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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Save a Child's Heart Dinner



Dr Stella Mongella, special guest from Save a Child's Heart, with Rabbi Gabi who, along with Bettina and Andrew Schwartz spoke about their personal connection with Israel at Friday's Shabbat Dinner.

LONG LIFE

Wishing Peter, Norman, their families, and the entire Eizenberg family long life on the passing of their mother Phoebe Eizenberg.

Funeral to be held at 11am tomorrow (Friday) at Springvale.

Minyanim to be held at ARK Centre at 7.00pm Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK

Come celebrate our new Sephardic Sefer Torah

TOMORROW NIGHT



HACHNASAT SEFER TORAH

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

5.30pm Friday 23rd February with special Israeli kiddush to follow

10am Saturday 24th February service followed by Cholent Dafina



Jewish History Discovery Course

This fascinating course continues. Come to one or both of the remaining classes. Free to ARK members.



JEWISH HISTORY COURSE

A VOYAGE THROUGH JEWISH
HISTORY WITH
GUEST LECTURER BEV SACHO

Wednesday February 28th
Ashkenazi Legacy

Wednesday March 6th
Post-Holocaust Diaspora
and Israel

**7:30-8:30pm Free to ARK
members**

Registrations via the link below:

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

More information

Register here

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](#)

BACKGAMMON

It's back! Register now to secure your spot.

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT



@ ARK CENTRE

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TO BUY
BACK IN ONCE!**



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1st PRIZE \$250
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TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

Time : 7.00PM

ARK members \$20

non-members \$25

Bookings essential!

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All queries: manager@arkcentre.com.au



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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Our General Manager Jo Star, who is at ARK Centre 3 days per week, has taken on the part time role of CEO at Save A Child's Heart. Jo's seemingly endless energy and enthusiasm sets her in good stead to wear these two hats. Last Shabbat, both roles came together for the ARK Shabbat Dinner with Save a Child's Heart.

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI GABI



I am fascinated by objects that improve when you seemingly “break” them. They buck the trend and seem to put a spanner in the works about how we regard the way things work in the world. For example, when you put sand under pressure, glass emerges. And when you crush olives, oil is produced. On a spiritual level, I relate to this deeply. When we look at the world around us, we think we see the whole picture.

But as we dig deeper, we often realize that we are seeing but one facet of the story. I think a lot about this in the wake of October the 7th. The greatest tragedy to befall the Jewish people since the Holocaust, and when looking at such a crushing blow, it would seem that Jewish people would be broken, and unable to rise from the trauma and tragedy.

Yet, in the aftermath of October 7th, we have seen a rise in Jewish unity. Our people have come out for one another. We send support to our brothers and sisters in Israel. Israel, as a country, came together to bridge huge divides between segments of its society, who for months were roiling the country with protests, to become united.

I'm not suggesting that there are no ongoing issues. Rather, I'm suggesting that from the ashes and depths of despair, when everything was so irretrievably broken, we rose anew. In every generation Jewish people rise from the ashes, and we see how once again we are a nation that lives.

When I read this week's Parsha, Tetzaveh, I was reminded of the metaphor I just described. The Jewish people are instructed to create olive oil for the Menorah so that it can light up the Beit Hamikdash. And when they create the oil, they are to find and crush olives. From these broken fruits comes the purest oil. This pure oil was used to light up the Temple, and become a source of light for those around us. One would not necessarily think that broken and crushed objects could be the source of such light, yet that is the reality.

The Jewish people are going through one of our most challenging periods yet. We feel the shackles of antisemitism and oppression. We feel unpopular in the world. We are living through one of Israel's longest wars, amidst much chatter about the right of Israelis to defend themselves.

And yet, from the greatest depths of sorrow comes a sense of light. The Jewish unity of so many of our brothers and sisters. Sending support. Rallying for the hostages. Advocating against antisemitism. Being forthright in our belief that Israel, despite its flaws, is a vibrant democracy that will continue to be a haven and light for so many Jews.

Despite the hardship, we are indeed living in a blessed time. Never forget that.

I look forward to dancing with you and your family this Friday welcoming the new Torah to ARK Centre.

Am Yisrael Chai and 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



Julian Woolfson on the yahrzeit of his mother **Matilda Woolfson**
Atida Naphtali on the yahrzeit of her grandfather **Ya'akov Ritcher**
Mark Stone on the yahrzeit of his mother **Pam Esterman**

Roslyn Roseman on the yahrzeit of her mother **Mania Polonsky**

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;

Beatrix Rose
Daniel Broder
Josh O'Hagan
Monique Filer
George Altman
Melissa Blumenthal
Gabriel Ku
Zohara Scott
Adam Broder
Oscar Herzel
Michelle Jablko

CANDLE LIGHTING



Kabbalat Shabbat

Service commences approx. 6.15pm concludes by 6.45pm.

Kiddush commences at 5.30pm

Shabbat Morning

Service commences at **10.00 am** sharp.

Candle Lighting

Friday 23rd February (Adar I 14, 5784) at **7:51pm**

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 24th February (Adar I 15, 5784) at **8.48pm**

Parasha : Tetzaveh

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

KITE FLYING WORKSHOP City of Boroodara



KITE FLYING AROUND THE WORLD

Date/time: Wednesday 20 March, 4.30pm
to 6pm

Venue: Craig Family Centre, 7 Samarinda
Ave, Ashburton

Cost: Free

Booking is essential: [Eventbrite](#)

Enquiries:

communityevents@boroondara.vic.gov.au



Make and decorate your own kite as well as learn about kites from around the world. Hear about the celebration of Uttarayan in India, where thousands of kites fly from the rooftops, the amazing kite fighting competitions of Afghanistan and the symbolism of flying kites in China.

A delicious afternoon tea will be provided, exploring treats from various cultures. If weather permits, we will have the opportunity to learn to fly our kites together.

This workshop is run by a kite making and flying expert who has 25 years' experience in running workshops, making kites and exhibiting in kite festivals all over the world.

Cost Free: Bookings essential



Kite flying around the world

Celebrate Cultural Diversity Week in Boroondara - making your own kite and learn about kite flying in countries around the world.

Eventbrite / Mar 20

[Register and information](#)

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.

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