

December 15, 2025

Re: Attack at Bondi Beach During Hanukkah Festivities

December 14 marked the first day of Hanukkah—a time of reflection, resilience, and celebration within the Jewish community. What should have been a moment of joy and togetherness was overshadowed and turned into fear, grief, and loss by a violent attack.

During a Hanukkah gathering at Bondi Beach in Australia, two gunmen opened fire on a crowd, killing 15 people who ranged from ages 10 to 87, and injuring many more. The terror attack targeted members of the Jewish community, including families and children, gathered in peaceful celebration.

We are deeply saddened by the senseless loss of innocent lives and extend our deepest sympathies to the victims, their families, and the Jewish community, both here at UTM and beyond, during this difficult time.

No community should live in fear while celebrating their faith. Community is built from a shared sense of safety and freedom. Attacks like these fracture the spirit of unity within a diverse community such as ours. We unequivocally condemn antisemitism and all forms of hate, and will speak out against violence wherever it happens. There is no place for hatred or targeted harm on our campuses or elsewhere.

In the face of tragedy, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering a campus and society grounded in safety, dignity, and mutual respect for all.