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AGM 2023



ARK Centre AGM 2023

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED,
TO THE **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** OF

THE ARK CENTRE INC.

Date: Monday, November 27th 2023

Time: 7:00PM

Venue: ARK Centre

AGENDA:

1. Introduction by Chair – MN
2. Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM – RG - **To Approve**
3. Election of Office Bearers and members of the Board – RG -
4. Presentation of the Accounts for the year ended June 30th 2023 – TB – **To note and accept**
5. Management Report – JS - **To note and accept**
6. Rabbi's Report – GK - **To note and accept**
7. Resolution - To update the Constitution of the Auburn Road Centre Inc. to the attached document.
8. General Business

If you cannot attend and would like to complete a proxy form, please click on the link below.

To register your attendance, please click on the link below.

Please reach out to the office on 8658 4044 if you have any queries.

[Proxy Form](#)

[Register Here](#)

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Rabbi Gabi at Federation Square showing support for Israel

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK CENTRE

Shabbat Challah Bake

Make your own challah this Shabbat.

Assorted toppings to choose from!

Cooked while you daven and ready to take home after service.

Warm, fluffy challah for your Shabbat table.

Friday 5:45pm 10th November

No booking required



Rosh Chodesh

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
ROSH CHODESH
& TO CELEBRATE
**RABBI GABI'S
BIRTHDAY**

Tuesday, 14 November / 1st Kislev
Time: 7.30am - 8.15am

Enjoy light refreshments afterwards



Luminous display of Hebrew manuscripts
- State Library of Victoria

A thousand
years

מואר

Luminous

of Hebrew
manuscripts

AN ARK CENTRE SPECIAL EVENT

**JOIN RABBI GABI FOR AN
EXCLUSIVE GUIDED TOUR OF THE
'LUMINOUS' EXHIBITION AT THE
STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA LED
BY HISTORIAN PAUL FORGASZ.**

**6.00PM
WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA
KEITH MURDOCH GALLERY
328 SWANSTON ST,
MELBOURNE**

Luminous:
A thousand years of Hebrew
manuscripts explores the
significance of the written word as a
foundation for contemporary Jewish
practice, showing ancient
manuscripts.

A FREE EVENT BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
<https://www.trybooking.com/CMXGM>

[Register Here](#)

Mitzvah Day



MITZVAH DAY

International | Australia

Sunday 19 November, 2023

www.mitzvahday.org.au



Powered by B'nai B'rith

"The act of igniting a candle serves as a symbol of illuminating our hopes and desires. Lighting a candle can be a gesture of prayer for peace or a plea for healing."

**TOGETHER WITH THE
LIGHT UP WITH HOPE CANDLE
INITIATIVE, JOIN US AT ARK
CENTRE TO CREATE TWO OF
YOUR OWN CANDLES.**

DATE: SUNDAY 19TH NOV

SESSION TIMES:

- 10.00AM - 11.00AM
- 11.30AM - 12.30PM
- 1.00PM - 2.00PM
- 2.30PM - 3.30PM

COST: \$56

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DONATED TO:
ONE PEOPLE ISRAEL**

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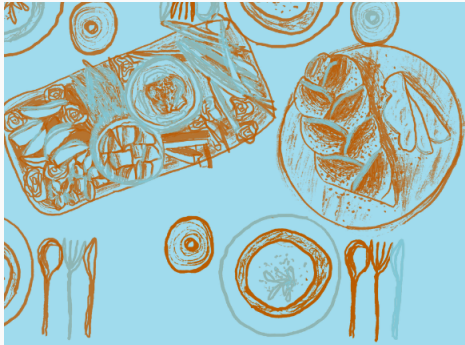


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Information on ONE PEOPLE ISRAEL

Jewish Climate Network Shabbat Dinner

Please join us as we collaborate with the **Jewish Climate Network** for a Shabbat dinner and panel discussion, proudly sponsored by **Erdi Foundation**. Please click on the links below to register and for more information.



CLIMATE SHABBAT

Please join us at ARK Centre for the Climate Shabbat Dinner where you will hear from a panel of inspiring speakers from within our community. The speakers will share their views on the climate challenge and how they are tackling this in the current environment.

