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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION'S NEW WORK HONORED, DESCRIBED AS "GROUNDBREAKING" AND "HISTORIC"

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is pleased to acknowledge that Staff Director Kenneth L. Marcus has been named as the first recipient of the Justice and Ethics Award, which will be presented at the Zionist Organization of America's National Dinner and Convention on November 19 and 20, 2006 in New York City. Staff Director Marcus is being honored with this prestigious award for his outstanding work in the field of civil rights. ZOA will recognize Staff Director Marcus as a leader in the fight against anti-Semitism on American college campuses, forging greater protections for Jewish Americans under federal civil rights laws. In giving Staff Director Marcus this award, ZOA recognizes and applauds his dedication to ensuring that college students can obtain their education in an environment that is free from harassment, intimidation and discrimination. The *Jewish Daily Forward* recently characterized the Civil Rights Commission's recent work in this field as "groundbreaking," and ZOA has described it as "historic."

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Jennifer C. Braceras, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan D. Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, and Michael Yaki. Kenneth L. Marcus is Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public.