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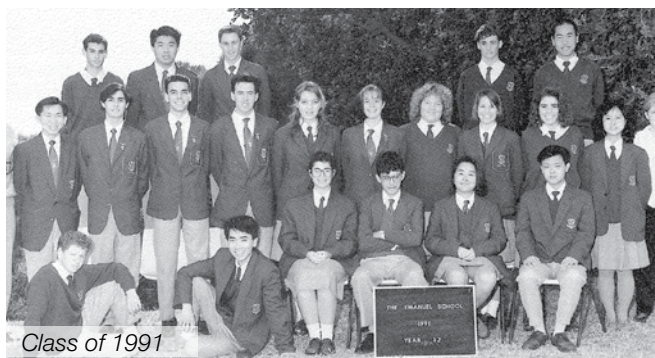
# Old Scholars'

# NEWS

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Class of 1991



Class of 1996



Class of 2001



Class of 2006

## Class Reunions

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2011.

The Class of 2005 5 year reunion, was held in early January 2011. Check out the photos on the page 6.

Reunions to be held this year: –

- Class of 1991 – 20 Year reunion – date TBC
- Class of 1996 – 15 year reunion – date TBC
- Class of 2001 – 10 year reunion to be held on Saturday 22 October – save this date
- Class of 2006 – 5 year reunion – date TBC

If you would like to help organize your reunion please contact our Development Office on [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)



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## From the Principal's Office

Dear Emanuel School Ex-students

This year has already seen so much happening – I hope that you have been able to stay in touch with some of the happenings at Emanuel School in the past few months, particularly some of the very special musical and dramatic evenings.

We held a combined Music Camp with King David School in Melbourne during the last week of Term 1 and the concert at the end of the two days of rehearsals was a real treat. Just recently we had our own Music Camp, taking 150 students from Years 4 – 12 to Galston for four days so they could make music together and learn their new repertoires. This culminated in a very special concert at the end of May, when 18 different ensembles entertained a very large audience to a varied and delightful evening of music.

Our musical and dramatic production, '13', was held in the St Catherine's performance space in the last week of term. Our strong cast had rehearsed for this for months and it was an uplifting

performance from all.

I hope that you have had a chance to look through our new Kleinlehrer Family Science Building and see the Science laboratories and Primary Library in action. This building has been a wonderful boost to our school, providing impressive facilities for Science and an inviting space for our young students to read and learn. We are planning to open up this building for an 'Old Scholar' viewing later this year for all of you who are interested in looking through it. Stay tuned for more information on this!

Term 3 brings our exhibitions, performance and displays of Year 12 HSC students – the culmination of 13 years of education for them in their creative and performing arts subjects. Many of you will remember this last term before the HSC Examinations with a mixture of pride in your performance, anxiety about what is to come and an overall sense of the need to savour all the 'last times' that you experience before leaving Waxman Gate for the final time as a student here.

It was wonderful to meet some of our very first Old Scholars at Open Day earlier this year, as they visited and enrolled their own children. As a relatively new school, Emanuel School sees our past students as very important members of our community, and we hope that you stay in contact with us and let us know of your many adventures and achievements as you go through life.

*Mrs Anne Hastings*

## SEEKING HELP

Do you own or work in a business that might be suitable for Work Experience for our Year 10 students? This year's dates are 12 to 16 September 2011. If you would like further information or can help with this request, please contact Sonia on 8383 7350 or [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)

## Update from the Board

(excerpt from the President's Report 2010)

The School has continued to grow from strength to strength with enrolments at near capacity comprising 770 students from pre-school to Year 12.

Fee increases for 2011 were slightly higher than we would have hoped and the Board is more than alert to the economic challenges facing many of our families. The Board has drawn comfort from the fact that over the last five years Emanuel School's annual fee increases have been the lowest of all private Jewish schools in Sydney.

The new Kleinlehrer Family Science Centre was completed on schedule and on budget by the end of 2010 and is being fully utilised. It includes a new Primary School library, four state of the art science classrooms and underground parking. Emanuel School is grateful to our major benefactors Aron and Helen Kleinlehrer for their ongoing support and to the Federal Government for their allocation under the 'Building the Education Revolution' stimulus funding. The extension and upgrading of the Wolanski Learning Centre was completed and became fully operational with half of its funding provided by the Federal Government's *National School Pride* program.

