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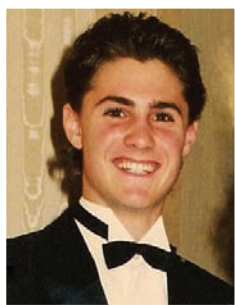


2013 has been an exciting year not only for Emanuel School but also for our alumni. We celebrated the School's 30th anniversary with an Alumni Cocktail Party in March (see Vol 5 Issue 1). We also held our School's Capital Appeal, including an alumni event with Patron Jeremy Spinak (Class of 2000), to raise funds for a much needed new building, which will incorporate a Visual Arts Precinct, tiered performance space for 200 people, a Leadership and Learning Centre and eight classrooms. A number of School reunions have also been held – see pages 4 to 6 for photos.

Thank you to those who have sent updated contact details but we still need your help to complete our alumni database, so that we can organise reunions and other events for all of you. If you did not receive this newsletter by email, then we probably don't have your details, or you haven't updated them in a while. Please send new or updated contact details to [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au). In addition, if you have any Emanuel School Alumni friends whom you know do not receive ESA emails, then please make sure to pass this newsletter on and ask them to update their details as well.

We note with sadness, the recent passing of an Alumnus, Julian Bures (1971 – 2013), who attended Emanuel School as a Year 6 student from when the School opened in 1983 through to 1988. We wish his parents, Susan and Michael, and his siblings, Jessica (Class of 1990) and Andrew (Class of 1993) *Long Life*. A former computer graphic designer, Julian is remembered fondly by his peers. In his eulogy, Great Synagogue Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence said: "Julian was naturally kind. He was obliging. He was affectionate and he was lovely. He was loved by his friends and even at the MS Centre he was particularly popular. He made people feel good and people loved his presence..... He was beloved and adored by the adults of every age."

**Sonia Newell, Development Officer**



## My Friend Julian

My friend Julian oozed special. The way he spoke, the way he carried himself, how expressive he was. He always stood out amongst others with a striking personality and buckets of confidence. He was engaging with witty responses and had the ability to make you smile, especially when you most needed it. He made you feel comfortable and was a very protective friend. You couldn't help but be intrigued by Julian. You had to admire his strength and determination.



Although I have not seen him since our early 20's I have so many fantastic stories with Julian, that he is etched in my memories of growing up. I will always remember him for all these qualities, for the thousands of ridiculously long conversations but mostly for our friendship which began when we were only seven years old and like others, I will really miss him and his mega watt smile.

I will never forget him.

**Claudia Maman, Class of 1989**

To share your memories of Julian, visit [www.julianjosephbures.com](http://www.julianjosephbures.com)

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



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni of Emanuel School,

It was wonderful to see some of you at the Alumni function for the Capital Appeal in October. It gave you an opportunity to hear about the School's plans for our new building to replace the demountable buildings. We sincerely thank those of you who were able to show your support for our Capital Appeal and this project.

Our Gala events, both the P – 2 Concert and the Years 3 – 12 event, were outstanding and demonstrated the values of Emanuel School beautifully. Those who were lucky enough to be at either of these functions would have come away with a great appreciation for the efforts of our students and staff in bringing these delightful experiences to our community. There were many accolades sent to us in the weeks following these events, with so many mentioning the pride and joy they felt in being part of our School community that reflects and demonstrates so many important values. In addition,

the Years 3 – 12 Gala event raised over \$1 million! If you missed this event you can purchase a DVD if you wish – just visit the School's website for details.

We have received amazing support from our own community and are so grateful to the generous donors who have contributed. At the Presentation ceremonies at the end of this year, we announced the success of our Capital Appeal. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our community, we achieved our stretch goal of \$7.5 million! The Board has given the go-ahead for the commencement of construction of our new building. In the next newsletter I should be able to report that we are well underway with this major project.

The year has flashed by, with so many exciting events and activities for our students. Among our usual opportunities this year we have instigated a Homework Club, three afternoons per week after School, where ex-students provide support and assistance to current students. This has been a great success and one that we hope to continue next year. Many thanks to our ex-students who have been involved in this initiative this year.

