

The Israeli-American Council (IAC) is outraged by today's terrorist massacre at Australia's Bondi Beach Hanukkah gathering. We pray for the victims and their loved ones and stand in solidarity with Sydney's Jewish community.

This despicable attack shows what happens when rampant antisemitism goes unchecked. Hateful antisemitic slogans against Jews or Israel are not political expression; they are incitements to violence, rooted in a history of terror against Jewish civilians.

This is an urgent call for the Australian government, and for every country, to do more to safeguard their Jewish communities so that Jews everywhere can live in peace and security.

The world should also take note of the bravery of Ahmed El-Ahmed, who disarmed one of the gunmen while sustaining injuries. His actions are a shining example of decency and justice in these troubled times.

IAC will remain at the forefront of the fight against antisemitism, confronting Jew hatred and anti-Zionism wherever it appears and demanding accountability from those who fail to act.