trip down the stairs and break their necks."*

AMCHA RESPONSE: AMCHA discovered the student's public statements and turned them over to University leadership, the FBI, the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco District Attorney. After receiving the statements, the Joint Terrorism Task Force and FBI launched an investigation and the University informed AMCHA that the student is no longer enrolled at SFSU.

PROFESSORS USE OF UNIVERSITY RESOURCES TO PROMOTE ANTISEMITISM

Faculty abuse their positions, using their classes or university resources to promote antisemitic material, ideas or advocacy.

INCIDENT: A California Public Records Act inquiry, requested by AMCHA Initiative, revealed that San Francisco State University (SFSU) Professor Rabab Abdulhadi received more than \$7,000 from SFSU to fly to Jordan, the West Bank and Israel to meet with members of known terrorist organizations. Abdulhadi was the faculty advisory to the SFSU knife-wielding student investigated by the FBI and Joint Terrorism Task Force. She was also caught on tape glorifying terrorism to SFSU students.

AMCHA RESPONSE: AMCHA Initiative coordinated a letter from 8 organizations to CSU Chancellor White, SFSU President Wong and other University administrators alerting them of the egregious abuse of university and taxpayer funds and urging an investigation. The letter was sent from AMCHA Initiative, Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel, Proclaiming Justice to the Nations, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, Simon Wiesenthal Center, StandWithUs and the Zionist Organization of America. After receiving the letter, SFSU President Wong committed to investigate.

INCIDENT: For more than four years, Mathematics Professor David Klein at California State University (CSU) Northridge has been hosting a "Boycott Israel Resource Page" on the official CSUN website. Klein's "Boycott Israel" page includes inflammatory statements such as *"Israel is the most racist country in the world at this time," "The result of Israeli state policies has been a 65 year program of ethnic cleansing...and mass murder"* and *"Israel's use of White Phosphorus furthers its agenda of ethnic cleansing."*

AMCHA RESPONSE: AMCHA alerted University leadership and spoke before the CSU Trustees to highlight the various university, state, and federal laws being violated by Professor Klein. Recently AMCHA filed a complaint with California Attorney General Kamala Harris, urging her to investigate the matter. AMCHA also delivered a petition signed by more than 1,000 California residents to Senator Carol Liu and Assemblymember Das Williams, chairs of the Senate and Assembly education committees. The

petition asks the legislators to stop University of California and California State University faculty from using taxpayer dollars for antisemitism.

DEPARTMENTS USE OF UNIVERSITY PRESTIGE AND FUNDING TO SPEW ANTISEMITISM

University departments and administrative offices sponsor, endorse, and/or fund events with antisemitic content.

INCIDENT: UCLA, UC Riverside and UC Davis sponsored official events featuring Omar Barghouti, the founder and most vocal advocate of the academic boycott of Israel. Invoking the classic blood libel, Barghouti accused Israeli soldiers of "*hunting children*," saying that sharpshooter Israeli soldiers target Palestinian children and shoot to kill, that the soldiers "*entice children like mice into a trap and murder them for sport*," leaving the children with their "*stomachs ripped out, the gaping holes in their torsos*." At UC Riverside, students in eight courses were given credit for attending and listening to Barghouti's anti-Israel and anti-Semitic propaganda.

AMCHA RESPONSE: AMCHA delivered a petition to members of the California Senate and Assembly education committees, demanding that the legislators stop UC faculty from using taxpayer dollars to promote antisemitism. In addition, AMCHA co-founders went before the UC Board of Regents, the governing body of all UC schools, to ask the Regents to intervene.

INCIDENT: SFSU professors hosted an official department event to inform students about a recent trip where they met with individuals affiliated with US State Department-designated terrorist organizations responsible for the murder of numerous Jews worldwide. The group's first meeting was with Leila Khaled, a convicted hijacker and the most famous member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist organization responsible for 159 terrorist acts. The group also met with Sheikh Raed Salah, leader of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement, who was convicted of funding the terrorist organization Hamas and served a two-year prison sentence 2003 - 2005. In 2008, Salah was charged by an Israeli court with incitement to violence and racism, over a speech he gave in which he accused Jews of using children's blood to bake bread.

AMCHA RESPONSE: AMCHA Initiative coordinated a letter from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, StandWithUs, and the Zionist Organization of America demanding that SFSU President Wong and CSU Trustees speak out forcefully against this event and provide counter-programming.

STUDENT TRAVEL PROGRAMS USED TO PROMOTE ANTISEMITISM

University-sponsored travel programs purporting to objectively address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, however, in reality, are egregiously anti-Israel and bring Jewish students into contact with individuals and organizations that call for the murder of Jews and the elimination of the Jewish state.

INCIDENT: In 2009, UC Irvine faculty members overseeing an Olive Tree Initiative trip arranged for students to meet with Aziz Duwaik, a leader of Hamas, a U.S. designated terrorist organization committed to the destruction of Israel and the global murder of Jews. The students were then instructed to lie and conceal the meeting from the Israeli government and the UC administration. In fact, the Olive Tree Initiative has repeatedly exposed students to individuals and groups that call for the murder of Jews and the elimination of the Jewish state. For example, Olive Tree Initiative speakers have included George S. Rishmawi and George N. Rishmawi, founders of the International Solidarity Movement, a group that openly endorses Palestinian terrorism, advocates the destruction of Israel and sends activists into life threatening situations.

AMCHA RESPONSE: AMCHA Initiative released a student-created report on the Olive Tree Initiative exposing the anti-Israel distortions inherent in this student trip. In addition, AMCHA coordinated a petition from California residents to UC President Yudof requesting public assurance that the University of California will disassociate itself from the Olive Tree Initiative and will not stand for bigotry against Jews on any UC campuses.