I wish you all the very best for the holiday period and hope that you are able to enjoy some rest and relaxation.

Best wishes

**Anne Hastings, Principal**

### 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.

## Gesher Community Connections



As part of my responsibilities on the Emanuel School Board, I am also the Chairperson 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. Under the *Gesher* umbrella, we also include external organisations that have an interest in our School.

Over the last year, the Committee has continued to evolve with more new faces and skills. We are continuing to leverage the great momentum built up during the Capital Appeal to solidify our links with the community. New initiatives this year included our inaugural city networking breakfast and developing stronger links with the Emanuel School Foundation. We are also working on our social media strategy – to enhance our alumni communications and to support Emanuel School's links in the business world and broader community.

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**

**NINE AND DINE**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2014**

We invite all alumni, parents, grandparents and friends of Emanuel School to this exciting golf afternoon and dinner at Bonnie Doon Golf Club, Pagewood. Bookings and secure online payment can be made at [www.trybooking.com/EALV](http://www.trybooking.com/EALV) Contact Sonia for further details.

## Staying In Touch

There are so many ways to stay involved with School.

- **Send your news and photos for publication**  
We love to read what our old school friends have been up to, so please send in your news and photos for the next issue of our Emanuel School Alumni newsletter.
- **Help to organise and/or attend your reunion**  
Class reunions are held every five years, and get-togethers can be arranged at any time. Organising social events can be great fun and if you cannot organise one, make sure you attend.
- **Speak at a School event**  
Past students are invited back as guest speakers at events, assemblies and in classes. If you have a topic of interest, please let us know.
- **Contribute to our School Archives**  
Have you been wondering what to do with your school photos, uniform, publications, programs? Please do not throw them away. They may be important to us.
- **Visit us**  
If you would like to visit the School and see how it has changed since you left as a student, please let us know and we can organise a tour of the campus.

# Staying in Touch

## Engagements:

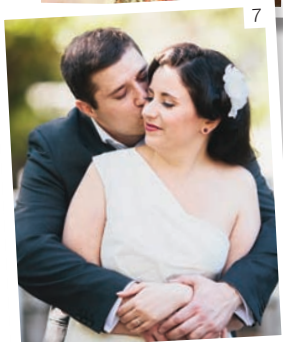
- Aiden Levy ('02) and Sarah Kezelman
- Roman Meck ('02) and Keren Wahnnon
- Tali Ezekiel ('05) and David Weiner
- Dana Charlupski ('07) and Daniel Potter (1)
- Nikki Greenberger ('08) and Tom Carson
- Leora Ohayon ('08) and Asher Gavriel

## Weddings:

- Roy Vigdor ('95) and Natalia Paklina, 14 April (2)
- Anthony Harca ('00) and Sheridan Boggiano, 29 September
- Luda Kroiter ('00) and Matt Wilson, 2 April
- Sally Sikar ('00) and Darryn White, 29 September
- Jess Holloway ('01) and Adam Fischer, 18 September (3)
- Gena Rosenberg ('02) and Tony Been, 17 November (4)
- Jessica Wilson ('02) and Michael Sikar, 8th December
- Leila Tchoulak ('03) and Simon Model, 10 March
- Avi Orski ('03) and Jessica Westerman, in Atlanta USA. Reunited in Atlanta from all over the world after first starting at Emanuel School together over 15 years ago were Paul Zines (London), Ricky Clennar, Alan Harca (NYC), Avi Orski (Atlanta), Shaun Greenblo and Keith Friedlander (5 & 6)
- Dina Madorsky ('04) and Gennadi Kutasevich, 4 August (7)

## Births:

- Bat-Ami and Andrew Bures ('93) – Lily, born 11 November, little sister to Abby
- Sally and Amir Meshel ('93) – Rachel, born 19 September, little sister to Eitan and Ilan.
- Kate (Wilson) '98 and Brad Samowitz – Ari Jonathan, born 18 November (8)
- Ruth (Hassin) '99 and Luis Robalino – Alessia Jayda, born 7 May, little sister to Luca



