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## 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



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### From the Development Office

You may have noticed from the heading of this newsletter that we have had a name change, and are now known as "Emanuel School Alumni (ESA)"

2013 is an exciting year for not only Emanuel School but also for our alumni. We celebrated the School's 30th anniversary with an Alumni Cocktail Party (see report and photos on page 3) and we are also planning the following year group reunions later in the year (dates TBC):

- 20 year reunion for the Class of 1993
- 15 year reunion for the Class of 1998
- 10 year reunion for the Class of 2003
- 5 year reunion for the Class of 2008

If you are from one of these year groups and would like to help with your reunion, please let me know by email to: [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)

**Sonia Newell, Development Officer**



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**Emanuel School Old Scholars' Association (ESOSA) is now known as Emanuel School Alumni (ESA)**



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## From the Principal's Office

Dear Alumni of Emanuel School,

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you back to Emanuel School for our Alumni cocktail party earlier this year. If you were here, you would know that 2013 is a very special year for us, being our 30th Anniversary and the year of our Capital Appeal. Emanuel School has certainly 'come of age' and holds a respected place within the educational community. We are aiming to replace our two temporary demountables with a comprehensive building that will meet the needs of our students into the future.

There has been much excitement in unveiling the plans for our new four-level building that will include an Arts Precinct, eight classrooms, a tiered performance theatre that will seat 220, and a wellness, leadership and learning space. Along with a range of smaller breakout rooms and offices, there will be considerably more usable playground space on completion. A 3-D model is on show in the foyer of the Administration building for your interest if you'd like to come in and have a look. In Term 4, we will be holding a couple of events for Alumni, among others during the three weeks of the Appeal. Please stay tuned for more information on these.

Our 30th Anniversary has also brought much excitement, with a whole school assembly at the beginning of the year and many events and celebrations since then. In Term 2, students from P-12 participated in the '30 Mitzvot in 30 Days' project that aimed to create an ongoing conscious culture of doing good deeds for others. Fifteen *mitzvah* trees now adorn the corridors of the School and over 20,000 *mitzvot* were performed over 30 days. As part of the celebrations, we will be burying time capsules for future generations. In Term 3 each year group will be allocated their own capsule, to be filled with photographs, artwork, letters, poetry, reports, newspaper cuttings and other small items of significance and buried in our grounds.

Another special project that has continued its success this year has been the development of our relationship with Jilkminggan School in the Northern Territory. As well as sending two groups of students this year for visits, a group of Aboriginal students from Jilkminggan came to Sydney with their teachers to visit us. They had a wonderful time with our students and as tourists around Sydney. A very memorable part of this visit was the wonderful Reconciliation Assembly in which they joined with Years 3-12 to celebrate Aboriginal culture and heritage.

With all this, our students continue their learning journey, one that is very much enriched by the range of experiences they encounter along the way.

I hope to see you at one of the special events coming up in Term 4.

Best wishes

**Anne Hastings, Principal**

## Update from the Board

Sunday 6 October marks the start of our Capital Appeal – to build the remaining keystone learning facility for our campus. With this significant milestone in mind, we thought it appropriate to reflect on our collective successes over the past six months. This has been a gratifying process as there are so many wonderful achievements to celebrate.

It has been inspiring to watch our students raise over \$10,000 for local and international charities over the past two terms. Student-led concerts, nights of debate, music-making and paper crane folding have all had one aim in mind – to bring about *Tikkun Olam* through individual and group action. We congratulate all those students who have helped make a difference to the lives of others and gained social and global learning in the process.

Term 2 saw us further cement our relationship with the Jilkminggan Aboriginal Community in the Northern Territory.

Our students have also excelled academically, on the sports field, in drama, debating, visual arts and beyond. Eight staff members and two students presented at the Jewish learning and cultural festival, *Limmud Oz*, at the University of NSW last month.

Like proud parents we derive great pleasure from seeing our students thrive. In the community, our School's reputation continues to grow as a leading and quality educational home and the growth of our student numbers reflects this.

**Excerpts from a report to parents from  
Grant McCorquodale, Board President and  
Anne Hastings, Principal.**

## Gesher Community Connections



As part of my responsibilities on the Emanuel School Board, I have recently taken on the Chairperson role for our *Gesher* Committee. As you may know, *Gesher* is the Hebrew word for "bridge" and from that word and its connotations we developed *Gesher Community Connections* – it really is the figurative bridge between the School and the wider Emanuel community. Through *Gesher* we connect with our Alumni, as well as Grandparents and Friends, both past and present. We also include external organisations that have an interest in our School under the *Gesher* umbrella.

