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Re: Israel Apartheid Week at Western University

Western University now has the dubious distinction of playing host to the hatefest known as Israel Apartheid Week. The vicious lies displayed present the new face of antisemitism; intimidating Jewish students and professors on Ontario campuses has become accepted practice. Consider this recent posting on the Facebook site of a Jewish Western student:

". . . i will make you regret the day not you were born in only , the day u existed, and israel as a nation existed. I will make regret everything you have done racist and hated. Zionist civilization is only 62 yrs, while other countries exceed 1000's... of years, shame on you and your people, there not even people , there apes. Mido Mishakel"

This blatant hatred, and cries of "die, Jew" at Ontario universities cannot be ignored. We are drowning in a plague of hate and await a response from our community leaders.

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