The major deficiencies that I can identify in policing hate crimes in Toronto are resources and education.

The biggest threat to Jews now comes from the left rather than the neo-Nazi right. Therefore, Holocaust education is not particularly useful, other than to serve as a historical example of how most of the world can be brainwashed into believing that exterminating Jews would be righteous.

I am a Jewish alumna of the University of Toronto Medical School, taught there, and still live in the area. I am the daughter of a Holocaust survivor.

During the spring encampment, on the doorstep of my alma mater, I saw many examples of hate speech, calling for violence against me and my people (Globalize the Intifada, inverted red triangles, bloody hand prints and From the River to the Sea Palestine will be Free.) These were not only tolerated, but then ignorantly denied by the court, who relied on biased antisemitic sources such as the United Nations and CBC for context.

Thankfully the court recognized that excluding Jews from a major portion of the campus and trespassing on private property was unacceptable. Blocking traffic and preventing regular use of a public space is also illegal.

Both Canada and Ontario have accepted the IHRA definition of antisemitism because it was rigorously studied, and written after 15 years of consultation. Antizionism is antisemitism.

The police are doing their best, performing a difficult, expensive and thankless task while resources are strained, and education is insufficient. The hate crimes unit needs financial and human resources to allow for case based education. Practical scenarios will help them understand how to apply our robust criminal code and municipal by-laws at protests. Education should be provided by mainstream Jewish organizations, like CIJA, B’nai Brith or ALCCA. Do not be led astray by fringe antizionist Jews, representing less than 3% of us, like Independent Jewish Voices and Jewish Faculty Network.

The protests should be filmed. Arabic chants and posters should be translated for later arrest. When masks are worn, arrests should be made earlier while identification is possible.

Arresting peaceful counter protesters for their safety, like Dominic Cardy, while expedient, is absolutely the wrong path.

Jew hatred permeates many of the groups promoting absurd and hateful lies (genocide, apartheid, white colonial oppressors.) These groups then use those lies to rationalize violence against Jews, since it feels righteous. They ironically feel justified in exterminating, what they see, as the only impediment to a better more peaceful world. While the hateful lies do not constitute a crime, calls for violence and genocide do. These groups have not been shy – Samidoun, Students for Justice in Palestine, Palestinian Youth Movement and U of T Occupy for Palestine - have been openly vocal, calling for the genocide of Jews. Their funding, ties to terrorist organizations and money laundering must be investigated.

Lastly, protest, no matter how abhorrent is tolerated in public spaces, but not at Jewish institutions, businesses, and neighborhoods. Intimidation is not the same as peaceful protest.