- Lana (Fester) '00 and Ben Mirkin – Noa, born 21 September (9)
- Einav (Leshetz) '01 and Mark Lovatt – Nathaniel
- Stanya Sharota ('00) and Anthony Lenthén – India Hedy Sharota Lenthén, born 11 September
- Maya (Greenberg) '01 and Jeremy Pollak – Oscar Felix, born 3 September
- Kim and Tim Model ('01) – Joshua, born 9 November (10)
- Alisa (Newman) '01 and Jeff Siale – Leila Katalina, born 28 August (11)
- Noa (Olian) '01 and Bryan Ries – Ariella Michaela, born 16 September, little sister to Amelie
- Simonne (Turner) '01 and Yoav Hammerman – Mika Ruth



## Participants at Maccabiah 2013

- The Rugby team won silver – team members included Kevin Jankelowitz ('01) and Shaun Jankelowitz ('04)
- Ella Regan-Lacey ('12) – won gold and silver in the junior track events (12)



## Life after School

- Nicola Kobilski ('09) – newly elected National AUJS Chairperson for 2014
- Tamara Newman ('04) made Aliya in February this year. "I live in Tel Aviv and a couple of months ago I started working as the Communications and Partnerships Manager at University of the People, which is the world's first non-profit, tuition-free, degree-granting online University dedicated to the democratisation of Higher Education. You can check it out at [www.uopeople.org](http://www.uopeople.org)
- Terryn Sesel ('08) has just completed her first year of Medicine at Notre Dame University, Fremantle, after graduating from UNSW with a B. Medical Science. She is currently volunteering in Nepal and will then spend six weeks in Calcutta on a medical placement before returning to Fremantle to continue her medical studies.
- Tal Koren ('09) has just completed a B. Advanced Science, majoring in Neuroscience at Sydney University and has been accepted into the Post Graduate Medicine program at Melbourne University.

- **Class of 2031!** Mums from the Class of 2001 with their babies: From L to R: Einav Leshetz-Lovatt with Nathaniel, Simonne (Turner) Hammerman with Mika, Lisa (Shapiro) Greenberg with Isaac and Jessica Engel with Sofia. (14)

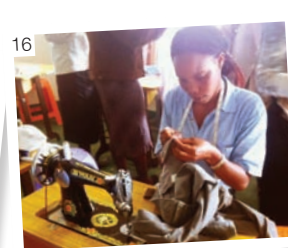


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- **Genna Radhan** ('09) – in August, as part of "Models of Achievement", Genna spoke about her GAP year life changing experience. Gennarosity Abroad, Grandma Jenny's Training Centre in Karunga, Kenya, has officially opened and celebrated its Official Launch last month here in Sydney at The Cork and Screw, Darlinghurst. The night was a huge success with silent auction prizes, music and canapés and a presentation by three Australian volunteers who recently visited the project in Karunga. Genna will return to Kenya mid-December for her first group of students' graduation, and there are plans for expanding the Centre to educate more women with more life skills. (15 & 16)
- **Jordan Kahn** ('10), having just completed a B. Medical Science degree at UNSW will be moving to Melbourne having secured a place for post graduate Medicine at Melbourne University and will commence the course in February next year.
- **Dion Markovics** ('11) was recently interviewed on morning TV following an article in the *Daily Telegraph*...."He is only 20 years old, drives with P-plates and still lives at home, but young gun real estate agent Dion Markovics has already clocked up more than \$28 million worth of property sales." He skipped university and has been in the real estate industry for



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less than three years. "I made my first sale when I was 17 and working part-time. It was an apartment in Waterloo, which sold for about \$590,000," said Mr Markovics, whose fascination with Sydney property came at a young age.

"My grandmother was a real estate agent when I was growing up. I genuinely had an interest for it. I think it was the auction rooms – they totally blew my mind."

A five-day stint of work experience in Year 10 turned into a part time job which eventually became a full-time position with Raine & Horne Double Bay.

## News from Abroad

- **David Friedman** ('11) headed off to London at the end of August and has just started a BA Acting (Hons) at the Central School of Speech & Drama, which is one of the top drama schools in the UK. Alumni include Laurence Olivier, Judi Dench, Martin Freeman and Andrew Garfield to name but a few. "I'm one of a lucky 16 to be selected internationally for my course and am not entirely sure how I did it! The course is three years long and I'm the only Australian (there are only two other internationals in my course, one from the USA, the other from Malaysia, the rest are from the UK)."

