



PRIME MINISTER

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

### **PASSOVER**

It is with great pleasure that I offer you the greeting that has resounded through the ages: Chag Pesach Sameach.

As Jewish Australians celebrate Passover, the stories and symbols of the Seder table bring to life a larger story: one of liberation and endurance, of triumph over adversity, of redemption and hope.

The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks reflected:

*“There is a fundamental difference between living with the past and living in the past. Judaism is a religion of memory. We remember the exodus annually, even daily. But we do so for the sake of the future, not the past”*

All Australians can listen to this message, and reflect on how we can learn from our history to create a better future.

As we think about the future we seek to create together, I want to reiterate my unshakeable belief that extremism and hatred have no place in Australian society. I unequivocally condemn the shocking and distressing public displays of anti-Semitism, intolerance and neo-Nazi ideology we saw recently in Victoria.

My Government is working hard to address this serious issue in a meaningful way, and to advance protection against vilification of people of faith. I am confident these moves will be embraced by Australians, another source of pride in our inclusive and diverse nation.

Passover is always a powerful inspiration, and a reminder of the courage, strength and resilience of the Jewish people.

As you gather with family and loved ones for this most important celebration, I wish Jewish Australians a happy Passover.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Anthony Albanese'.

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

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