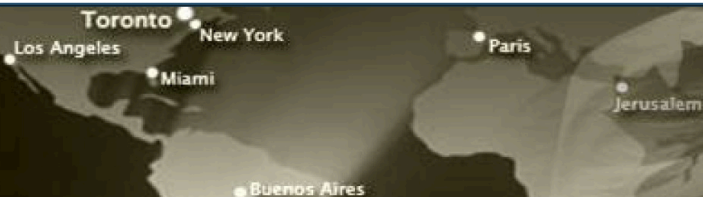




FRIENDS OF  
SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER  
FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES



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## YORK UNIVERSITY SUSPENDS AND FINES STUDENT GROUP AGAINST ISRAEL

Toronto – February 26, 2009 Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center was pleased to learn that “Students Against Israeli Apartheid” (SAIA) received a notice of a 30-day suspension, a fine of \$1000 and an individual fine of \$250 for the student signatory for the group. According to a release by SAIA, “the university alleges that ‘sound amplification’ disrupted classes” at a rally in Vari Hall on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

“This move is a welcome sign from the university administration that it will not tolerate unruly behaviour by groups like SAIA”, said Avi Benlolo, FSWC President and CEO. “The university however should be more engaged in the overall security of students, especially Jewish students who feel targeted”, added Benlolo.

FSWC is holding a campus briefing for its members on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am at 5075 Yonge Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor. To register, contact Tracey at [tsteyn@fswc.ca](mailto:tsteyn@fswc.ca).

### 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. It has 25,000 members across Canada, and confronts important contemporary issues including racism, antisemitism, terrorism and genocide. The Center 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 over 400,000 members of all faiths around the world, the Simon Wiesenthal Center has offices in New York, Miami, Paris, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires 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. Visit: [www.fswc.ca](http://www.fswc.ca).

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