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**Attack on Adass Israel Synagogue in Ripponlea is a deeply disquieting event for local Jewish and the national Australian community.**

Just one month after the 86th anniversary of Kristallnacht – the Night of Broken Glass – in which Jewish-owned businesses and synagogues were set alight in a watershed moment in our collective history, the Adass Israel Synagogue attack is a reminder that we all have a duty to ensure that the past stays as such, the past.

On the day of the synagogue attack, 6 December 2024, we acknowledged the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the march led by Yorta Yorta elder William Cooper to the German Embassy in Melbourne to protest Kristallnacht. Cooper stood up 86 years ago and today we reiterate that violence, racism and hate in any form has no place in Australia.

It falls upon each individual and community to work together to ensure a safe society for all.

As a Holocaust museum, we exist to educate about the dangers of antisemitism and prejudice, to inspire a present and a future, where humanity and acceptance outshines hate and discrimination.

We are disheartened and deeply concerned by the events of 6 December, but the support and compassion we have seen and experienced from the Melbourne community in response to the attack is a hopeful reminder that humanity can prevail if we all make the choice to stand up for our fellow humans.