The School's substantial building program is focused on bringing the facilities to a level that will make the learning environment an optimal one for students and teachers alike. As part of planning for the future, a site master plan has been developed identifying

medium and longer term projects to further enhance the School. It was approved by Randwick Council in January 2011.

The next major project will be the replacement of the Primary School building that abuts the new Kleinlehrer Family Science Centre with a new building which will enable us to remove the demountables from the basketball courts thereby increasing our open space.

Emanuel School is grateful to the JCA for its community leadership, and the generous support it has provided Emanuel School over the years. This year the JCA commended the Board of Emanuel School stating among other matters that "Emanuel School continues to be managed with strong financial discipline".

We commend all individuals who volunteer their time and expertise to Emanuel School. They set a fine, ongoing example to their children and grandchildren and are an invaluable part of the success of Emanuel School.





# Staying in Touch

## Births

- Nik ('93) and Melodie Glass – Stella Eve, 29 November 2010
- Nicole (Vasin) '97 and Jeremy Unger – Ashley Georgia, 3 February 2011
- Samantha (Finger) '98 and Daniel Butt – Lexi Jade, 4 February 2011
- Benjamin ('01) and Deborah Kessly – Eliora, 5 February 2011
- Rabbi Mordechai ('98) and Tanya Guth – Aaron Hillel, 22 February 2011
- Sarah (Kummerfeld) '97 and Matt Pellow – Benjamin Joshua, 26 March 2011
- Jack ('93) and Rebekah Malki – Allegra Rose, 31 March 2011
- Sarah (Ruvinsky) '97 and Alex Lambros – Jax, 17 May 2011

## Engagements

- Paul Hadida ('97) and Jaclyn Kaganov
- Leon Farkas ('98) and Jana Bolkovsky
- Bree Lewis ('00) and Nick Savos
- Nick Odze ('00) and Brooke Alley
- Stanya Sharota ('00) and Anthony Lenthén
- Yael Abeshouse ('01) and Adam West
- Maya Greenberg ('01) and Jeremy Pollak
- Lauren Hyman ('01) and Adam Wallhausen
- Einav Leshetz ('01) and Mark Lovatt
- Tim Moddel ('01) and Kim Shakenovsky
- Simonne Turner ('01) and Yoav Hammerman
- Nicole Mizrahi ('03) and Gavin Shapiro
- Daniel Krigstein ('04) and Jessica Gordon
- Cody Aaron ('05) and Fiona Gitelman
- Sarah Krigstein ('05) and David Robuck

## Marriages

- Simone Sherman ('97) and Richard Kery
- Aliza Denenberg ('00) and Adam Hofbauer (*top of page*)
- Candyce Falkoff ('00) and Dean Weinbren (*right, 2nd from bottom*)
- Lana Fester ('00) and Ben Mirkin
- Jeanine Prager ('00) and Ben Blachere
- Avital Vitenberg ('00) and Brad Melman (*right, 3rd from bottom*)
- Ricky Friedlander ('01) and Amy Ephron
- Gary Poslinsky ('02) and Tammie Werner (*bottom right*)