Our committee has expanded and evolved over the last couple of months, with a new name for our past students – Emanuel School Alumni (ESA) and a number of fresh faces including parents, alumni parents, and our 2011 School Head Madrichim (two of our more recent alumni). We are actively working on a number of focus areas that will enhance the connectivity of the School (social media, sporting events, communications) and we will of course play an important role in the upcoming Capital Appeal.

I look forward to working with our committee to serve this important part of the Emanuel family, and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have to enhance the services provided.

You can read about *Gesher* news on the School website under 'Community'.

**Daniel Knoll, Gesher Committee Chairperson**



# 30th Anniversary Cocktail Party Alumni Reunion

On 17 March more than 150 alumni, as well as past and current staff and some parents of alumni, gathered together in the Lehrer Family Building (MPH) at Emanuel School for our Alumni Cocktail Party. Invited by Board president Grant McCorquodale, this event was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, touch base with past teachers, take a tour of the School's new facilities, hear about our plans to further enhance the School and share in our celebrations for the School's 30th anniversary.

The 200 guests included some of the very first teachers and students when the School opened in 1983 in the grounds of Temple Emanuel in Woollahra (now known as Emanuel Synagogue). They were all thoroughly impressed with how Emanuel School has grown over the past 30 years and are very excited to stay in touch and be involved in future events.

Grant McCorquodale welcomed the guests whilst Anne Hastings spoke briefly about future plans for the School. Our current Head Madrichim, Sam Wrublewski and Alexandra (Lexi) Wolf, spoke about how things have changed, whilst Janice Narunsky ('89) spoke about her time here as a student and the School's first Head Madricha, and now as a parent at the School – her son Declan started at Kornmehl Pre-school last year. Benny Kaplinsky, who taught Jewish Studies here between 1986 and 1994 recited a blessing and then our current Madrichim who were our helpers for the event, proudly led the singing of our School Song.

Entertainment during the evening was provided by some of our talented Alumni musicians: vocalist Aliza Waxman ('12) accompanied by Ben Feher ('12) on guitar, followed by Ben Goldstein ('10) on piano and vocals, with drummer David Goldberg ('08) and Adam Stern ('09) on guitar.

A pictorial history of Emanuel School's first 30 years was on display in the MPH, allowing for many stories to be retold by our guests.

A great night was had by all.



# Staying in Touch

## Business ventures

- **Russel Sherman** ('98) and his wife Cara, moved from Sydney to Toowoomba, QLD in March 2012, looking for business opportunities and a "nicer pace of life". They are now the franchisees of Harvey Norman Toowoomba.



## News from Abroad

- **Rebecca Kummerfeld** ('03) is now in London undertaking a research fellowship at the Victoria and Albert Museum. She says "I'm not sure of the title of my (PhD) thesis just yet! But I am looking at the History of Art Education in Australia from 1850-1915. The work I am doing at the V&A is funded by the Alexander Mackie Research Fellowship. I am working in the research department on a project titled: 'Cast Aways: Plaster casts and art education in the antipodes'. I am using the Museum's archive and cast collection to examine the ways in which plaster casts were used for art education, first in Britain, and then abroad. So far, it has been a wonderful experience – I am particularly enjoying the scones!"

## Life after School

- **Yotam Wiener** ('98) was recently appointed as Education Manager at Sydney Jewish Museum, where he will be delivering education programs to the school sector, tertiary sector and general community. Yotam worked at Emanuel School as a Jewish Studies teacher from 2010 until the end of May and says "I am sad to leave Emanuel School as it is a special place where the community interacts with Judaism in a vibrant, dynamic way. A great cohort of students, staff and parents have made my time here personally and professionally enriching. I am looking forward to working with a great team and the many passionate people who volunteer their time at the Sydney Jewish Museum."
- **Jeremy Spinak** ('00) is one of our Patrons for this year's Capital Appeal.
- **Tara Shillan** ('01) recently became the Emanuel Synagogue representative on the Emanuel School Board. Read Tara's interview on page 8.
- **Leigh Golombick** ('01) has returned from Canada after working there for two years and she is now the Office, Marketing and Communications Officer for Central Synagogue in Bondi Junction. "I joined, not long ago, from the big wide corporate world. My background is accounting and human resources having worked with Ernst & Young and Citibank for several years. My job here at the *Shule* requires wearing many different hats including seat sales, publications production, marketing management, office management, event planning and more."
- **Toby Evans** ('06) was our in-house photographer at the recent sell-out High School production of *Alice in Wonderland*. This is the third year running that Toby has kindly volunteered his photographic expertise to help record our High School drama/music events. He was also one of the photographers at our 30th anniversary Alumni Cocktail Party in March.

