



## Executive Council of Australian Jewry

הוועד הפועל של יהודי אוסטרליה

### MASSACRE AT JERUSALEM SYNAGOGUE

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We are horrified by the unfolding terrorist attack in Jerusalem, during which a Palestinian terrorist entered a synagogue in the Neve Yaakov neighbourhood during the Sabbath service and shot at least 8 worshippers to death, wounding many more.

To massacre civilians at prayer in a synagogue is an act of supreme cowardice and savagery and invokes the darkest moments of antisemitic history and Palestinian terrorism.

We are appalled by the ensuing scenes from across the West Bank and Gaza of fireworks and dispensing of sweets to celebrate the taking of innocent life. This represents the height of inhumanity and shows the depth of hatred and depravity that confronts the people of Israel and all those who oppose antisemitism and terrorism.

There must be no attempts at drawing equivalence between the anti-terror raids conducted in Jenin to neutralize precisely this sort of threat and those who wantonly slaughter civilians in a sanctuary. We call on the government, media and civil society to unite against the scourge of murderous antisemitism and terrorism and to show solidarity with the State of Israel.

We are united with the people of Israel in their grief and anger. We pray for the souls of the murdered and for their families to be granted strength at this devastating time.

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