The following letter was published in Vancouver's Westender, in the March 20-26 issue, written by Gary D. Keenan.

Reply to "Urban Legend in his own mind only," a letter from Dr. Moishe Golubchuk (Mar. 13-19). Other than revealing his ignorance, Dr. Moishe Golubchuk's ad hominem attack against Dr. Gabor Mate' (who appeared as an Urban Legend in the Feb. 20-26 issue) accomplishes nothing.

Dr. Mate is to be admired and respected. As a truly righteous Jew, he has the courage and moral integrity to damn the consequences and vigorously speak out on behalf of Palestinians who have been victimized by Zionism and the state of Israel.

After decades of being misinformed and manipulated by Zionist propaganda, the Western world is now waking up and seeing Israel for what it is: a racist, militaristic, terrorist, expansionist, beggar state founded on the ruins of Palestine and the expulsion of its indigenous people.

As to Dr. Golubchuk's concern with what he perceives to be anti-Jewish sentiment at Concordia University, I suggest he pay close attention to the words of well known Israeli journalist and former member of the Knesset, Uri Avnery:

"The Sharon government is a giant laboratory for the growing of the anti-Semitism virus. It exports it to the whole world.... Many good people, who feel no hatred at all towards the Jews, but who detest the persecution of the Palestinians, are now called anti-Semites. Thus the sting is taken out of this word, giving it something approaching respectability.... Not only does Israel not protect Jews from anti-Semitism, but quite to the contrary - Israel manufactures and exports [anti-Semitism] around the world."