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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ARK

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year and we look forward to seeing you in 2024. PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Rabbi Gabi honouring the victims of the Supernova Music Festival terror attacks. Negev desert near Kibbutz Re'im.

Rabbi Gabi made a personal trip to Israel in January to learn about support efforts and show solidarity to those affected by the terror attacks of October 7th 2023.

Read more about the Rabbi's experiences on his Instagram and Facebook accounts.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK

## **Backgammon Tournament**

We are back for 2024....... <u>First Tuesday of every month</u>, please diarise the Backgammon Tournament at ARK.

\* 6th Feb \* 5th March \* 2nd April \* 7th May \*......

If you are a beginner or would like to learn, please come along and watch / practice with the more experienced players.

# BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT @ ARK CENTRE



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We are back for 2024......

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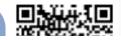


PRIZES!
1st PRIZE \$250
2nd PRIZE \$100

6th FEBRUARY 7.00PM

ARK members \$20 non-members \$25

**Bookings essential!** 



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## Save a Child's Heart Shabbat Dinner



# **Shabbat Dinner**

Friday 16th February 2024

Join us, for a sit down shabbat dinner with Special guest, Dr Stella Mongella



Dr. Stella Mongella is in Israel with Save a Child's Heart for a 2 year training program, advancing her skills as a pediatrician so she can help save lives in her home country of Tanzania.

Service to commence at 6.15pm Followed by dinner at 6.45pm

#### **Cost for dinner:**

- \$60 ARK members
- \$75 non-members
- Children under 10 free



Save a Child's Heart
in Israel provides lifesaving treatment to
critically ill children
suffering from heart
disease, from countries
where access to
paediatric heart care is
limited or non-existent



## Please click on the link to book



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**Background on Dr Stella Mongella** 

## B'nei Program 2024

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER. CALL 8658 4044 OR EMAIL OFFICE@ARKCENTRE.COM.AU











# 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



Last week, I returned from a weeklong trip to Israel.

While I know most people may think it's crazy to venture into a warzone, I did so in my capacity as a rabbi to bear witness and provide support, 100 days on, from the largest loss of Jewish life since the Holocaust.

One of the most profound and harrowing aspects of my journey was meeting with survivors of the October 7 terror attacks, including amputees who remain in hospital.

I visited the sites of the Nova Party massacre, and Kibbutz Beeri where Hamas

wrought a brutal assault.

Seeing the destruction brought upon so many innocent young Israelis at a party, or families in their homes in a Kibbutz, was a traumatic experience.

These sites are receiving visitors from around the world. The guides on these visits are survivors, and from the depths of their personal grief they have a determination to tell the story of their survival. I am in awe of their resilience and strength as they face the aftermath of these tragic events.

While calls for a ceasefire in Australia grow louder, and people have largely forgotten the attacks that caused this war, in Israel, the carnage is still at the forefront of everyone's mind.

One area of focus that now seems to be overlooked in Australia and overseas is how urgent and fundamental the safe return of the 100+ Israeli hostages, kidnapped to Gaza, is to all Israeli people.

From the moment you arrive at Ben Gurion airport, images of the hostages' faces are plastered on posters hanging from balconies, major billboards at intersections, and at the bus stops. Their faces are everywhere.

After spending a week in Israel, I got so used to seeing the hostage's faces, they became familiar to me, like people I know.

"There will be no end to the war until they are all returned" Israelis told me over and over again.

It's been 100 days since they were kidnapped and over 100 hostages remain as an open sore in Israeli society.

I learned first hand the horrors of war. People in Israel and Gaza are suffering the consequences.

I am emotionally traumatised by what I saw and heard, first hand.

I am also inspired by the courage and resilience I have also been privileged to

witness. It will take time for me to process all that I have learned. My prayers for peace are even more heartfelt. Shabbat shalom Rabbi Gabi A PRAYER FOR PEACE

# Oseh Shalom a prayer for peace

# עוֹשֶׁה שְׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמְיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאִמְרוּ: 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



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

Janice Broder on the yahrzeit of her father Harold Naphtali
Michael Naphtali on the yahrzeit of his father Harold Naphtali
Julian Woolfson on the yahrzeit of his sister Sonia Cheyette
Meir Lichtenstein on the yahrzeit of his wife Helen Lichtenstein
Rosie Potaznik on the yahrzeit of her sister Helen Lichtenstein
Anne Josefsberg on the yahrzeit of her husband Shaya Josefsberg
Vivienne Golabek on the yahrzeit of her mother Frida Gelberg
Rhoda Franks on the yahrzeit of her brother Colin Mosselson

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



#### Happy Birthday to these members of our community;

Julian Woolfson

Leigh Goldman

Jodie Goldsmith

Paul Naphtali

Ben Rosenberg

Zach Orelowitz

Paul Kallenbach

## **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 19 January (Shevat 9, 5784) at 8.24pm

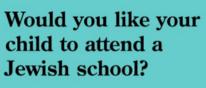
#### **Shabbat Ends**

Saturday 20 January (Shevat 10, 5784) at 9.27pm

Parasha: Bo

## **COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

**JEWISH EDUCATION FOUNDATION** 



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