

Ark WEEKLY

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IT'S A GIRL!!!!



Mazel Tov!

We wish Rabbi Gabi, Rebbetzin Mushka, Av, Lev, Yahli, Meir and Judah the biggest Mazel Tov and much Naches on the arrival of their new princess Lilly - Sarah Leeba Kaltmann.

Join us at the kiddush on Friday night for a l'chaim, as well as 10am Saturday morning service for a Mi Sheberach.

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* PLEASE NOTE.... GLICKS MALVERN & SOUTH CAULFIELD WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY (BALACLAVA OPEN)

MAZEL TOV

Wishing a big Mazel Tov to Brandon Krongold and Jaimee Reichenberg on the occasion of their engagement.

Extended Mazel Tov to parents Galit & Wayne Krongold, Caryn & Gary Reichenberg and grandparents Lionel & Marian Krongold.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

SECURITY UPGRADE





You will notice works being done at the front of ARK as you come in. Thanks to the Federal Government, we have received a grant to upgrade our security.

Safety bollards are have been installed and in the coming weeks security cameras will be fitted to the outside of the building.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK

Australia Day Kiddush

AUSTRALIA DAY KIDDUSH



Join us at ARK Centre
this Friday, January 26th
for meat pies, sausage
rolls and lamingtons.

Time : 5.45pm



Jewish History Discovery Course



4 WEEK JEWISH HISTORY COURSE

Uncover biblical stories, the rise and fall of empires. Embark on a voyage through thousands of years of Jewish history. Discover the land, the people & the spirit with guest lecturer Bev Sacho

**STARTING WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14
7:30-8:30PM**

Free to ARK Members

Registrations via the link below:

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

More information

Register here

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
2nd PRIZE \$100

6th FEBRUARY 7.00PM

ARK members \$20

non-members \$25

Bookings essential!

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

All queries: manager@arkcentre.com.au



Register here

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



Please click on the link to book

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



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

Background on Dr Stella Mongella

Register here

First Aid Training



Community First
Responders Australia



Community CPR and First Aid Training

In the case of a cardiac arrest there are only 4 minutes to act. Teaming up with Ambulance Victoria and GoodSAM, Community First Responders Australia is working to build community and save lives by increasing the number of GoodSAM responders across the community.

Join us on the 21st February 2024 at 7pm at the Ark Centre to either:

- Obtain your CPR and/or First Aid Accreditation for school/work* OR
- Learn and practice the skills needed to respond to a cardiac arrest and other medical emergencies (unaccredited)

All participants will have the opportunity to join GoodSAM and have access to ongoing skills training.

Cost: from \$60 per person (accredited training incurs an extra fee)
To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/COQBD>

The Community Lifeline
info@cfra.com.au | www.cfra.com.au

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Tzohar Event



The ARK Centre

has pleasure inviting you to an evening to hear

Adam Segal

Director of International Strategy and Development for Tzohar

**Israel - Can there be Harmony in Discord?
Navigating Disunity and Bridging the Religious-Secular Divide
Before, During and Beyond 7th October**

The unprecedented disunity, bordering on civil war, that was Israel's reality on 6 October was replaced by unprecedented unity on 7 October. Three months later, sadly, the cracks are already beginning to reappear. Tzohar is at the forefront of uniting the Jewish people across Israel. Adam will bring you the latest from Israel with his personal insights and the impact of the war on this important issue. He will explain how Tzohar, a household name across Israel, provides programs to connect Secular Israelis to their heritage and Jewish practise - from enabling Jewish marriages and Bnei Mitzvah opportunities to providing services from Kabbalat Shabbat activities to festivals and much more. Hundreds of thousands of Secular Israelis have deepened their connection to Jewish tradition with thanks to Tzohar. Importantly, Adam will share his and Tzohar's hopes and aims for the future.

Tuesday - 27 February - 7:30pm

To book and details: <https://www.trybooking.com/COQGD>

Address to be provided upon registration

This is not a fundraising event and there is no charge.

Booking is essential



R E S P E C T Z O H A R E L E V A N C E

[Register here](https://www.trybooking.com/COQGD)

B'nei Program 2024

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



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



I am absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful news with you – the newest member of our family, **Lilly-Sara Leeba Kaltmann**, has made her grand entrance into the world and is home now with Mushka! The joy is immeasurable, and our home is buzzing with excitement as we welcome her with open arms.

The boys and Yahli are over the moon with happiness, and I'm happy to report that Mushka is doing well. As we embrace this new chapter filled with cuddles and tender moments, our hearts are full of gratitude.

Adding to the excitement, today is Tu B'Shvat, the new year for trees. The timing couldn't be more perfect, symbolizing growth, renewal, and the blossoming of new beginnings.

This holiday is one of four Rosh Hashanahs (Jewish New Years) that are mentioned in the Torah and symbolizes the new year for all trees and plants.

To celebrate this particular new year, people eat fruits, especially fruits that are native to the land of Israel like pomegranates, figs, grapes and dates. In recent years, the festival has taken on a new urgency as we become more aware of the challenges our world is facing with extreme heat, fires, and deforestation affecting the natural world around us.

Trees and plants in Judaism play an important and integral role. The Torah proscribes that tithes from trees must be set aside and donated to the Priests and Levites. In addition, when a new fruit tree is planted, there is a minimum waiting period of 3 years before one can enjoy the fruits that the tree has produced.

These laws are to help remind us that nature and the produce that is provided for human consumption and enjoyment are a labour of love, and represent a blessing. Instead of just expecting that we can all enjoy the fruits immediately, the waiting period increases the appreciation and excitement for the natural produce and trees in our lives.

Similarly, in the Torah agricultural produce is used to help the poor and disadvantaged. When owners of fields and orchards undertake their harvest, the Torah instructs them to leave parts of the corners of their fields for poor people to come and eat-free of charge. Field owners are also instructed to leave any late flowering fruit or vines behind for the poor to enjoy.

The power of Tu B'Shvat is that it keeps us consistently in touch with nature, the natural world, and the fruit we enjoy.

Living in a bountiful country like Australia where access to high quality produce is a given, and our shelves and supermarkets are (generally) fully stocked with often little insight into how these fruit made it from the field to the shop can make us forget that natural produce is a big blessing.

Tu B'Shvat helps us to consider the long path and blessings that were involved in the planting, harvesting, and production of these fruit and agricultural products.

As we enter into a restful Shabbat, I would like each of us to consider and

perhaps pay attention to the beautiful natural world around us. We are more aware than ever that the natural world is a fragile ecosystem that needs care, love, and attention to maintain itself. We can take responsibility by doing our little part and using the themes of Tu B'Shvat to contribute to making the world around us a little more beautiful.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Shule this week where my drasha will focus on this week's Parsha, Beshalach and the splitting of the sea and the exodus from Egypt!

Happy Australia Day, enjoy the long weekend and I hope to have a L'chaim with you in Shule this Friday night to celebrate if you are around.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Gabi

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Oseh Shalom a prayer for peace

עוֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו 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.



Wishing Kelly & David Naphtali and family long life
on the passing of their father / father-in-law **Brian Longton**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to these members of our community;

Jeremy Lustig
Mark Stone
Eva Adamec
Sarah Greiman
Yvonne Cainer
Jessica Levitz
Lawrence Paratz
Josh Jagoda
Gillian Levitz

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 26 January (Shevat 16, 5784) at **8.20pm**

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 27 January (Shevat 17, 5784) at **9.21pm**

Parasha : Beshalach

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

JEWISH EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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