## Business Ventures

- Karen Weinberger ('00) founded KDW Designs in 2004 – graphic design and much more, from logos, brochures, websites and signage for large corporations to invitations for small children's parties. [www.kdwdesigns.com](http://www.kdwdesigns.com)
- Louise Glance ('01) – has her own freelance business as a hairdresser and makeup artist [www.louiseglance.com.au](http://www.louiseglance.com.au) ph 0410 315 530. She has worked on a number of jobs such as L'Oreal Hair Shows, Mardi Gras, National Youth Week, Woolworths and Dove photo shoots.
- Daniel Neumann ('02) – a lifelong ambition after studying hospitality at School and later at Ryde TAFE, he recently opened his own café – Nooks Place, 105 King Street, cnr Church Street, Randwick 2031, (opposite The Montefiore Home), ph 0421 034 393. Newly decorated, the café walls display original artwork (for sale) by another Old Scholar, his cousin Rachel Guerry ('01). Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 7am – 3pm, Saturday 7am – 4pm and Sunday 8am – 4pm.
- Aliza Denenberg ('00) together with her husband Adam Hofbauer and friends Justin and Louka Marmot, have opened Shirt Bar in the CBD, a concept store focused on a unique mix of shirts (ganton, jensen, bespoke, louka & sabina), coffee (fat coffee) and drinks (specialising in dark spirits). 7 Sussex Lane, Sydney. Open Mon-Wed 10-6 and Thurs & Fri 10-10. Available for private functions. [www.shirtbar.com.au](http://www.shirtbar.com.au)

## Congratulations

- Leon Goltsman ('90), one of Emanuel School's original pupils when the School opened in 1983. He was elected as Liberal Councillor for the Hunter Ward within Waverley Municipality in the recent bye election.



## Around the School

- Adam Stern ('09) played Bass Guitar in The Band, for the School musical and dramatic production, '13'.



## From the Vault

Do you have any old school photos that you would love to share? Please contact Sonia on 8383 7350 or [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au) to see about getting them in the next issue.



# What are some of our Old Scholars doing now?

## Mark Levi Class of 1991

### **What did you do after leaving school?**

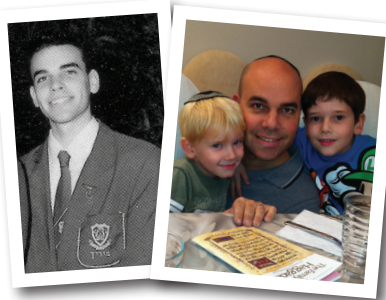
Lots of study, lots of work, not enough travel! Completed a Bachelor of Business with UTS, the CPA Program and an MBA with UNSW all while working full time. After climbing the corporate ladders at international and boutique business consulting firms, I started my own corporate advisory and consulting company, Titan Advisory. Best part was meeting "a nice Jewish girl", Nikki, who travelled with, then married me – we have two boys, Joel, 6 and Sam, 3 who attend Emanuel School and Kornmehl.

### **Did you follow your field of study at the time?**

Yes, I studied business and accounting and have utilised those tools in my work throughout my career – helping businesses through challenging times.

### **Have you done any overseas travel? How long for and where did you travel/study?**

Worked in Thailand helping the Thai Government restructure their banking and finance industry... which opened my eyes to different cultures and travel. Have travelled around Asia and Europe – love



Spain, the food and culture (especially afternoon siestas!) About to travel again to Asia (Vietnam and Hong Kong). Can't seem to find the time to do enough travel!

### **Are you still in touch with your group of friends from school?**

Yes, still good friends with the group of guys that used to cause (minimal) grief to our teachers – including students from other years who at the time, I would never have imagined being mates with! It's a great feeling having been friends with school friends for this long (about 25 years) – and knowing that without doubt we'll be lifelong friends, through thick and thin.

### **What is your current occupation?**

Managing Director of Titan Advisory, a Corporate Advisory firm that helps businesses during difficult times. I basically help people during turbulent business times, assisting them set and deliver strategies.

### **What are your hobbies/interests?**

I love spending time with Nikki, Joel and Sam – be it cooking together, backyard soccer, computer and board games. I am yet to beat Joel at Monopoly. Eating is a hobby I enjoy too much.... handed down to me from my Mum (who is a great cook) and Dad (who is a great eater!).

### **Where do you want to be in ten years' time?**

Where I am now.... happily surrounded by my family and friends.

### **What is your fondest memory of your time at school and why?**

Waiting to hear the lunch bell – racing to play either handball on the quadrangle or basketball on the (then) new court!

## Ilana Feain (Klamer) Class of 1996

### **What did you do after leaving school?**

I spent a year working and traveling (mainly visiting family in Israel) before starting university. I completed a Bachelor of Science (advanced) with Honours in astronomy and then a PhD in astrophysics which I completed in 2006. Since then I have worked for the astronomy and space science division of the CSIRO.

