



*Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center*  
**FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES**

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## **WIESENTHAL CENTER URGES CHURCHES AND NGOs TO DROP THEIR ANTI-SECURITY FENCE CAMPAIGN**

**TORONTO, APRIL 17, 2006--** In the wake of the latest Passover suicide attack in Israel, the following statement was released today by Rabbi Marvin Hier; Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Dean and Associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles and Leo Adler, Director of National Affairs, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center in Toronto.

"Once again, the world reacts with indifference to another mass murder of Jews in the holy land on Passover. Today's attack proves yet again, that there is nothing more important for Israel than to complete its security fence. We urge that the Churches and NGO's who so arrogantly label this anti-terrorism fence as 'an apartheid wall', drop their campaign for its dismantlement. The world council of Churches and other groups display a functional anti-Semitism by showing no concern for Jewish lives. Israel should redouble its efforts to complete the security fence and must take all other necessary steps to secure the lives and safety of her citizens."

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### **ABOUT FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES**

*Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies is a Canadian human rights organization dedicated to fostering tolerance and understanding through community involvement, educational outreach and social action. With over 40,000 members of all faiths, it confronts important contemporary issues including racism, anti-Semitism, terrorism and genocide. Friends is affiliated with the world-wide, Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, an accredited Non-Government Organization with status at international agencies, including the United Nations, UNESCO, OSCE and the Council of Europe, with offices in New York, Miami, Paris, Jerusalem, BuenosAires, and Toronto. Simon Wiesenthal died in 2005 after devoting his life to preserving the memories of the victims of the Holocaust, while simultaneously seeking justice for the war criminals.*