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MAZEL TOV



Mazel Tov to **Dean and Alex Rzechta** on the birth of their baby boy. Mazel Tov also to the grandparents Henry and Russell Rzechta.

Wishing **Jesse Naphtali**, parents Kelly & David and the entire family a big Mazel Tov on the occasion of his **Bar Mitzvah** being celebrated this weekend

SAY NO TO ANTISEMITISM

The rise in antisemitic incidents in Australia and around the world has been alarming. We can not stand idly by while racism and antisemitism flourish.

At ARK Centre, we are united in our support of an Australia where all citizens are treated with respect, inclusivity and dignity.

Join us in saying NO to antisemitism and signing this petition below.

Let's #endhate today, and return to being a multicultural society where everyone feels safe and comfortable to express their ethnic or religious identity.



**A SOCIAL
POST CAN'T
END HATE.**

BUT WE CAN.

Show your support at
saynotoantisemitism.org

[READ THE PLEDGE](#)

[SIGN THE PLEDGE HERE](#)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



fighting on behalf of all of
standing right here behind you, supporting your
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avey is admired,
your commitment
we are all
suid country!!
sh for us

fighting for your
work!

shine bright!

Happy Chanukah

Thank you so much
fighting for our
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great Chanukah.
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You are a hero
love lots
love harper

morgan


Happy Chanukah,
you & safe return to your
peachy return
1 - Ark Centre Melbourne Australia



Thinking of you
for keeping the peace in
of the world.

true hero.

Love Tania @ the Ark
Melbourne Australia



Some of the beautiful Chanukah letters for the IDF
written by our members last Kabbalat Shabbat

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK CENTRE

PILLARS OF LIGHT FESTIVAL



PILLARS OF LIGHT

@ FED SQUARE

7-14 DECEMBER

LIVE MUSIC BY: MAZEL ROCK - BRETT KAYE - CHAZZAN SHAYA - POP CHOIR - THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDRENS CHOIR

7 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



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Multicultural Foundation * B'nai B'rith * David and Lynda Mandel * Erdi Foundation * Gandel Foundation * Jack & Robert Smorgon Families Foundation* Loti and Victor Smorgon Family Foundation * Melbourne City Council * Naphtali Family * Pratt Foundation* Stand Up * The Joint* UJEB* Vic Health* Victorian Government (DFFH) * Wingate Group

KABBALAT SHABBAT Friday 8th December

Due to the Pillars of Light Event, please note the new times for the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday 8th December.

Come join us for some dreidel fun.



Donuts, latkes and all your favourite Chanukah songs!

Kiddush: 6.30pm

Service: 7.00pm

ARK ANNUAL WHISKEY NIGHT

Club Chai - 18

Join us at Rosie & Dov Potaznik's house for the
ARK Centre Annual Whiskey Night.

Date : Wednesday 13th December

Time : 7.30pm

Cost : One bottle of premium whiskey

Register via link below

Address will be provided upon registration

CLUB CHAI 18

5TH ANNUAL WHISKEY NIGHT

Entry is a Premium Bottle of
Whiskey

7.30pm at Dov's place

December 13th

Seventh night of Chanukah

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNNF>



* All Whiskey brought to the event will be donated to ARK Centre.

[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](#)

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI GABI



This week, like most Jewish people I've experienced a tremendous roller coaster of emotions as I watched the hostages return home to Israel.

It's been an experience, watching each day as families and children separated

from their parents and siblings make the trek back from Gaza to the Jewish nation. I know the whole country is collectively holding their breath, wondering if the children will make it back as promised.

I know that if I am so deeply affected by this in Australia, many thousands of miles away from the action and drama, that this will indisputably be in the annals of history of the Jewish people. When you live through such a seismic event as this, there is no doubt it has a long-term effect on you. I keep feeling emotional when I think of children locked up and unable to see their parents, and not knowing if they were safe and alive.

And yet, when they return, the joy and relief that sweeps the nation is palpable. The faces of the hostages are so familiar to global Jewry now it is possible that this experience will be one of the most formative for these children. But more so, I feel proud to be part of a nation that since time immemorial has been committed to the safety of all Jewish people. That considers itself incomplete until every single hostage and person is rescued.

When I read this week's Parsha, Vayishlach, it struck me that the Jewish people have always faced adversities. Yaakov reunites with his brother Esav but is unsure if it will be peaceful. The angel wrestles with Yaakov all night and wrenches his hip from the socket. And when he returns from this harrowing encounter, he separates his family to ensure their continued safety.

Being Jewish has always had its challenges, particularly when people wish us harm. But we are also reassured, because G-d watches over the Jewish people. What else can one see when the miraculous return of Israeli children from Gaza other than the hand of G-d's protection?

As we go into Shabbat this week, continue to pray for the safe return of all hostages. Pray that G-d ends the conflict soon. Pray for security and safety in Israel. But most of all, express gratitude that we are here to be able to celebrate the safe return of our brothers and sisters from the depths of tragedy and sadness, and to experience the joy of their return.

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.

Deborah Goldsmith on the yahrzeit of her father **Lionel Rosenberg**
Pauline Rosenberg on the yahrzeit of her husband **Lionel Rosenberg**
Graham Goldsmith on the yahrzeit of his grandfather **Leon Goldsmith**
Ross Goldsmith on the yahrzeit of his grandfather **Leon Goldsmith**
Mark Mandel on the yahrzeit of his grandfather **William Wellins**
Lynda Mandel on the yahrzeit of her father **William Wellins**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

Judah Kaltmann

Zoe Pinch

Gabriel Teperman

Fiona Geminder

Irving Green

Naomi Lehrer

Ashley Krongold

Martin Zoland

Elle Schwartz

Ruby Held

Hope Krongold

Rosie Potaznik

Robert Cainer

Meir Lichtenstein

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 1 December (Kislev 18, 5784) at **8.08pm**

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 2 December (Kislev 19, 5784) at **9.13pm**

Parasha : Vayishlach

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

CHAGALL After Hours: Welcome to Yvette Coppersmith's Salon

Date: Sunday 10th December 2023

Time: 5pm

Jewish Museum of Australia

The doors to CHAGALL and Carnelian by **Yvette Coppersmith** are closing for good. This event will be your final opportunity to experience **Marc Chagall's** immersive dreamscape of artworks displayed like never before.

For further information and to register, please click on the following link below.

 JEWISH
MUSEUM of
AUSTRALIA
Gandel Centre of Judaica



[Register Here](#)

[B'nai Brith Reconciliation Project](#)



B'NAI B'RITH
FIRST NATIONS RECONCILIATION PROJECT
in conjunction with
The Ark Centre
presents an
Inter-cultural Chanukah Festival

Lighting of the Chanukah
by prominent Indigenous and Jewish leaders

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

7:00PM, FED SQUARE

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