



## DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY THIS PURIM!

Purim is one of our most joyous holidays. It is a time to remember the wonderful miracle which the Almighty performed by averting a terrible tragedy...the loss of Jewish life.

While many people's celebrations traditionally include the consumption of alcohol, one should bear in mind that Jewish Law forbids putting one's own life in danger or endangering others by driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Every year Hatzolah responds to many alcohol related emergencies on Purim – some of which involve life-threatening conditions. Every year people say "something has to be done".

This year YOU can do something. Be responsible and use your common sense. Don't drink and drive even if you think you can (even if you have only had a "couple" of

drinks). Appoint a designated, non-drinking driver.

If you are a parent, closely supervise your children's activities during Purim. Know where they are going, with whom they are going, how they will get there and home, and what time.

Be aware that under Duty of Care laws, you may be held liable for injury/damage caused by or to people to whom you have served alcohol (particularly minors).

Purim is meant to be enjoyed by you and those around you, but all within reason. **THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK**, and don't get carried away or it could be you who is carried away.

With best wishes for a happy, healthy and enjoyable Purim, from all of us at Hatzolah.



*A public safety message from Chevra Hatzolah Melbourne Incorporated.*



In memory of Haim & Betty Gordon

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