# Alumni Reunions

## 20 Year, Class of 1993

Jack Malki, together with Adam Nir from the Class of 1993 organized their 20 Year reunion, held recently at the Golden Sheaf in Double Bay. A number of their teachers also attended and together they reminisced about their time at School all those years ago. Amir Meshel's sons are now students of Emanuel School, in Year 8 and Year 3, whilst Ilya Melnikoff's daughter is in Year K.



# Alumni Reunions



## 10 Year, Class of 2003

Held on 7 November 2013

A great night was had by all who attended this event at the Royal Oak Hotel, Double Bay, so ably co-ordinated by Nicole Shapiro (Mizrahi). "A wonderful night and so great to catch up with everyone. Was so amazing to see how interesting everyone's lives have turned out. School is an amazing memory for me and it's because of all of you, so thanks heaps!" Shaun Greenblo.



# Alumni Reunions

## 5 Year, Class of 2008

Jade Gomez, together with Kara Markovics and Lauren Musat, organized their Class of 2008 5 year reunion at PaperPlanes, Bondi Beach, to which 40 of their peers attended, plus some current teachers as well as Dr Carter, Patricio Alvarado and Jackie Horsham. Happy to chat about their time at School and what they are up to now, there was great excitement as they also swapped tales of travel adventures and studies.



# Alumni revisit School

## Guy Klammer

### Class of 2000

Guy was a guest speaker at the High School Assembly in early August (photo of Guy with some of his Year 11/12 teachers. Teachers currently on staff but missing from the photo are Tina Greenhill and Garry Case).



Guy finished Year 12 at Emanuel School in 2000 and started a Medical Science degree at UNSW the following year. He spoke to the students about his journey from leaving School to now, inspiring them to persevere with their passions and not give up!

See the full interview with Guy on page 7 of the previous newsletter – Volume 5 Issue 1.

Guy now works in the Bone Marrow Transplant Facility at the Children's Hospital in Randwick, researching new ways to improve transplant outcomes. He completed his PhD earlier this year and has presented his research work both overseas and locally.

## Nathan Holloway

### Class of 2004

Nathan spent five weeks at School at the start of Term 4 in the Science Department for his Student Practicum as part of his Bachelor of Secondary Teaching (Science) with Charles Sturt University.



## Jade Gomez

### Class of 2008

Jade has been studying towards a double degree in Social Work and Arts majoring in Development Studies at UNSW. She has just finished her Arts degree and will graduate with her Social Work degree in November 2014.

In June Jade travelled on an internship to participate in the Annual Consultation for NGOs held at the United Nations Headquarters

in Geneva. "I attended as an intern representing the Centre for Refugee Research at the University of New South Wales. The

Consultation aims to allow NGOs to network, gather information and advocate issues that refugees and asylum seekers face abroad. I attended a variety of sessions run by UNHCR, observed private meetings and prepared background reports on the issues that our Australian delegation team were advocating for. I was fortunate to also be a special rapporteur for one of the sessions. It was an eye opening and once in a lifetime opportunity."

At the end of August Jade spent a lunchtime session here at School speaking to a group of students from Years 7 – 12 about her recent work in the field of refugee research with UNSW. She spoke in a passionate and polished manner about the importance of advocacy and the UN and detailed her work in the recent trip to Geneva for the Centre for Refugee Research. The purpose of the Centre is to conduct research, education and advocacy programs that focus on international refugee flows, internally displaced people, forced migration and resettlement issues.

Jade also outlined the opportunities available for those interested in her field and stayed afterward to talk with some Year 12 Legal Studies students about after-school career paths.

Jade says "the practical and theoretical aspects of both degrees have built a strong foundation in understanding the macro, mezzo and micro levels of various clients that I will be working with. Both degrees have also allowed me to challenge the ways of thinking and reflect the ideologies of the human rights and rights-based approaches. Last semester I completed my placement with the Centre for Refugee Research. I will be undertaking my final placement in July next year."

