

Essay Contest
for High School Seniors

How can Jewish values help create a future free of domestic abuse?

100 MENSCHES invites graduating Jewish high school seniors to submit an 800-1,000 word original essay describing how Jewish values can help create a future free of domestic abuse.

These Jewish values may help guide your thinking:



CHESSED

Compassion and caring for others



RODEF SHALOM

The pursuit of understanding, empathy and mutual respect



SHALOM BAYIT

Harmony in the home

In your essay please be specific about changes that would help play a role in eliminating domestic abuse in the Jewish, and broader, community.

The **TOP THREE** submissions will be awarded college scholarships totaling \$5,000:

- 1st Place > \$2,500
- 2nd Place > \$1,500
- 3rd Place > \$1,000

DEADLINE > April 14, 2017 by 5pm

Visit 100mensch.org for judging criteria, student eligibility guidelines, and to download the application. Email your submission and application (as PDFs) to lklein@jfsdetroit.org.

Please make sure your name isn't on your submission as judging will be anonymous.

Winners will be announced by May 1, 2017.

Questions? Contact Leah Josephson at ljosephson@jfsdetroit.org or 248-592-2330.



100 MENSCHES is a group of men who are taking a stance against domestic abuse and are committing to being a part of the solution.

100 MENSCHES is an initiative of JCADA, the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse, a program of Jewish Family Service.



views



David Kurzmann, Dennis Bernard, Rep. Pscholka and Rep. Wittenberg were on hand at the ceremonial signing of the bills by Gov. Rick Snyder last week in Lansing.

guest column

Anti-BDS Policy Enshrined In Law

Last week, I joined leaders of the Jewish community and Gov. Rick Snyder for a ceremonial signing of House Bills 5821 and 5822 that became law at the end of last year. As the lead sponsor of these bills (with my former House colleague, Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville), I am proud to say that Michigan is now the 16th state to outlaw and condemn discrimination against Israel.



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In the long process that led to passage of this landmark legislation, the Jewish Community Relations Council/AJC, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and many other members of the Jewish community played a pivotal role, along with non-Jewish groups that recognize the discriminatory nature of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS).

BDS allows companies to openly discriminate against Israel by boycotting Israeli-made products, and it is making inroads on college campuses and in governments throughout the world. Its one-sided treatment of the Jewish state is exactly the sort of discriminatory practice that we in Michigan have long opposed, regardless of which group suffers discrimina-

tion and special treatment.

The new laws amend sections of the Management and Budget Act to ensure our state is not a party to discrimination by contracting with discriminatory businesses. These new statutes require state departments and agencies to include a provision within their contracts that a company is not currently and will not for the duration of the contract engage in a boycott based in or doing business with a strategic partner of the United States, specifically, Israel. It is another step toward eradicating unfair and discriminatory business practices in our state.

During this uncertain political time, it is important to reaffirm our commitment to diversity and inclusion, rather than discrimination. These bills have been my priority since I first took office in 2015, and their passage marks a great achievement for our state, a place where discrimination is not tolerated and where we join with all who seek an end to conflict and a lasting peace.

Thank you to all who supported this legislation. ♣

State Rep. Robert Wittenberg is a Democrat representing Oak Park.

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