- **Genna Radnan** ('09) was recently appointed as part-time School Nurse here at Emanuel. (1)
- **Ben Goldstein** ('10) – made it through to the final 32 contestants of Channel 9's hit show *The Voice*. For the *Showdown* night Ben sang Bob Marley's *Waiting in Vain* and received praise from his coach Delta Goodrem and from the other coaches Seal, Joel Madden and Ricky Martin, who said that the song went "from Bondi, to Jamaica, to Israel and back". He was guest artist at the recent reopening of the newly renovated Eastgate Shopping Centre in Bondi Junction!
- **Daniel Goldbach** ('12) has had his HSC Extension 2 English Major Work shortlisted for the Young Writers Showcase, and he was awarded an "Australian Student Prize" for having won a medal at the International Informatics Olympiad in Italy last September.
- **Ashley (A.J.) America** ('12) has also been awarded an "Australian Student Prize". The Australian Student Prize gives national recognition to academic excellence and achievement in secondary education, particularly to students in senior secondary years. Five hundred prizes, of a certificate and \$2000, are available nationally each year. Prizes are also awarded to students who win medals in international olympiads, in school subjects of mathematics, informatics, physics, chemistry or biology, and to the International Baccalaureate Diploma graduates who achieve the maximum international score of 45.

## Presenters at Limmud Oz 2013

*Limmud Oz* is a Jewish learning and cultural festival which was recently held at the University of NSW.

- **Simon Holloway** ('97) is still a PhD candidate at the University of Sydney, since nobody has yet written his thesis for him. He teaches Jewish law, philosophy and history for Melton and at North Shore Temple Emanuel. His research interests include metaphorical language in *Tanakh*, the development of the *Halakha*, and ultra-Orthodox subcultures in the State of Israel. One of his sessions was 'Counting teeth': the use of humour in the Rabbinic literature.
- **Avia Madar** ('10) is currently a university student and the head of education at Hazonim Dror. She is interested in the perspective of youth in the Jewish community. Her session was titled "Jewed Out".
- **Isabella Satz** ('13) (almost an alumnus) is a 17 year-old HSC student, who is passionate about her role as Emanuel's Social Action Madricha. She believes in the power of young people to take action and make a difference. Her presentation was titled "I'm under 18 and I do give a S\*#!".

## Participants at Maccabiah 2013

- **Kevin Jankelowitz** ('01) – rugby
- **Shaun Jankelowitz** ('04) – rugby
- **Lawrence Braude** ('06) – soccer
- **Lev Lewis** ('08) – futsal
- **Emily Nathan** ('08) – track and field
- **Alexandra Krantz** ('09) – netball
- **Jennifer Shkolnik** ('09) – soccer
- **Sophie Weisz** ('09) – soccer
- **Alice Kriesler** ('12) – soccer
- **Ella Regan-Lacey** ('12) – track and field



## Engagements

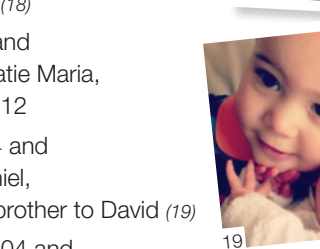
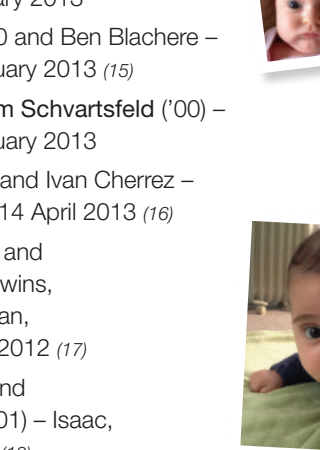
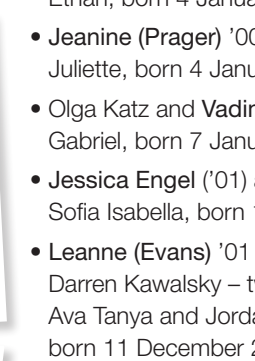
- Alexis (Lexi) Feitelson ('01) and Darryn Teperson (2)
- Kevin Jankelowitz ('01) and Nikki Dunn
- Sally Sikar ('01) and Darryn White
- Joshua Don ('02) and Anne Lambert (3)
- Aviva Locker ('02) and Aaron Kippax
- Roman Meck ('02) and Keren Wahnnon
- Jessica Wilson ('02) and Michael Sikar (4)
- Natalia (Toolie) Fester ('03) and Anthony Jenkins (5)
- Rebecca Kummerfeld ('03) and Ian Oosterhoff
- Brooke Selby ('04) and Petros Rigopoulos
- Jessica Weiss ('06) and Dane Segail (6)

