

Ark WEEKLY

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APPRECIATION TO THE BLOCH, FREEDMAN & SYMONS FAMILIES

The ARK Centre expresses our sincere appreciation to the Bloch, Freedman & Symons families for donating 48 Chumashim translated and with commentaries by their late father and grandfather Rabbi Dr Harry Freedman z'l.

They have made this generous donation in memory of Elaine Bloch, Yetta Naphtali and Phillip Symons

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

15th Brighton Scouts and Venturers Shabbat Dinner



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK

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

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>

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The Community Lifeline

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Nationally Recognised Training and Assessment is delivered on behalf of Alesis Training Pty Ltd - RTO 90909

Scan QR code to register

Hachnasat Sefer Torah



HACHNASAT SEFER TORAH

5.30pm Friday 23rd
February

Dancing, singing and a lavish kiddush to welcome
a new Sefer Torah



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)

Hamentashen Bake

Come and make delicious Hamentashen. All your favourite fillings.
How many can you make?



ARK Centre
together with
NCJWA Vic



invite you to join our
HAMENTASHEN BAKE



Wednesday 20th March

Time : 7.00PM

Cost : \$18 / pp

Venue : ARK Centre

Bookings essential!

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

All queries: office@arkcentre.com.au

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI GABI



When you give a gift, you feel good about yourself, but there is also a level of selflessness in the process. When you give a gift well, lots of thought goes into it. You have to think about the person you are gifting the item to, what they like, and whether they would appreciate the thing you are considering buying them. There is also some joy that goes into working out the best item to gift them.

Gifts are selfless in that they show care and tenderness to another human. Parting with money or something that is precious in order to make another person happy is an enjoyable experience for both the person who gives and the person who receives it. I know when I receive a very well thought out gift, I feel seen. I know that the person who gifted it to me thought about me, and understood a part of me, and why this item or experience would be treasured by me.

Giving gifts well is an art. It's not as simple as some may think. A really thoughtful gift can be an experience that someone does not forget for many years. I love giving gifts. Sometimes giving a gift is a way I can express my gratitude to people. I can express how I appreciate someone, and it also can indicate that I know them well enough to carefully consider what type of gift they would like and enjoy.

In this week's Parsha, Terumah, we see the opportunity to give selflessly advanced to the Jewish people. Moshe invites them to give whatever they would like in order to contribute to the building of the Mishkan in the desert. Intended to be G-d's home in the desert before the Temple was built in Jerusalem, the Jewish people respond to the opportunity with great gusto.

So keen are the Jewish people to give gifts that soon Moshe is overwhelmed by the sheer amount he has received, and has to tell the people to stop. Can you imagine? The items that were being donated were extremely expensive and precious. In the desert, there were not too many opportunities to replace the gold, fine jewels, and linens that the Jewish people donated towards the Mishkan. And yet, none of this was taken into consideration.

The Jewish people were engulfed in a spirit of benevolence because they wanted to have a personal stake in G-d's dwelling in the desert.

It's a beautiful thought, a communal building project by the Jewish people, recognising that their opportunity to give gifts towards the building of the Mishkan was their ability to thank G-d for their salvation in the desert.

No doubt, G-d felt loved by the Jewish people. Each of these donations was given of their own free will. That is even more special. Because they could have chosen not to give at all, yet they chose to give, and gave generously.

Whenever I read this week's Parsha I am reminded of the beautiful relationships that exists between the Jewish people and Hashem. We are the children of Israel, and we follow the laws of the Torah given to us by Hashem, but at the same time, our Mitzvot and good deeds bring G-d so much joy and happiness. It's mutually beneficial.

Wishing you and your families a restful Shabbat!

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

Yahrzeit



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to these members of our community for the upcoming week;

Mia Wegener
Nathan Feldman
Jonathan Slade
Leigh Krongold
Zoe Castan
Donna Kallenbach
Alex Breckler
Braham Zilberman

MAZEL TOV

Wishing a big Mazel Tov to Annabel Geminder and Jose Falk on their engagement.

An extended Mazel Tov to parents Fiona & Ruffy Geminder, Amelia & Artur O Falk, and grandmother Jeanne Pratt.

Wishing Mazel Tov to John & Claudine Zukerman and family on the birth of their grand-daughter Ariya Miriam

Wishing Mazel Tov to Elyse, Josh, Willow & Oaka Sharma-Marabel on the birth of Winter Emmi.

An extended Mazel Tov to grandparents Jacqui & Brad Marabel-Whitburn and great-grandmother Margaret Fischer

CANDLE LIGHTING



Kabbalat Shabbat

Service commences approx. 6.15pm concludes by 6.45pm.
Kiddush commences at 6.00pm

Shabbat Morning

Service commences at **10.00 am** sharp.

Candle Lighting

Friday 16th February (Adar I 7, 5784) at **8.00pm**

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 17th February (Adar I 8, 5784) at **8.58pm**

Parasha : Terumah

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

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

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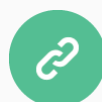
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