INTRODUCTION:
In the wake of the savage Hamas attacks against Israel on October 7, the world witnessed a troubling surge in anti-Semitism. University campuses in particular are grappling with a spike in anti-Semitism and hateful anti-Israel rhetoric. Considering these challenges, the essay question seeks to explore effective strategies for universities in dealing with verbal threats against Israel and Jews.

B’nai B’rith has long stood for religious freedom. Now, the challenges of our time require the next generation to join the effort to combat the world’s oldest hatred.

In a world marked by evolving dynamics and new forms of prejudice, the B’nai B’rith None Shall Be Afraid initiative seeks to empower and mobilize individuals and communities to confront anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism head-on. None Shall Be Afraid is a call to action, an invitation for the next generation to engage in the fight against hatred and prejudice. Together, we can strive to create a world where every individual can indeed “sit in safety under their own vine and fig tree,” free from the fear of persecution and intolerance.

Read about None Shall Be Afraid here.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:
Participants are asked in under 750 words to answer the following questions and share a personal experience:

*How should universities address and combat verbal threats against Israel and Jews on their campuses?*

AWARDS:
1st place: $2,500 scholarship
2nd place: $1,000 scholarship
3rd place: $500 scholarship

In addition to the scholarship, the first-place winner will have their essay featured in the Winter 2024 edition of B’nai B’rith Magazine and published on B’nai B’rith’s website and social media platforms.

Deadline: 4/25/24

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:
College students enrolled for the fall 2024 semester are welcome to apply.

Essays should be sent to cji@bnaibrith.org.

For details, including where to apply, click here.