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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

HACHNASAT



What a fantastic celebration welcoming the new Sephardic Sefer Torah. Generously donated by Gabby Lewis on behalf of her husband Moshe Adut. Read the story behind this tremendous gift in Rabbi Gabi's D'var Torah.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ARK

BACKGAMMON

This coming Tuesday!
Register now to secure your spot.

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT



@ ARK CENTRE

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TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

Time : 7.00PM

ARK members \$20

non-members \$25



All queries: manager@arkcentre.com.au

[Register here](#)

JEWISH HISTORY COURSE

Last week of this fascinating course.

Free for ARK members.



JEWISH HISTORY COURSE

**A VOYAGE THROUGH JEWISH
HISTORY WITH
GUEST LECTURER BEV SACHO**

**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>

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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>

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PRE-PURIM KIDDUSH



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI GABI



I am still on a high from last week where our community welcomed our first ever Sephardi Sefer Torah. It was wonderful to see so many of you last week, as we danced the Torah into our community centre, knowing that this Torah will be the anchor to so many of our upcoming simchas and opportunities for celebration together as a community. It is also heartening to be able to call a Sefer Torah our very own. How wonderful and how exciting!

The Torah was donated in honour of the late Moshe Adut, an exceptional man who I knew when I was a child, and always immensely respected. Moshe was Sephardic, growing up in Izmir Turkey before making his way to Israel. I knew Moshe growing up because his wife, Gabby, is a close family friend, and their son Itamar became my dear friend when they came to live in Australia for a few years. Moshe was one of those people that said it how it was. Straight shooting. Fiercely clever. Very good with his hands. He loved Israel with all his might and passed away at an untimely age due to COVID.

When his wife, Gabby, came to visit my mother a few years ago, she was flipping through the ARK Times magazine, and she was astounded to read about our community centre, and the great work we do both inward and outward. Gabby decided that the Torah should go to ARK Centre based on the universalist (modern orthodox) approach we have to Yiddishkeit. No matter what your heritage is, ARK Centre is renowned for embracing you, and accommodate everyone as best we can. I also look forward to showing this Torah to the school children that often come through our doors to learn about Judaism. Being able to show them Moshe's Torah, alongside the other Ashkenazi ones will be an experience that they won't be able to get at many other synagogues. This gift is something that we will cherish for years to come, and we thank the Adut family for their generosity, their commitment to Torah, and for spreading Torah by allowing our shule to have this privilege of hosting a Torah written in Moshe's honour.

Like Moshe's ancestry, this Torah is written in Sephardic tradition. Its case is upright, and it is read differently from the Ashkenazi Torah that are placed down on the reading desk on the Bimah (stage). I feel that this symbolises the unity of the Jewish people currently. No matter where we are from in the world, whether we are Ashkenazic or Sephardic, we are united behind our love and hope for Israel and its people.

It's testament to the excitement in our community that so many of you came to dance and celebrate together last Friday. Such a wonderful opportunity to be present and see the wonder that comes from having a community that knows when to show up and care for each other, in the good times and the challenging.

I hope that in the merit of this Torah, donated in honour of a dear friend, the late Moshe Adut, we emulate many of his characteristics. A commitment to Torah and Mitzvot. A commitment to Judaism and tradition. A powerful sense of justice and helping those that are in need or feeling down. But most of all, a fierce love of humanity, the land of Israel and the traditions that we are lucky to be part of.

Am Yisrael Chai and Shabbat Shalom.

Rabbi Gabi

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Oseh Shalom a prayer for peace

עוֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בַּמְרוֹמָיו 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



Joy Lobo on the yahrzeit of her father **Morris Marsh**
Rosie Potaznik on the yahrzeit of her mother **Anne (Sala) Cukierman**
Sam Zukerman on the yahrzeit of his mother **Miriam Zukerman**

John Zukerman on the yahrzeit of his mother **Miriam Zukerman**
Ron Zukerman on the yahrzeit of his mother **Miriam Zukerman**

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;

Jake Axarlis

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 1st March (Adar I 21, 5784) at **7:42pm**

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 2nd March (Adar I 22, 5784) at **8.38pm**

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

ALLIANCE AGAINST ANTISEMITISM in HEALTH CARE AAHC - SURVEY

Experiences of antisemitism for healthcare professionals and students since October 7 – survey request from the Alliance Against Antisemitism in Healthcare (AAHC)

The AAACH is a recently formed group, seeking to understand experiences for Jewish health professionals and students in their workplace and place of study, since October 7 to guide responses at a legal and political level. We would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete this ~ 3-minute survey (via the link or QR code below) to inform conversations our with politicians. There is an option at the end to share personal experiences which can be kept anonymous. Additionally, you may provide your details if you are happy to be contacted to talk more about your experiences.

For more information, or for support, please contact us via email: alliance.aahc@gmail.com
Please feel free to forward the link to other Jewish healthcare professionals and students.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NXP3HYH>



ALLIANCE AGAINST ANTISEMITISM in HEALTH CARE

We're a group of doctors who are concerned about the rise in antisemitism in the healthcare system. We created AAHC – the Alliance Against Antisemitism in Health Care, in order to address this.

We have done a pilot survey of over 150 health professionals and discovered that around a third have experienced antisemitism in the workplace, more than half are feeling as though they need to hide their Jewish identity in the workplace. A significant proportion of those who have experienced antisemitism feel unable to escalate it.

We are asking for your help in reaching a wider range of those working in the healthcare sector, particularly nursing and other allied health staff. We want to collate the results to be able to lobby politicians to

effect real change in our hospital systems.

Those affected please complete the survey accessed via the link. We have also included an email link so that we can provide support for those who wish to have advice and assistance if they are experiencing workplace issues.

[Survey Link](#)

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](#)

KITE FLYING WORKSHOP

City of Boroondara

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

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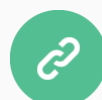
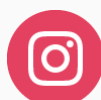
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