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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Rabbi Gabi at the Pillars of Light Festival.

What an incredible event it has been.
Join him **tonight**, for the last night of the festival at Federation Square from 7pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK

Pillars of Light
LAST NIGHT TONIGHT



MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

CHANUKAH PILLARS OF LIGHT AT FED SQ.

GRAND MENORA
LIGHTING
EACH NIGHT!

THURSDAY 7-9PM
8 FRIDAY 5-7PM
10 SUNDAY 5-7PM
11 MONDAY 7-9PM
12 TUESDAY 7-9PM
13 WEDNESDAY 7-9PM
14 THURSDAY 7-9PM

FEATURING: MAX KONIG-WITH ONE VOICE
CHOIR-AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR-GREEK
DANCERS-BRETT KAYE-MEN IN SUITS-
FIFTH OF NISAN-STARR BROTHERS-
AFRICAN DRUMS-MAZEL ROCK-SHAYA
AND ZALMAN-THE RUSTICA PROJECT-
300 MEMBER POP CHOIR AND MORE.

Link:
<https://fedsquare.com/events/pillars-of-light>

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ARK Awards Kiddush 2023



Awards Kiddush 2023

Congrats!



Well Deserved!



Mazel Tov!



**Join us for Friday night kiddush
as we present awards to members
for their contributions to ARK**

Date : Friday 15th Dec



Time : 5.45pm

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



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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?

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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

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI GABI



This week was a highlight of my year! In the heart of Melbourne's beating city, it was wonderful to celebrate Chanukah at the Pillars of Light Festival. Each night Federation Square was full of an array of multicultural guests. Truly, the festival was the light that we have all been seeking in these dark weeks.

Some of the dignitaries that came to the festival included the Attorney General of Australia, the Premier, the Victorian Opposition Leader, and a host of ministers from all parties. Despite some jitters around security, the event was a smashing success, and I am so glad that we are able to celebrate together this incredible event.

Truly, Pillars of Light represents what is wonderful about our city: a place where many people can gather together in peace and harmony and experience the multicultural joys of a festival like Chanukah.

In addition to Pillars of Light, my children have been hopping around Melbourne with Mushka and enjoying Chanukah parties. In a world of darkness, the eternal message of Chanukah remains pertinent and relevant: when we add light to the world, we increase light for everyone around us.

Chanukah reminds us that we have to be proactive about adding in the light. We have to take concrete action each day and each night. Otherwise, the darkness will win. We have to be proactive about adding those little flames, which have a big impact.

As we light the candle each night, we send an important message to the world, even in the face of great darkness we will not back down. We will continue to add light to our surroundings. I know that this year has been hard for many people, especially these past few months as we look at the war in Israel. Jewish people are a small people, we all have friends and family in Israel, myself included.

But standing in the main square of Melbourne each night has been a true highlight. It shows that we can hold large public displays of Judaism, and have the support of the public and the Government. This year of all years, I do not take that fact for granted.

Being a rabbi means being there for people in their times of need, but also in their times of great joy. As the school year finishes and Chanukah comes to an end, it's a time for reflection. 2023 was a long year for many and I hope that I will continue to see you over the summer.

Our Shule will be open the entire summer, and I will be around. I am here for you when you need me for all good things.

Wishing you and your families a restful and peaceful Shabbat.

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



We wish a long life to the following people
who are observing yahrzeit next week;

Samuel Berman on the yahrzeit of his mother **Alka Berman**
Morris Broder on the yahrzeit of his father **Yosef Broder**
Mark Schwartz and Andrew Schwartz on the yahrzeit of their
father **Michael Schwartz**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

Tia Blumenthal
Jesse Castan
Naomi Rummel
Nicholas Halpern
Justin Kohn
Benji Better
Ron Zuckerman
Rohan Filer
Malka Goldstat
Daniel Burrows
Naomi Levin

CANDLE LIGHTING



Kabbalat Shabbat

Service commences approx. 6.15pm concludes by 6.45pm.

Kiddush commences at 5.45pm

Shabbat Morning

Service commences at **10.00 am** sharp.

Candle Lighting

Friday 15 December (Tevet 3, 5784) at **8.20pm**

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 16 December (Tevet 4, 5784) at **9.26pm**

Parasha : Mikeitz

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