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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.....**First Tuesday of every month**, 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.....

OPPORTUNITY
TO BUY
BACK IN ONCE!



PRIZES!
1st PRIZE \$250
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6th FEBRUARY 7.00PM

ARK members \$20

non-members \$25

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Save a Child's Heart Shabbat Dinner



SAVE A CHILD'S HEART

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 life-
saving treatment to
critically ill children
suffering from heart
disease, from countries
where access to
paediatric heart care is
limited or non-existent



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Background on Dr Stella Mongella

B'nei Program 2024

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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

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Local & Abroad

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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.

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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 Beerli 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

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.



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**

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

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