## Tal Madar

### Class of 2009

Tal is doing work experience in the School's IT Department following his completion of an Advanced Diploma of Networking Security at Sydney TAFE (Ultimo).



## Our Youngest Alumni

Congratulations & welcome to our youngest members of the Emanuel School Alumni: Class of 2013.



Older Alumni siblings attend the graduation dinner for the Class of 2013

# Where are some of our Alumni now?

## Ryo Hino Class of 1991

Prologue: Throughout my life, if the topic of my academic background ever came up in a conversation, someone would always ask, "How did you end up at Emanuel School?" So, for the record, I will take this opportunity to explain. Around the time the School opened in 1983, my mother and I had recently moved to Double Bay from Mosman and had to find a suitable primary school in the area. My mother saw an advertisement in a newspaper for The Emanuel School, which caught her eye. The School was close to home (when it was at Temple Emanuel), and apparently promoted itself as an "international" school. Actually, the ad probably contained the words "international Jewish school" but my mother wasn't someone to get caught up in technicalities. So that's how it all started. I had a great interview with Tom Wiedenman, and I never looked back.

After leaving school in 1991, I was keen on studying in Japan for a while. I spent a year at Sophia University, Tokyo, in their Japan Language Institute program. Being a university student in a major city was such a great experience and this place would be the centre of my life for the next 20 years. In 1992, I returned to Sydney to start my Bachelor of Business degree at UTS. I paid the bills working at Duty Free Shoppers in Circular Quay. But I longed to be back in Tokyo, so after graduation, I decided to live and work in Tokyo for a while. At the time, 'a while' meant around five years, but one thing led to another, and the trip extended to 15 years.

During that time, I experienced some interesting jobs. I have been an English teacher, a news reporter for Bloomberg News covering Japanese economics and policy, an economist at JPMorgan Securities, a listed derivatives sales trader for the same firm, and an institutional marketer for a financial derivatives exchange. The early 2000s was a boom time for the finance sector. But in 2008, the global financial crisis erupted and I was lucky (or unlucky) enough to be on a trading desk to watch markets and investors crumble. At this point, I started to seriously consider returning to Sydney. I waited a while to see if the job market would rebound, but then Japan was tragically stricken with the Eastern Japan earthquake and tsunami in 2011. Prospects for life in Tokyo were bleak.

This event became the main catalyst for my return to Sydney. I moved back last year and enrolled in a Masters of Business in Finance course at my alma mater. I have been studying full-time and now approaching the end of my course. After this, I will try to reboot my career. I was asked where I wanted to be in ten years time. My answer is that the Eastern Suburbs have always been my home. So if I am living comfortably in this area and working at a hedge fund, I couldn't ask for much more than that.

My hobbies these days are mainly weightlifting and DJ'ing. But I still like basketball and remember the days playing on the old concrete tennis court every recess and lunchtime during High School. As for my personal interests, my love for music (Hip-Hop, Soul, Funk, Jazz, Reggae) is what motivated me to pursue DJ'ing. I'm a fan of science fiction, so *Lord of the Rings*, the *Iron Man* films, and of course, *Game of Thrones*, all deserve special mentions as my favourites. My intellectual interests revolve around my work experience, so I'm very



into macro-economics, central bank policy, applied market finance and technology.

I'd just like to express my sincere gratitude to the teachers who opened these doors for me: my economics teacher, Betty Levy. (I still remember her classes on FX cross rate calculations, the credit creation multiplier principle,

and the mechanics of interest rate changes. These were fundamental tools for my profession in finance), Morris Needleman in mathematics, and the legendary Mr Kerry Crowe-Mai in physics. By no means were they the only good teachers at Emanuel School; indeed there were many of them throughout my time there. What made it so special was that most of the teachers genuinely cared for their students beyond the formal academic capacity. Some taught me more important life lessons, such as honesty, accountability and compassion. This is the Emanuel School that I remember and am proud to have been a part of.

Over the years, I have been fortunate to maintain contact with many of my friends (spanning various years) from school, mainly through Facebook. Among them, there will always be a place in my heart for the small group of Emanuel School founding members and their families, who have blessed me with their love and friendship for 30 years.