## Weddings

- Louise (Lulu) Glance ('01) and Jared Chiert on 17 February 2013 (7)
- Aviva Waks ('01) and Jamie Tyrell on 24 February 2013
- Beth Merfish and Daniel Coleman ('02) on 16 March 2013 in Houston, Texas (8)
- Michelle Zlatkis and Leon Elski ('02) on 12 May 2013 (9)
- Donna Neumann ('04) and Yaya Kebbeh on 15 February 2013

## Births

- Carla Dunn and David Thorfinn Goh ('90) – Sebastian, born 21 March 2013
- Melodie and Nik Glass ('93) – Maximilian Tobias, born 29 April 2013, brother to Isabelle and Stella (10)
- Emma (Joseph) '93 and Frankie Grojnowski – Lilah Coco, born 21 March, sister to Noa
- Ilana (Klamer) '96 and John Feain – Jessica Bronte, born 17 May sister to Lachie
- Jaclyn and Paul Hadida ('97) – Leo Joseph, born 13 February 2013
- Simone (Sherman) '97 and Richard Kery – Siena, born 4 January 2013 (11)
- Nicole (Vasin) '97 and Jeremy Unger – Jesse Julian, born 24 October 2012 (12)
- Yasmin (Moddel) '98 and Brad Goldberg – Saige Romy, born 19 December 2012, sister to Benjamin
- Bella (Binder) '99 and Gray Negrine ('99) – Arianna, born 4 March 2013 sister to Max
- Zara and Tal Leshetz ('99) – Layla Rose, born 8 January 2013, sister to Ethan and Noa (13)



# Jewish Aid Australia

Keri Gaddin ('04) works for Jewish Aid Australia ([www.jewishaid.org.au](http://www.jewishaid.org.au)) as Director of Indigenous Partnerships. She is a qualified Pediatric Nurse and community welfare worker. Keri is passionate about community development and has worked in these fields in both Australia and Africa.

Jewish Aid is having a Volunteer Information evening on Tuesday 6 August, 7:30pm for interested people to hear about the range of work they do, including supporting Darfurian refugee school children with homework and their Indigenous partnerships work, amongst others.

More information about volunteering opportunities can be found here:  
<http://jewishaid.org.au/get-involved/volunteer/>

People who are interested in attending the Volunteer Information session can sign up by filling in the form available there.



## Where are some of our Alumni now?

### Jamie Hilton Class of 1997

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

I went to Sydney University but realised fairly quickly I wasn't quite ready to throw myself straight back in to study. I moved to Bellingen in Northern NSW for six months and then backpacked through Asia and Europe. The following year I went to the University of Technology to study Communications (Media, Arts and Production).

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

At school I majored in legal studies, economics and business studies. At first (at Sydney Uni) I went in the opposite direction, choosing to study cultural studies, philosophy, psychology. After transferring to UTS to study film production, it turned out to be a lot more about the legal and business side than I had ever expected. I definitely followed my tertiary education straight to a career. I was a fairly established young producer by the time I'd left university.

