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Grahame Leonard, President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the peak body of the Australian Jewish community, called for tolerance and cool heads after an attack on Parramatta Synagogue yesterday.

“I understand the strong passions the current Middle East conflict has aroused amongst Australians of diverse backgrounds who have family, friends and strong emotional ties in that part of the world.

“While all Australians are free, indeed welcome, to express their opinions, violence to persons or property is totally unacceptable. Australia is a country built on people of different nationalities, races and faiths and we have long demonstrated a remarkable capacity to get along. Now more than ever is the right time to express Australia’s internationally acclaimed capacity for tolerance.

“I call for leaders of all faith and ethnic groups, particularly the Muslim community, to join Australian Jewry in praying for peace in the Middle East, justice for all its peoples, and for common sense to prevail in this wonderful country as well.”

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