

Appendix 1: email from Jewish Defence League to president of York University, October 5, 2008

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Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2008 12:53 AM
To: mshoukri@yorku.ca **Cc:** Rose Lax; tedbel@rogers.com
Subject: Israel/Palestine Conference At York U Attention Mr Mamdouh Shoukri
President and Vice-Chancellor of York University

It has come to my attention that York University will be hosting a conference in June which will focus on Israel. The official website that promotes the conference states the following, "**Israel/Palestine: One State or Two? is co-sponsored by Queen's University and York University, and is an official U50 initiative, part of York University's 50th Anniversary celebrations.**"

I am writing to inform you that I have received many calls from Jewish Students for York U that have received threats and feel very threatened as a result of anti Jewish/Israel activities on campus. Racism should have no place on campus. And this conference will only serve to encourage a negative perception of Jews.

This conference should not be sponsored by York University. I would welcome a meeting with you to discuss this issue further. A university should be a place to learn about ethics, not the promotion of double standards which results in attacks on Jewish students. The Jewish Defence League of Canada is discussing the possibility of leading a campaign against York U, calling for boycott, divestment and sanctions. It is my hope that such a campaign will not be required, but we refuse to stand by and allow Jewish students to feel threatened.

I could be reached at 416-736-7000. I hope we can work together for a year of peace. Thank you, Meir Weinstein National Director Jewish Defence League of Canada