As for my fondest memories of school, there are really too many to recall. Camping trips were generally the highlight, and the overnight hikes were especially adventurous. On one of these trips, we camped out on a riverbed. I pitched a tent with David Hirst, while right next to us, there were three or four guys in another tent. Now this was probably Year 8 or 9, so if you put a bunch of us in a few tents in the middle of a forest, one should expect that we're going to be difficult to control. This was especially true in the tent next to me. Typical of our age, one of them decides to test the limits of vulgarity among his colleagues in the dark of night. Screams and yells ensued. By all accounts, the main suspect was Fernando Espinos, though I could not confirm. David and I were chuckling in our tents trying to get some sleep. The teachers had to intervene and Mr Ian Bingham approached our tents to deliver a final warning – go to sleep, or go home. A period of silence fell over the camp. Then, Fernando breaks the silence (again): Fernando whispers in his tent: "psst.....Ryo, is Bingham there?"

Ian Bingham, perched on a rock between our tents, spoke in a typical all-knowing tone: "Yes, Bingham is here." Indeed, Bingham was always there.

Another fit of laughter fell over our tents. Had that been the booming baritone voice of the late Cantor Deutsche, we would have absolutely freaked out. Apparently, Ian Bingham must have enjoyed that too because nobody got in trouble that night.

Oh, and while in school, I would like to mention the first school Seder in 1983. I got my first taste of horseradish and *matza*, and I even got my face in the newspaper (I think the *Jewish Times*). Fast-forward about three years, and all of my friends were tied up after school for *Bar Mitzvah* practice. Cantor Deutsch saw that I was left alone one afternoon and graciously offered to give me *Bar Mitzvah* lessons. If that wasn't symbolic of acceptance in the Jewish community, then I don't know what is. The final highlight was my last Shabbat morning assembly in Year 12, where I said the blessings for the bread and wine. The teachers and Rabbi Fox seemed to approve. It felt like a fitting end to a wonderfully colourful school experience. Besides, people always get a kick out of watching a Japanese kid speak some Hebrew...

## Daniel Weltlinger

### Class of 1995

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

I pretty much went straight to the Sydney Conservatorium to study Classical music. I started playing the violin from the age of 5 and had grown up with music my whole life being particularly influenced and inspired by my maternal grandfather who was also a violinist.

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

The interesting thing is that I didn't follow my field of studies in Classical music. In my first year of studies I was a bit disillusioned with the conservative style of the Classical scene (although I adored the music) and I put up a sign in a laundromat in Hall Street, Bondi, looking for odd jobs playing music for people with an afterthought saying 'band work'. Newly arrived in Sydney was Yaron Halis (via Perth and previously via South Africa) and he answered my advertisement and we went on several years later to form Monsieur Camembert. I fell into playing and being known for my work in bands completely by accident!

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

This is the trick question yes? :) I live in Berlin, Germany, and have been travelling to Europe since 2004 every year previous to this year when I finally made the move over! The story of how it all started was that in 2002 I met German-Sinti (Gypsy) guitarist Lulo Reinhardt and we directly made good friends. Lulo is from an enormous clan of Sinti Gypsies related to the great jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt, and in 2004, I travelled to Europe on the back of finally being able to afford to travel, having obtained a newly minted credit card. I literally planned on visiting Lulo just to say hi. His family practically adopted me from day one that I visited and I never forgot this and ended up annually visiting his hometown of Koblenz and eventually tour with him in his band and perform with him and his family which I have been doing ever since.



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

Unfortunately I am not, but am Facebook friends with a whole lot of old friends and people from school (gee how predictable) and bump into old friends from time to time. I have to say as much as like most people I have a love/hate relationship with Facebook I really like how easy it is to connect with friends from everywhere, including old friends from school. It's nice to know simply what everyone is up to and is a nice feeling seeing old faces. I did recently bump into a couple of old school friends sitting outside a cafe that was part of Westfield Bondi Junction of all places, and it was really nice catching up. Time goes by very fast and it's amazing now how much time it is since we all left school as it actually doesn't feel like THAT long ago....

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

Musician through and through.

