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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Rabbi Gabi standing on the steps of Parliament with other Jewish Community Leaders praying that 199 civilians kidnapped be released.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK CENTRE

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Youth Shabbat Service

# YOUTH SHABBAT SERVICE



- Friday 20th October
- 5.45pm Kiddush
- 6.15pm Shabbat Service
- 6.45pm Service Concludes

Special schnitzels  
and salad  
kiddush by our  
very own chef  
Francis

## Backgammon Tournament #2

With the success of our 1st Backgammon Tournament, we are pleased to present you with Tournament #2.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to supporting victims and their families in Israel.

# BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT



@ ARK CENTRE

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**All proceeds will be donated to CHAI.ORG to support  
victims and their families in Israel**

**OPPORTUNITY  
TO BUY  
BACK IN ONCE!**



**PRIZES!**  
**1st PRIZE \$250**  
**2nd PRIZE \$100**

**9TH NOVEMBER 7.00PM**

**ARK members \$20**

**non-members \$25**

**Bookings essential!**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/CMKTQ>**

All queries: [manager@arkcentre.com.au](mailto:manager@arkcentre.com.au)



**Register Here**

**Chess Tournament**

Are you a chess player?  
Do you believe you have the skills to be



ARK Centre's chess champion?  
Please join us for our first ARK Centre Chess Tournament  
on November 12th.  
All proceeds will be donated to Israel.



# **CHESS** **TOURNAMENT**



**ALL proceeds  
will be donated  
to Israel**

**FIRST PRIZE  
\$250  
RUNNER UP  
\$100**

**DATE:** Sunday 12th November

**TIME:** 7.00pm

**COST:** ARK Member \$25

Non Member \$30

**\*\* ALL AGES (young & old) \*\***

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/CMNYO>**



**ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT**  
Local & Abroad

## JEAP APP

CSG & Hatzolah App



JEAP is the Jewish Emergency Application giving you instant access to the two Victorian Jewish Community First Response groups.

At the push of a button, access CSG for security-related incidents and Hatzolah for medical emergencies to obtain fastest response 'when every second counts'.

**We encourage all our members to download this App and hope that you never need to use it.**

[Download App](#)

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## Looking to donate to Israel?

- Social Blueprint provides options

If you would like to donate to a cause in Israel, please click on the link below for different organisations who would be appreciative of support :

[Donate to Israel Options](#)

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[Souper](#)

# so<sup>B"H</sup>per bistro

eastern european cuisine

**In these dark times, our amazing  
volunteers have come together for the  
community.**

**For anyone who is feeling afraid, lonely  
or lost in the sadness,  
we welcome you at Souper for  
complimentary coffee, cake and a friend  
to talk to.**

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We welcome you at Souper for a care package, a cup of coffee, a slice of cake and a friend to talk to - on us.

If you or anyone in your circle could benefit from a care package or for a friend to talk to, reach out and pass on this message.

For details please click on the link below.

[Information](#)

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**Letters of Support for IDF & Victims of Terror**

Help the community spread hope



# 10,000 POSITIVE LETTERS TO THE IDF AND VICTIMS OF TERROR

For young and old,  
pictures or words,  
1 A4 page



Drop in Letters to David Southwicks office in  
Caulfield by 23rd October  
for questions email Natasha  
[lettersforIDFmelbourne@gmail.com](mailto:lettersforIDFmelbourne@gmail.com)

**UNITY TORAH**



# UNITY TORAH

In the heart of Israel, a Unity Torah is being written. This initiative is sponsored and free of charge, serving as a testament to the power of community and the importance of coming together in times of need. To be a part of this Torah all you need to do is submit your Hebrew name and your mother's Hebrew name, and a letter will be written and dedicated in the Torah exclusively for you.

Please feel free to extend this embrace of unity to those dear to your heart. Include the names of your loved ones - your children, grandchildren, cousins, or friends. Together, we can weave a tapestry of spiritual strength, protection, and hope.

To submit names for the Unity Torah, please click on the link below.

[Submit names to Unity Torah](#)

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI GABI



Last Tuesday, as the horrific news of widespread terrorist attacks in Israel across the world, my wife Mushka called me in a panic.

“I’m getting messages that one of our relatives has been killed by Hamas in the South. Which one of our cousins is it?”

I got the shock of my life. Together, we did a quick run through of all our cousins.

“What’s the name of the cousin that’s been killed?” I asked her, feeling a little scared.

“Adi,” said Mushka. Together, on the phone, we named all our cousins. My dad’s cousins. Mushka’s dad’s cousins. Our second cousins. Even some of our more distant cousins. We couldn’t figure it out.

