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KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Due to the Pillars of Light Festival,
tomorrow nights **kiddush will commence at 6.30pm**,
followed by **Kabbalat Shabbat service at 7.00pm**

PHOTO OF THE WEEK





Big mazel tov to Jesse Naphtali and family who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah last weekend

Chanukah Menorah Candles and Kits

LIGHT UP YOUR HOME

Complimentary Menorah Kit

Bringing light dispels darkness. Celebrate Chanukah The Festival Of Lights.



Please call in to ARK Centre and pick up **complimentary** candles or a menorah kit.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK CENTRE

PILLARS OF LIGHT FESTIVAL



MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

CHANUKAH PILLARS OF LIGHT AT FED SQ.

**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.**

**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**

**LINK TO FULL
SCHEDULE- PILLARS OF
LIGHT FESTIVAL**

PILLARS OF LIGHT IS A FREE EVENT

Thanks to the following individuals and organisations for their support : Angelbank * Australian Multicultural Foundation * B'nai B'rith* David and Bindi Koadlow * 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

[LINK TO FULL SCHEDULE](#)

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/CNNNF>



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

[Register Here](#)

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



**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](#)

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](#)

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI GABI



Chanukah! What a wonderful feeling. It's light, it's wonderful and it's summer. In Australia, we have the best of both worlds, the holidays and rest time mixed with Chanukah, happiness and excitement.

As many of you know Chanukah is one of the highlights of the year at the ARK Centre with the Pillars of Light festival at Federation Square.

There is something magical about being in the centre of the city, and being able to celebrate our Jewish festival in the main area of Melbourne. This year, I don't have to remind any of you how lucky we are that we are still able to gather in public to celebrate this festival. We can all do with a little bit more light.

The world feels a little darker this year.

A war in Israel only brought to the surface how much antisemitism there is still in the world. It's scary to think about it. That a war could bring forth, 75 years on from the Holocaust, such an outpouring of vitriol and toxicity towards Jewish people. It's frightening, but the fact that we are still going ahead with Pillars of Light, bigger and better than previous years,, is still a source of pride for our community.

As Jewish people, Chanukah teaches us that we are proud to be Jewish and that we must not cower in the face of fear. The Jewish people have existed for thousands of years because we are diligent in our traditions, and we are diligent in our adherence to tradition. History has shown us that when we dim ourselves and our tradition in the hope that we are more palatable to the world around us, we have learned that not only does this not serve us, but it does not help us maintain our faith and our Judaism.

If anything, when we are proud of our Jewishness and we refuse to dim ourselves and our faith, we are at our most potent. I've always said: people respect Jews who respect themselves. In a time of great stress and sorrow for the Jewish people, we must stay resolute. The Jewish people will exist tomorrow and beyond the crisis we are currently facing.

And there is nothing better than thinking of Chanukah. In the face of great adversity, the Jewish people rebuilt from the ashes. From Hellenic assimilation, the Jewish people rose from the depth and then rededicated the Beit Hamikdash and renewed their connection.

So too, as we celebrate Chanukah this year, we have an extra spring to our step. An extra sense of pride to be Jewish in public. To be able to live freely and practice freely in Australia. To be grateful that we have the Pillars of Light with all our friends from the multicultural community in celebration of the light that Chanukah brings.

I hope to see you there and celebrate with you in light, peace, and happiness!

Chag Sameach and Shabbat Shalom!

Gabi

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Oseh Shalom a prayer for peace

עוֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵי 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.

YIZKOR



Wishing long life to Liz Levin, Naomi, Claire and Adam and the entire family on the passing of their husband / father **Darryl Levin**

Wishing long life to Judy Rogers on the passing of **Gabi Nozick**

Wishing long life to Judy Krape on the passing of her mother **Kate Rotman**

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

Morris Broder on the yahrzeit of his aunt **Hinda Broder**

Julian Woolfson on the yahrzeit of his sister **Rosette Cantor**

Rhoda Franks on the yahrzeit of her mother **Sarah Eve Mosselson**

Janice Broder on the yahrzeit of her grandfather **Samuel Symons**

Michael Naphtali on the yahrzeit of his grandfather **Samuel Symons**

Jonathan Slade on the yahrzeit of his grandfather **Alexander Slade**
Michelle Jablko on the yahrzeit of her father **Avraham Jablko**

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;

Ian Leiba
Donné Bergman
Mark Roseman

CANDLE LIGHTING



Kabbalat Shabbat

Service commences approx. 7.00pm concludes by 7.45pm.

Kiddush commences at 6.30pm

Shabbat Morning

Service commences at **10.00 am** sharp.

Candle Lighting

Friday 8 December (Kislev 25, 5784) at **8.15pm**

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 9 December (Kislev 26, 5784) at **9.20pm**

Parasha : Vayeishev

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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