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

Reading A LOT, practising music, hanging with friends till late, walking in parks/seeing nature of any kind, creative fun stuff.

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

I would seriously love to be settled down and married with kids. The flip side of the endlessly glamorised musician life is that with crazy working hours and a very non-conventional existence, it is hard to be pinned down and this is not easy relationship-wise. This is probably why the overwhelming majority of musicians make music that is pretty much all to do with love and heartbreak. I've been playing music my entire life so obviously this I cannot ever give up, and it is a deep family tradition and part of who I am. I'm sure in ten years time my wish will come true and I will be settled down with my own family while still living the life of a musician (though maybe not quite as crazy as my life is currently...)

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

My fondest memory has to be the school concerts I consistently took part in with music teacher Brian Strong. I really got to play a lot of concerts for Emanuel School as a direct result of caring teachers like him who encouraged me to perform publicly as much as possible. In some odd way I ended up being the school 'mascot' as a result of all these concerts, which as much as I appreciated performing-wise, hated the concept of! Brian also got me to perform in a string quartet with violin teacher John Dabron and another guy who taught at Scots College (whose name I have completely forgotten) and this was also really enjoyable! Predictable but the music experiences for me were the most memorable!

## David Brook

### Class of 1998

It sounds cliché and obvious to mention that so many years have gone by, and all so fast! If I remember correctly, the years following Year 12 (1998): I went to the National Art School and after the first year I decided to go to Israel. On my way I stopped over in Los Angeles, which ended up being a year, working and recording music. When I made it to Israel, again I only intended to stay for a few months, but I joined a Yeshiva, which became something that I pursued for the next four years in rabbinical colleges in America and Montreal.

I meet my wife Hanna in Melbourne in 2005. It seems insane now, but we only knew each other for three weeks when we decided to get married and even then we didn't see each other until the wedding. So we have been married for eight years and we now have four children.



My wife is a High School teacher.

Currently I spend a lot of my time creating things, mainly making paintings. Also in the last six years I have had my own business, which organises the building of granite monuments in various cemeteries.

Coming to Emanuel School in Year 9, there was something very cosy about the School – we had quite a small year and I believe we were a very close year group. Looking back I have only good memories, and a lot of funny memories, which wouldn't be funny in words. I wasn't the best student, but even then I remember the teachers to be very warm. If I could go back in time, I would really pay a

lot more attention in physics, and would have chosen modern history as a subject.

Visit [davidasherbrook.com](http://davidasherbrook.com) for more information on David's artwork.

## Tal Manning (Assoulin) Class of 2002

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

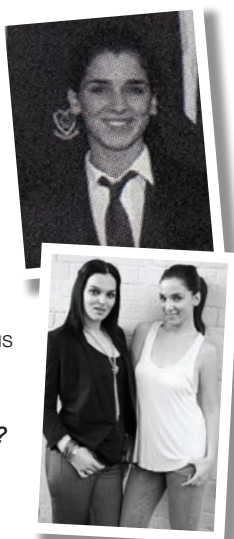
I was motivated to get into worklife straight away. After figuring out what it is I wanted to pursue I dove straight into work to gain experience. In the middle of working in numerous boutiques and closely with buyers, I started to study communications part time.

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

While I didn't follow my fields, I made a clear decision to use what I learned and 'tweaked' it to suit starting a label which I found to be highly beneficial.

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

Yes, fortunately this is a huge part of my role as a designer. I have travelled all over the globe, Paris, Spain, Hong Kong, Hungary and Korea to name a few. I have been very lucky to see such parts of the world, all while doing what I love.



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

While we all tend to be living very fast paced life, we make time to catch up in between the madness. Social media has also helped in staying in touch on a day to day basis.

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

Jewellery designer and co-owner (with my sister Adva Punin who finished Year 12 at Emanuel in 1999. Adva is on the left of picture) of "MEZI" [www.mezi.com.au](http://www.mezi.com.au)

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

Besides my love for all things fashion, I really enjoy running and Yoga – the balance of the two really helps to keep me focused and juggle motherhood and work life.