### **Did you follow your field of study at the time?**

No, I was never interested in astronomy until I did a first year course at University during my bachelor degree. It was love at first sight and I never looked back.

### **Have you done any overseas travel? How long for and where did you travel/study?**

Yes, plenty. Part of the beauty and fun of being an astronomer is the travel to observatories around the world, conferences and visiting colleagues at other institutes. US, Canada, China, New Zealand, Spain, UK, Switzerland, Italy, Israel, Thailand, Slovenia, Austria, Egypt, Netherlands, Germany – probably a few more I can't remember! They were mainly short visits for work (a few weeks at a time).

### **Are you still in touch with your group of friends from school?**

Yes. Rachel Hardie and Michelle Rowan are still very close friends.

### **What is your current occupation?**

I'm an astronomer and the project scientist for a new radio telescope being built in the mid-west region of Western Australia. My role is



50% research (I study the formation and evolution of supermassive black holes across cosmic time). The other 50% is project scientist for the Australian SKA pathfinder telescope. ASKAP is a precursor telescope to the multi-billion dollar square kilometre array project (see [www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/](http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/) and [skatelescope.org](http://skatelescope.org) for information). In my role as project scientist I am the liaison between the astronomy community and the engineers building the telescope. Essentially making sure that the engineers build a scientific valuable instrument to answer

the questions the astronomers ask, and to ensure the astronomers are fully aware and prepared to use the telescope when it's operational in 2013.

Currently I work four days per week and live in Parkes until the end of the year (I work at 'The Dish').

### **What are your hobbies/interests?**

Well they used to be running, reading, going out to dinner with hubby and friends. But these days it's spending time with my gorgeous little boy Lachlan! That pretty much takes up all of my free time.

### **Where do you want to be in ten years' time?**

I want to be happy, healthy and satisfied with a happy, healthy and satisfied family.

### **What is your fondest memory of your time at school and why?**

That's definitely my maths classes with Mr Kyriacou. I was never much interested in school until he came along and actually made maths (and so study in general) interesting. Also, my final HSC exam, (Physics). That's a fond memory!

Check out the Emanuel School Randwick Alumni Facebook page



## Benko Ure – Class of 2001

### ***What did you do after leaving school?***

After school I went to drama school. From there I went on to do commercials, TV work and modelling while working as a Production Coordinator. As my need for attention lessened I went into the corporate world and after becoming heavily involved with a charity in Cambodia I decided to leave the private sector and get a role in an environment that allowed me to use my skillset to make a positive difference.

### ***Did you follow your field of study at the time?***

I did follow my field of study for a while, however the creative field is an inconsistent one. However I do still use what I learnt while studying in the way I approach my everyday life.

### ***Have you done any overseas travel? How long for and where did you travel/study?***

I have recently spent time in Cambodia and Vietnam visiting a refuge over there that helps get children out of human trafficking situations. I will be back in Cambodia in December to do a 500 km bike ride to raise money and awareness for the cause. I have become very involved in Project futures. I will be participating in the bike ride for this charity and have thus personally raised \$4300 for the cause with a target of \$7000 before I leave.

### ***Are you still in touch with your group of friends from school?***

Yes I am in touch with my mates from school. Some more than others but my best mate today was my best mate then. When you are in an environment like the Emanuel School, as it is a tight knit group you have bonds that last forever. We really were like a family and can pick up from the point I left with any of the people that were in my year.

### ***What is your current occupation?***

I am currently the community engagement coordinator for the Holdsworth community centre and services. My role includes sponsorship and events coordination, business development and student placement and volunteer recruitment.

### ***What are your hobbies/interests?***

I am heavily into fitness and training on a regular basis is very important for both the mind and body. I am involved in Project Futures as mentioned and I also like to hang out with my social network and spend time with my family.

### ***Where do you want to be in ten years' time?***

I suppose where I am, is not as important as what my life will mean by that stage. I would like to look back in ten years and think that my

life has a tangible meaning. I want my life not just to be for the greater good of myself but also seek to have a positive impact on the people around me and the community in which I live. I feel that the Holdsworth community centre is a great way for me to have a positive impact on my local community.

