

God bless Professor Channa Newman!

The one-sided pro-“Palestine” madness on American campuses is a virus which shows no sign of quitting anytime soon. But now we have some professors who are fighting back publicly. Newman, in her late seventies, and a survivor, has filed a lawsuit.

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[employment discrimination](#) based on her Jewish and Israeli ancestry and alleging that there has been a concerted effort led by anti-Zionist faculty and students to create a hostile work environment.”

She is also a savvy Holocaust survivor who has certainly learned her lessons. What’s more, she lives and works in Pittsburgh, where white nationalist, Robert Gregory Bowers, unleashed a Jew-hating massacre at the “Tree of Life”

synagogue on a Sabbath in October of 2018.

Newman has filed an 18-count complaint in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County and the counts include: "Discrimination of race/national origin, religion, age, and sex; Retaliation by stripping of duties, removing as Chair; Hostile work environment causing Newman to feel unsafe; Breach of contract and negligent supervision by administration who Newman claims ignored her; Intention inflictional of emotional distress [highly anti-Zionist views and activities](#)" and to "foster the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel." She has also named another professor, [Professor Steven Salaita](#), another high profile and well-protected anti-Zionist). [No Space for Apartheid: Towards an Academic Boycott of Israel Among Geographers](#)"; [We Know Best How to Liberate You: The Misguided Attack on Presbyterian Divestment](#)" (also in Mondoweiss); [Price Tag attacks and Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine](#)" (also in Mondoweiss).

I had to wait many years for a professor to go on the offensive publicly. Newman is a Holocaust survivor, holds Israeli, Czech, and U.S. citizenship, but more importantly, she has been employed at Point Park University since 1964. Newman speaks many languages and her research and publications are wide-ranging.

I am indebted to Professor Andrew Pessin, whose own [case](#) I and [Landes](#) were both privileged to cover. Together with Doron S. Ben-Atar, Professor Pessin has since co-edited a must-read book titled [The New Anti-Semitism](#) and in the hundreds of articles I [Never Again?: The Threat of the New Anti-Semitism](#), primarily focused only on white supremacist, neo-Nazi Jew hatred. This distressingly minor and misguided work got reviewed everywhere.

My book was barely reviewed in the mainstream media. It did not sell many copies. Many liberal and left-wing Jews kept challenging me as well. My reputation as a trendy, cutting-

edge intellectual took a deep dive. And few—even those who supported my work and honored me personally—publicly remembered where they first heard these ideas in English.

However, at the time, those American university professors who read my book began writing to me to share how they had been shamed and threatened on campuses for being perceived as pro-Israel or as too pro-Israel. With their permission, I turned their emails over to the one interested editor at the *New York Times* who specialized in education. She had tried to review my book but had been turned down. I suggested she do a story about the death of truth on the American campus—and she agreed. Within a few weeks, she told me, rather sadly, that she'd been “stopped at the highest level.”

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For the first time in history, Professor Newman's Point Park adversaries concocted a fake Title IX complaint against a woman (brought by a student for her alleged “insensitivity” to the #MeToo movement). She “sexually harassed” no one. Newman was easily exonerated. However, the hostility has continued.

Professor Channa has endured having her students, some colleagues, and some administrators “ghost” her. Students have refused to study with her. She was removed from a class she regularly taught—and her students knew about this before she did. And then, a new Title IX complaint was filed against her, allegedly having to do with her views of the American Presidency.

In Channa Newman, we have a new Dreyfus, one who is vigorously fighting back. She should be supported by a network of scholars, philanthropists, journalists, and lawyers, and by Jews and people of good will everywhere.

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