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

I want to grow my family as well as run a successful fashion house; leading the way in not only fashion jewellery but also in leather goods and various other avenues of fashion accessories. I would like the Mezi label to be more highly recognized internationally – all the fun things we have going on at Mezi at the moment. Stay tuned!

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

There were so many, but really my final year, Year 12 for me was a time where the year really came together. We were a small year, but we had a great connection with all pupils and teachers. That's what I love about Emanuel, it has a strong 'family-like' bond for which I will always be grateful and never forget.

## Gabrielle (Gabi) Rein Class of 2004

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

Immediately after leaving school I decided to take a gap year in which I worked for six months in various casual jobs and travelled for the remaining six months around Europe, Israel, Thailand and Greece with three other girls from school (Jessica Lewis, Donna Neumann and Brooke Selby). On my return to Sydney I did the better half of a course called Visual Communications at UTS but decided that it wasn't for me and instead enrolled and completed an Arts Degree with a major in Sociology and Art History.

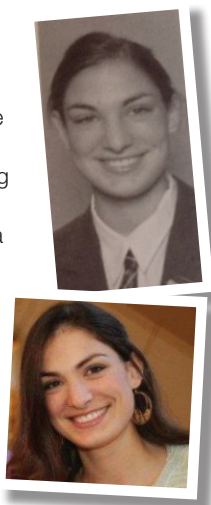
### **Did you follow your field of study at the time?**

At school I was interested in society and culture and art so I guess my studies at University weren't too far from what I was interested in at school. However, looking back now, there is very little practical use for my Arts Degree in my everyday life. At the time I didn't really know what I wanted to do so I just chose things that interested me. I am currently doing a Masters of Management at UTS, which is much more useful to me for my work in Marketing.

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

Apart from the gap year I have travelled extensively around South America, India, various parts of Europe and Asia. I also spent six months living in a small university town in northern Sweden called Uppsala. During this time I was able to travel to other parts of Sweden, Russia, Morocco, Croatia and Estonia.

I think that my favourite place to which I have travelled was Morocco. I love the diversity of the landscape, from coastal towns and beaches to green mountains and then arid desert – the country really has it all. The



colours, the people, the food and the culture were so interesting and different to anywhere I have ever been. I love travelling to places that are surprising and different. In Australia, when we do something basic like order a coffee, we know exactly what we expect to receive, but in other cultures and countries around the world, the meaning of the word has many different connotations. I love not knowing what to expect when travelling, and being able to roll with the uncertainty and enjoy it.

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

Yes, my school friends are still some of my best friends. We were a very tight year group and see each other very regularly. In fact, later this year about 20 of us are going to Africa for Keri Gaddin and Nathan Holloway's wedding.

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

I am Marketing Manager at Opera Australia, a position I have held for a year and a half, but have been working here at Opera Australia in the Marketing Department for three and a half years. In my current role I look after all paid advertising campaigns for the company, manage the use and positioning of the brand and look after partner and stakeholder relations and marketing campaigns. Before I worked here I worked part-time at the Australia Council for the Arts in the Marketing Department. This was when I decided to pursue a career in marketing the Arts. I am currently doing my MMgt part-time, as my job is full-time and I am due to finish the course mid next year (woohoo!).

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

I love exploring new things, running, painting, drawing, eating and discovering new food and hanging out with friends and family.

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

I don't know what I want to do tomorrow so it's hard to answer that.

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

Sitting on the basketball court steps during free periods in Year 12, feeling extremely cool and free while gossiping, laughing and eating Karren Kotzen's delicious cupcakes and canteen delights.

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, Alanah Zitzerman Christina Lemkin, Simone Havin, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, Susan \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, Georgia Teiperman, Janine Israel.

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

**Third Row (L-R):** Benny Sharon, Daniel Vasin, Russel Bergman, Rueben Newhouse, Danny Sharon, David Jeffries, Julian 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, Felicia \_\_\_\_, 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 Stulier.

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**Left Hand Side (L-R):** Sandi Einstein, Shirley Holt, Linda Zurnamer.

**Middle (L-R):** Lou-Anne Folder, Tom Wiedenman (Principal), Sarah Friend.

**Right Hand Side (L-R):** Debbie Levy, Jeanette Streimer, Carol Perry.

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