### ***What is your fondest memory of your time at school and what are the lessons you learnt?***

Can there only be one? The other day I contacted Miss Lowe about the events that I am planning for Holdsworth and before starting the conversation I timidly said "I apologise in retrospect for my entire schooling career" Miss Lowe stopped me mid sentence telling me that I was a joy and a student that had left a lasting impact on her. I think it is hard at times to understand the reasoning of why we are told to do what we are told to. I never knew it as an entitled 17 year old but a big highlight was meeting Miss Lowe. I look at it now like a slapstick comedy. In many ways I thought I was a terror but as Miss Lowe explains I was more of an independent thinker than anything else and as my views were independent ones they may have at times pushed the very status quo that Miss Lowe had to keep in order. I urge everyone to develop and cultivate your own views, live your life being good to people and treating others well, not because religion tells us to but because it is the right thing to do. I think my fondest memory is that I offered opinions and views that were unique and it is very reassuring to know that ten years after leaving school, someone as respectable as Miss Lowe, although perhaps not always having agreed with me, has a great deal of respect for my stance. I never liked the term "you will understand when you are older" but is unfortunately true. Never forget that all people are human, that just because someone is older that does not mean that they cannot make mistakes or don't purely and simply have a job to do. Sometimes we look at teachers as the enemy and that their role is to do nothing but control us. At the end of the day we all have a job to do and they are just doing it. Don't debate for the sake of debating, please respect their position but if you feel there are things that you would like to and need to stand up for I am sure that stance will be given respect in the long run.



## Visits to Emanuel by Old Scholars & their families



## Gena Rosenberg Class of 2002



### **What did you do after leaving school?**

After finishing in 2002, I studied Fine Arts majoring in Painting and Drawing at The College of Fine Arts, UNSW from 2003-2005. I took two years off, worked, travelled and began experimenting with jewellery designs which led me to starting my own hand made accessory and jewellery label, *Jelly's Edible Wearables*. In 2008 I went back to study a Diploma in Jewellery and Object Design to learn how to work with metal and further my jewellery making skills.

### **Did you follow your field of study at the time?**

Yes, I did art at school and have always known I wanted to have a creative career.

### **Have you done any overseas travel? How long for and where did you travel/study?**

I spent three months based in London and travelled to parts of Europe. I didn't work while in London, I've been to Europe a few times since finishing school but for that three month period after finishing university, I travelled with friends. My favourite places would

be Italy and London. I also attended the Maccabiah Games in 2005 in Israel for Women's soccer which was an amazing experience.

### **Are you still in touch with your group of friends from school?**

Very much so, I see most friends from school on a regular basis. Keeping in touch is very important to me. Friends often joke that attending my birthday often feels like a school reunion.

### **What is your current occupation?**

I currently work at Dinosaur Designs as a Product Developer and Mould Maker in the Design Team. This means I work closely with the head designers on upcoming ranges and contribute to the jewellery design process as well as maintain the classic pieces by fixing prototypes and setting up moulds.

### **What are your hobbies/interests?**

I enjoy working with my hands to make jewellery in various mediums, experimenting with metal, clay and objects that have been taken out of their natural context such as coloured pencils and lollies. This is the concept behind my range of accessories. I will have a new range soon [www.jellyswearables.com.au](http://www.jellyswearables.com.au) I also love to travel and spend time with friends and family.

### **Where do you want to be in ten years' time?**

I'm in the process of working on a new range, so over the years I hope to have new ideas and be happily creating my own jewellery label. In ten years from now I would love to have a small shop with beautiful and interesting handmade creations made by designers around the world.

### **What is your fondest memory of your time at school and why?**

When I think back to school, I think about my Studies of Religion Class with Ms Rosin. She really cared about us and although there were only three students in the class, we all worked really hard together. Most vivid however, are the laughs we shared in that classroom.

## Class of 2005 5 year reunion



We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter and we look forward to your contributions in the future. Please email your contact details to [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au) so we can add you to our mailing list.

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