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

I'm a gypsy; I travel a great deal for both work and recreation. In Year 10 at school I did an exchange program to a small American town called Astoria in Oregon. After my HSC I travelled for a year. In my early 20's I lived for a three-month stint in Holland, staying in student housing, and did further travel in Spain, France and England. About five years after leaving school I drove a van around Australia by myself for four months, it was a very 'Into the Wild' experience. In the last five years for work, I've been to Los Angeles 32 times, Cannes/Paris five times, Berlin three times, and Toronto twice. I made a film in India in 2009 and lived in Calcutta for four months. I often disappear for brief and spontaneous tropical recharges, returning to Bellingen, Byron and North QLD for three-day weekend escapes and Bali, Fiji and Thailand all manage to appear on the agenda during a last minute quiet week. I don't plan travel. It never works out. I have a pretty strong connection with Israel too – MUCH stronger than I ever did at school. This year I actually made a decision to stay put, to create a bit of a home for myself. It's felt a little like being on a holiday in Sydney, we have it so good here.



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

Not a great deal to be honest. I guess my career took a front seat. Facebook is great, I'm vaguely across what most people are up to. Generally there are babies involved these days! I'm not quite there yet... I'm friends with a surprising number of people in other years, both younger and older, it's a small community and I guess you break outside of the small unit of people you actually study with once you hit 'real life'. Familiar faces start to emerge in your work and social life. I've collaborated with quite a few Emanuel grads very randomly. There's a strong pool of creative talent out there in the Alumni.

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

I'm a film producer. Currently I'm producing a comedy for actor Josh Lawson with Hopscotch Films which will release in cinemas next year, and a much larger supernatural thriller with a big US star for Michael Petroni, who wrote the screenplays for the latest Narnia film, *The Book Thief* and *The Rite*. We have a production company together called See Pictures. I produced a film called *The Waiting City* with Radha Mitchell and Joel Edgerton in 2009 and exec produced *Sleeping Beauty* two years ago. Previous to that I produced over 100 music videos, I still produce the odd clip, just for friends or for music I love.

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

I'm crazy about music. I like red wine a little too much and I love to cook. At heart I'm still a bit of an activist, I'm working on a film about the Sea Shepherd at the moment. Climate change, animal welfare, food distribution, water/air quality, plant and animal conservation, the list goes on. Right now I'm renovating an apartment – I could definitely get in to a bit of design, both architectural and interior.

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

That's a tough one! An Academy Award would be nice. They gave my friend Emile Sherman one, surely it shouldn't be that tough? I'd like to live with a little family, splitting our time between Sydney and another city, maybe Europe, possibly the US. Growing vegetables might be a slightly longer plan than ten years but probably on the cards too. I might even have published a book, or own a small hobby restaurant or wine bar? Who knows! I'll definitely still be making movies. It's not a job.

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

I dyed my hair bright blue for my girlfriend's Year 10 formal at Sydney Girls High School. The Principal sent me home from school with a letter explaining I wasn't to return until my hair was an 'appropriate colour' – my parents framed it and hung it on the wall. Also, kissing Sarah Pike on the back of the school bus back from camp. I never told anyone that before! HA! "Slave Day" was always fun – I was always popular as my sister was three years below.



## Simone Kery (Sherman)

### Class of 1997

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

After leaving school I commenced a Business degree with majors in finance and marketing through the University of Technology Sydney. As part of this degree, I took part in an exchange program and spent six months at Oregon State University in the United States. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience, met lots of new people from all over the world and gained a deep insight into what college life in America is all about. I particularly liked the fact that I could undertake classes such as ballroom dancing as part of my formal studies.

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

While living in the USA, I caught a serious case of the travel bug and resolved that once my degree was complete, I would buy a one way ticket to Canada and commence a global adventure – staying overseas for as long as my bank balance would allow. And that's exactly what I did. While most of my fellow university graduates were beginning their careers, I spent two and a half years in Canada, Europe and South America. Along the way I worked to pay for the next stage of my trip and made an effort to select temporary roles that would still provide me with some worthwhile work experience in my fields of study. This included working in the Credit department of the Royal Bank of Scotland in Vancouver and



in the Internal Communications division of Sainsbury's head office in London.

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

While I do see a couple of my school friends on a regular basis, I am in touch with almost all of them through facebook. We only had 16 people in our year by the time we graduated, so staying in touch with everyone is quite manageable.

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

I currently work for the Institute of Chartered Accountants in their marketing division, with a focus on brand management. My role involves ensuring that all operations of the organisation maintain brand integrity and running large-scale advertising campaigns to attract the best and brightest university graduates to our profession.

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

If travelling counts as a hobby...then that would have to be my number one. I also enjoy volunteering my time, and have recently taken part in two mentoring programs through The Smith Family and Jewish Care. Before having a baby and when I had the luxury of some free time, I was also an avid reader and enjoyed Latin dance.

