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2026 PRESENTS

Beyond the Classroom: Who Shapes What Our Children Learn?

The Compounding Effects of Deliberate Influence:
How Antisemitism Became Institutionalized in K-12 Education

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Brandy Shufutinsky

Sunday, November 1, 2026

4:45 PM: Cocktails & Schmoozing

5:30 PM: Evening Program Begins

Location provided upon registration • \$36 per ticket

Featuring:

- Heavy Appetizers, Cocktails, and Dessert
- Presentation of the Meyer and Libby Marmis Award to Friends of Aphasia
- Keynote Address by Dr. Brandy Shufutinsky
- A conversation with the audience with Dr. Shufutinsky moderated by returning Southwest Institute speaker, Dr. Rachel Fish

Keynote Speaker: Brandy Shufutinsky, PhD

Dr. Brandy Shufutinsky leads the Education and National Security Program at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, where she studies what American schools teach children about Jews and Israel. She testified before the United States House subcommittee on K-12 education about the roots of antisemitism in American schools, and traced how outside funding and curriculum development organizations shape how teachers are trained and what reaches the classroom. Most of us have never seen this classroom material up close. Dr. Shufutinsky's writing appears in Newsweek, Jewish Journal, The Jerusalem Post, Sapir and JNS, and she holds a doctorate in international and multicultural education.

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