Friday NOV 24th - 6.15pm Shabbat Service | 7:00pm Sit Down Dinner

Under 30s \$35/pp | ARK Members \$45/pp | Non-Members \$50/pp

We want to make this topic accessible to all so if you are unable to meet the dinner cost, please reach out to Jo Star for a confidential conversation - 8658 4044

PANELLISTS



A/Prof Grant Blashki
Nossal Institute
for Global Health



Rebecca Forgasz
Co-Founder, JCN



Eytan Lenko
CEO, Boundless

MODERATOR



Prof Gary Rosengarten
RMIT University ECP
Director, Sustainable
Technologies & Systems

To register: www.trybooking.com/CMQVE



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The panellists & further information

[Register Here](#)

B'nei Program 2024



2024 BNEI MITZVAH PROGRAM

**COMMENCING TUESDAY
6TH FEBRUARY**

BAR/BAT MITZVAH
ARK STYLE

**RABBI GABI & REBBETZIN MUSHKA WILL
TAKE YOU ON A JOURNEY OF
LEARNING & FUN!**

Term 1 Dates ; 6/2/24 - 16/4/24

Term 2 Dates: 7/5/24 - 25/6/24

Cost per term: ARK Members -\$250

Non members \$300

For further information, please contact

the office @ 8658 4044 or email

manager@arkcentre.com.au

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Request further information

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](#)

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](#)

UNITY TORAH

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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](#)

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI GABI



This week we read Parsha Chayei Sara. I don't know about you, but reading the Parsha gave me a sense of comfort with all the bad news that is going on around us and in Israel.

On one hand, Chayei Sara is dedicated to honouring our matriarch Sara, yet in the first few verses of the Parsha she dies. It teaches us an important lesson on how Judaism views death, where the essence of a person lives on in their Middot and Mitzvot.

Our Matriarch Sara was known for 3 main Mitzvot. From week to week, her bread stayed fresh and her Challah was filling. Her Shabbat candles remained lit from week to week. And the Ananei HaKavod (the clouds of glory), did not disappear from week to week.

When Avraham sent his servant Eliezer to find a wife for Yitzchak, and Rivka our matriarch is brought back to Sara's tent, these 3 signs returned. The challah stayed fresh, the candles stayed lit, and the clouds of glory returned. This showed continuity, and it also showed that the chain of righteous women continued.

More than that, these three Mitzvot symbolized deep connection and faith in G-d.

The reason there is so much emphasis on bread, and its importance, is because creating bread is an incredible feat of hard work and technology mixed with G-d's blessings. The crops must grow in the right time, the rain must water the plants, the harvest requires refining the wheat, the water to bake it. In ancient times, bread required huge amounts of work. So having unlimited fresh bread, from week to week, was a huge blessing.

Likewise, in our electricity-filled world, we forget how difficult it was to maintain light. When night fell, it was pitch black outside. Having wicks and candles were a luxury. Having fire to see by night was not a given. And yet the blessing of Sara included Shabbat candles that remained lit from week to week. Once again demonstrating the tremendous blessing.

The last blessing that Sara had was the clouds of glory, symbolizing G-d's presence.

Most people yearn to feel close to a Higher Source. To recognize that life is not random, and there is deep meaning and purpose to our lives. And having the clouds of glory right there, by the tent, certainly showed that the lives Sara and Avraham were living accorded with G-d's vision for humanity.

As we go into this week's Shabbat, I offer a heartfelt prayer for peace and serenity.

May the Jewish people be blessed to feel the presence of G-d's protection and

an embrace of comfort and security during this difficult time. May we soon celebrate a time in which we can openly see G-d's miracles, which allow us to feel safe and secure along with all the Jewish people, especially those living in Eretz Yisrael.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Gabi

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Oseh Shalom a prayer for peace

עוֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמָיו 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;

Debbie Shenker on the yahrzeit of her grandmother **Hannah Halprin**

Debbie Shenker on the yahrzeit of her grandmother **Celia Davis**

Janice Broder on the yahrzeit of her grandmother **Anne Symons**

Michael Naphtali on the yahrzeit of his grandmother **Anne Symons**



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

Brian Meltzer

Adam Kallenbach

Hayden Cocks

Karen Goldsmith

Felicity Perelberg

Anita Berman

Mark Silver

Marian Krongold

Meir Kaltmann

Adriana Fetter

CANDLE LIGHTING



Kiddush

5.45pm - 6.15pm

Kabbalat Shabbat

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

Shabbat Morning

Service commences at **10.00 am** sharp.

Candle Lighting

Friday 10th November (Cheshvan 26, 5784) at **7.46pm**

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 11 November (Cheshvan 27, 5784) at **8.48pm**

Parasha : Chayei Sarah

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

[She for CSG](#)



SHE for CSG are excited to be holding another self defence and situational awareness event!

Learn and practise some basic self defence and situational awareness skills.

This is a hands on session and will be taught by expert CSG Krav Maga instructors.

Bring your water bottle and a towel!

Suitable for ages 15+

****SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS & EXPERIENCE**

Date: Wednesday 29 November

Time: 7.30pm

Venue to be provided upon booking

Book now ! <https://csgvic.link/SHEevent>

[Register Here](#)

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