“Must have been a mistake,” I said, half hopeful, half praying that it was not true.

Yet, later in the day, it became clear. It was Mushka’s cousin, Adi Vital-Kaploun, a relative of hers through her father’s family.

My wife is a descendent of Rabbi Moshe Zalman and Leah Feiglin, who in 1913 emigrated from Israel to Australia and quickly became pillars of the Jewish Community in Shepparton.

Today, they have so many descendants. There are many Feiglins in Australia and around the world but when one meets another family member, there is a sense of connection and kindship.

The conversation always starts with how you’re actually related in the wide web of the family and we share family stories of Moshe Zalman and Leah, and how proud they would be of the dynasty that lives on.

Although I never met Adi Vital-Kaploun, I feel close to my Feiglin cousins. Just two months ago, in Melbourne, there was a Feiglin family reunion with close to 100 people, many branches of the family and a lively discussion sharing memories from all branches of the family.

And like all Jews, I don’t need to know someone personally to feel close to them. Jewish people number only 15 million people in the world, and our relationships are usually only one degree separated, with it impossible not to feel the pain on the pictures coming out of

Southern Israel.

As Tuesday wore on, we were informed, that despite the darkness emerging from Israel, there was a silver lining. Adi's two children, Negev and Eshel, originally kidnapped by Hamas, for unexplained reasons, were released along with a neighbour on the border to Gaza, in the middle of no-man's land. Four-year-old Negev, who was shot in the leg, and his brother Eshel have now been reunited with their father Anani, Mushka's cousin.

It's a tragic set of circumstances, compounded by the fact that these young children have cruelly lost their mother, and the [video](#) of their unexplained dumping was used by Hamas to prove that they do not harm "women and children."

Aside from the lies inherent to this statement, I felt a pang of deep sorrow for these small children who will grow up without their mother, and the legacy of being part of one the worst terrorist attack in Israel's history.

No doubt, it's a terrible time for many.

And here in Melbourne, it is compounded by the fact that this tragedy has hit so close to home not just for my family but for so many others.

What does one say? How does one comfort a family who has been through such a horrific experience? How do I explain to my children that their cousin was murdered by a terrorist organisation, who also shot their four-year-old cousin?

How do I support my relatives? How do I speak to my congregation about this tragedy?

As a rabbi I am already inundated with congregants who are feeling immense grief and uncertainty about the existential threat that Israel is facing.

There are no clear cut answers, but our tradition gives us a response

In the midst of our pain, it is crucial to find strength and inspiration. Our Jewish heritage teaches us the value of resilience, hope, and the pursuit of justice and responsibility to one another.

It is in our collective memory that we find the stories of our parents, grandparents and those that came before us who endured unimaginable hardships and remained steadfast in their faith and commitment to their people.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Gabi

## A PRAYER FOR PEACE

### Oseh Shalom a prayer for peace

עוֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בַּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא  
יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל  
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן

*Oseh shalom bimromav, hu'yaseh shalom  
aleinu, va'akol yisrael. Vimru: amen.*

May the One who creates peace in  
the heavens bring peace to us and to  
all of Israel. And we say: Amen.

*my* JEWISH LEARNING

## YIZKOR



Wishing long life to all those affected by the tragedy in Israel.



We wish a long life to the following people  
who are observing yahrzeit next week;  
Roslyn Roseman on the yahrzeit of her sister **Fay Strauss**

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**Happy Birthday** to the members of our community who are celebrating next week;

Mark Schwartz  
Eli Goldfinger  
Samuel Kalmus  
Zak Jagoda  
Jacob Hansen  
Adam Stone  
Amy Silver  
Vivian Parry  
Astrid Woolfson-Fildes  
Ari Feldman

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## CANDLE LIGHTING



**Kabbalat Shabbat**

Service commences approx. 6:15pm concludes by 6:45pm.

**Shabbat Morning**

Service commences at **10.00 am** sharp.

**Candle Lighting**

Friday 20 October (Cheshvan 5, 5784) at **7.24pm**

**Shabbat Ends**

Saturday 21 October (Cheshvan 6, 5784) at **8.23pm**

**Parasha : Noach**

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COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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November  
2023  
7-10pm



**The Social  
Blueprint**

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FAMILIES FOUNDATION

# NDIS + Advocacy Education & Community Disability Expo

**Uncover the wealth of disability support services  
available for the Jewish Community.**

**7-8:30pm Education Session:**

Navigating the NDIS  
Exploring Disability Assistance  
Advocating for Disability Rights

**8:30-10pm Expo:**

Organisations Supporting Disability  
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Dovi Broner & Yoni Hersh

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