



UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

The Union of Progressive Judaism and the Council of Australian, New Zealand and Asian Progressive Rabbis are devastated by yet another attack on a house of worship, this time on the Chabad Centre in Poway, California. This attack, occurring on the last day of Passover is not only an attack on the Jewish Community in California, but is an attack on Jews everywhere. Our hearts turn to the families of the dead and those who were injured. May God send them comfort and healing. We stand with people of all faiths (and no faith) in condemnation of such murderous violence.

The last days of Passover look to the ultimate redemption of humanity, where all will live in peace. Events like this attack, and the other recent attacks in Pittsburgh, Christchurch and Sri Lanka are an indication of the serious work that humanity needs to do to transform ourselves and transform the world. Yesterday the biblical passage read in synagogues across the globe included the following words, "They will neither injure or destroy in My sacred mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Divine." May we work together to achieve this vision.