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

My ultimate goal is to run a not-for-profit organisation, the aim of which would be to create business/career opportunities for women living in third-world countries.

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

My fondest memories of my time at Emanuel would have to be my drama classes. Our teacher at the time put so much thought and energy into all of our lessons and I looked forward to each and every one of them with great anticipation. It was so rewarding to be stretched and pushed out of my comfort zone.

## Guy Klammer

### Class of 2000

"Maccas burger flipper, Woolies check-out cashier, receptionist, waiter, pizza delivery driver, tutor, tennis coach, doctor. These are the jobs that I have had spanning the last 15 years. A means to an end is not only a way to pay for the mortgage or movie tickets during your school years, it moulds your personality and provides you with skills that, believe it or not, can in times prove more valuable than those you learn in the classroom."

Guy graduated from Emanuel School in 2000 and moved straight into a Medical Science Degree at UNSW where he spent the next six years studying, or not, hence the six years. He says "as a disclaimer, I am not trying to appear like *Van Wilder* (look it up on IMDB if it's too old), if I could change one thing in my past, it would be to study harder from the start of uni. During my undergrad days I worked several jobs to pay for the mortgage of the unit that I moved into at 21. Finishing my Bachelor's Degree was a relief and a celebration after so many years and I immediately applied for a job in my sector, Human Bioscience, alas to no avail. It turned out that a BSc was not competitive in the world of job-hunting. I was turned down by many Sydney universities to study a post-graduate degree and at a cross-roads in my new graduate life, I applied for State and Federal police work with the aim of undertaking forensic science, both of which were unsuccessful. I was successful, however, in gaining full-time employment as a receptionist and a data entry clerk before



landing the proverbial foot behind the front door to the house of medical science. The Sydney Cord Blood Bank at The Sydney Children's Hospital employed me as a scientific technician responsible for processing umbilical cord blood donations that are used to transplant patients, mainly with childhood leukaemia. The rest of the story belongs to good fortune and fate. My would-be PhD supervisor shared lab space with the Blood Bank and after nine months of working there, she offered me a Master's position with option to upgrade to PhD – an offer that I took. Five years on, I've finished that PhD, have presented my work in Vancouver, Melbourne, Lorne and several local conferences, and have had three articles published. I still work at the Children's Hospital as a Doctor in the Bone Marrow Transplant Facility, researching new ways to improve transplant outcomes.

I did not intend to write a bio about success in the face of adversity to portray myself as someone who prevailed through persistence and hard work. That is not me. Midway through my degree I decided to quit university. I phoned the university in the summer of 2002 and told an admissions employee that I intended to withdraw immediately. She managed to talk me down but promised that if I phoned back the next day, she would un-enrol me. I never made that phone call and instead I improved my grades and finished. If that woman, whose name I wish I knew, had simply said 'OK, Guy. Done' who knows where I would be? I would certainly not be doing what I do now, which is what I love doing.

Many people along the way told me not to give up, that the road is long and windy but heading in the right direction, and other metaphors that I am hoping not to put across here. But with all that said, that is what I am telling you. Find what you love, work at it and you will be rewarded. When something seems to go wrong, trust it is for a reason. Among all else, enjoy what you do."

Guy is married to an alumnus – Kim (Ruttenberg) '02 and they have a gorgeous one-year old daughter Zoe.



## Tara Shillan Class of 2001

"After finishing at Emanuel in 2001, I spent a year working full time in hospitality which at the time came as a welcomed break from study and routine and gave me an opportunity to really think about what I wanted my 'next step' to be.

I went on to enrol in an Advanced Diploma of Business, majoring in Public Relations and Marketing, at Macleay College in the CBD. Public Relations was something I had always been interested in and considering the foundation of the course was business, it seemed like the perfect fit. I thoroughly enjoyed my time studying at Macleay –

their small classes and practical, hands-on approach to learning were very similar to that which I was used to from Emanuel.

I completed my studies in 2004 and the slightly delayed 'travel bug' kicked in. Fortunately I have found myself in flexible organisations that have allowed me to travel quite extensively while continuing to develop my career.

After testing out a few different career directions (Real Estate, Wealth Management), I began to realise what my strengths were in the workplace and found a role that was the perfect foot in the door. I started working as an Executive Assistant for the Managing Director of a Resource Management Company, which has businesses both locally and overseas. This role provided me with an incredible opportunity to learn and challenge myself on a daily basis. After a couple of years I felt that I had accomplished what I could in that role and luckily was offered a move into Human Resources. I am now the Human Resource and Systems Manager for the Australian company. I deal with the day-to-day management of head office employees and also manage all HR-related issues with the operational team.

Outside of work, I now sit on the Emanuel Synagogue and Emanuel School Boards. It is a wonderful feeling to be actively involved again and feels great to be giving back to the community. Nowadays most of my free time is spent seeing my family and friends, going out for a nice meal, doing pilates or cooking at home.

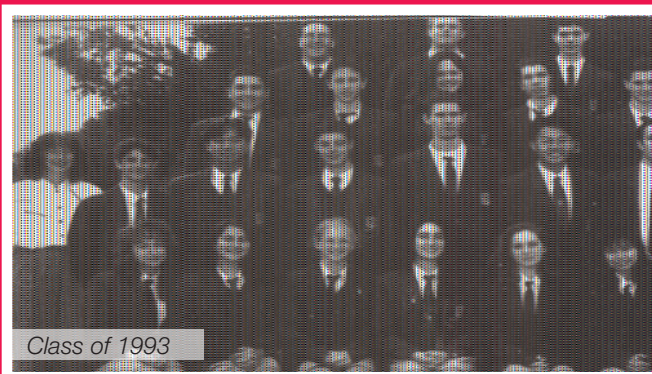
I have the fondest memories of the time I spent at Emanuel School — I loved the School's approach to learning and living life, and truly believe it's had a huge impact on shaping me into the person I am today. My closest and oldest friends are still from back at school, and I am so grateful for all the incredible memories that we share and continue to make."

## Alumni revisit School

University of Sydney Ambassadors visited Year 12 earlier in the year as part of the Careers Program. Two of the three Sydney University students were Emanuel alumni – **Rebecca Kummerfeld** ('03) and her brother **Jonathan** ('05).

**Madeleine (Madi) Apps** ('09) – came to do *Kabbalah* Meditation with the High School students.

**Alexander Symonds** ('99) – met with the Head of HSIE, David Bartlett and students as well as other staff members.



## Reunions planned for 2013

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Have some news to share?... Send us the details and share it with your fellow Alumni



# From the Vault....

We need help identifying some students in the first official photo of the school, taken in 1983.  
How good is your memory? Can you help us identify them?



## The Emanuel School Family 1983

**Front Row (L-R):** Bianca Gehl, Naomi Tarsis, Mela \_\_\_\_, Zoe Spiegel, Kate Ratner, Jasmin Streimer, \_\_\_\_, Christina Lemkin, Simone Havin, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, Susan \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, Georgia Teiperman, Janine Israel.

**Second Row (L-R):** \_\_\_\_, Miriam Fox, Jenny Spinak, Jessica Bures, Ondine Sherman, Mandi Smith, Eli Haski, Daphny Ravy, \_\_\_\_, Khara Weisz, Svetlana Goltsman, Rachel Spiegel.

**Third Row (L-R):** Benny Sharon, Daniel Vasin, Russel Bergman, Rueben Newhouse, Danny Sharon, David Jeffries, Andrew Bures, Perlita Benhayon, Kolya Miller, Ben Fox, David Ratner, Jacob Kaplan, Alex Strizhevsky, Jonathan Hirst, Simon Glasser, Eric \_\_\_\_.

**Fourth Row (L-R):** David Kotek, Gavin Sorauer, Guy Ravy, David Hirst, Greg Weisz, Anton Boski, Lindi Smith, \_\_\_\_, Nadine Weinberger, Marina Goldshmid, Solonge Boski, Sarona Pilcer, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, Ryo Hino, Adin Pilcer.

**Back Row (L-R):** Hezie Lazarous, Nick Deutsch, David Sorauer, Michael Fooks, Leonard Goltsman, Harry Derunovsky, Alan Jeffries, Eugene Freeney, Ronnie Aron, Ari Marks, Christian Charnas, Yonaton Miller, Ben Donally, Ronen Stoler.

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## What's your news?

If you have some news of a graduation, career achievement, birth, engagement, marriage, past or present activities or simply a fond memory from your school days, please get in touch with the School.

Please send an email to Sonia Newell at [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)

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