



From the Development Office

We hope you and your families are all well. For some of you, this will be your first Alumni newsletter. We are now into our eighth year of publication and are, as always, very excited to share our news, as well as your news, with you all. Another year is flying by! Earlier in the year we held our seventh Geshher CBD Networking Breakfast, to which for the first time, we invited not

only parents but also our alumni. **Kevin Jankelowitz** ('01) attended this event at the offices of FIIG on the 20th floor of the Deutsche Bank Building, and the following week we repeated the session at the Little Space in Bondi Junction for members of our community who preferred a more local venue. These sessions provide an opportunity to network and to hear an update on the latest developments at the School. We hope you too can join us for one of these events in the future.

Jazz on the Hill, a Geshher initiative to bring our community together, was held on Sunday 13 March. This year in perfect weather, close to 200 people gathered on the hill at school to listen to fabulous jazz from alum band 33 Degrees as well as student jazz ensembles and our staff jazz band. Younger children were entertained with craft activities supervised by some of our staff who volunteered to help, as well as cartooning and a puppet show with Phillip Einfeld. Our Year 9 Design and Technology (D&T) students prepared delicious food whilst alum **Justin Moddel** ('01) was our barista extraordinaire, serving up great coffee to order.



Justin Moddel, Lara Ephron and customers



33 Degrees



Arianna, Gray, Bella & Max Negrine with Liza & Grace Lyons

It is a testament to the reputation of Emanuel School that alumni are very keen to enroll their children here. At the start of 2016, we had over 40 current students whose mother or father are ex-Emanuel students, and in the case of two families, where both mum and dad are Emanuel graduates. Twelve of these students are in High School, whilst the rest are spread across Kornmehl Pre-school and Primary School. There is even more history to tell – Max Negrine (Year K), who is named after his late

grandfather Max Negrine, one of the Founders of the School, is the son of **Bella (Binder)** and **Gray Negrine**, both from the Class of 1999. Interestingly, their Ancient History teacher when they were here in High School, Liza Lyons (then known as Liza Shar), is now a fellow parent, with her youngest daughter Grace in Max's class. Liza's older daughter Charlotte, who started here this year in Year 7, has Tina Greenhill as one of her teachers. Liza and Tina were on staff together from the late 1990's to 2000. It is a small world!

Sisters Chloe (Year K) and Chelsea Opit (Year 3) are also new students this year – their parents, **Jennifer (Reiner)** and **Ben Opit** are alumni (Class of 1996 and 1994 respectively),

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whilst Phillip Hakim ('90) also has his three children here now – in Years 3, 4 and 5.

You are invited to our School production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in our amazing Millie Phillips Theatre later this month – bookings essential:
<http://tinyurl.com/midsummer2016>

We are very excited that some of our alum will be returning to School on 17 August as guest speakers for our annual E-Zone event, where our Year 11 and Year 12 students have an opportunity to hear about life beyond school and careers. There will be a full report on this event in the end-of-year newsletter.

We look forward to a busy second half of the year and hope to see many of you at your respective school reunions and other school-related events, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Please get in touch and share your news with us. If you would like to take a tour of our amazing School and see some of the latest additions to our campus facilities, please let me know.

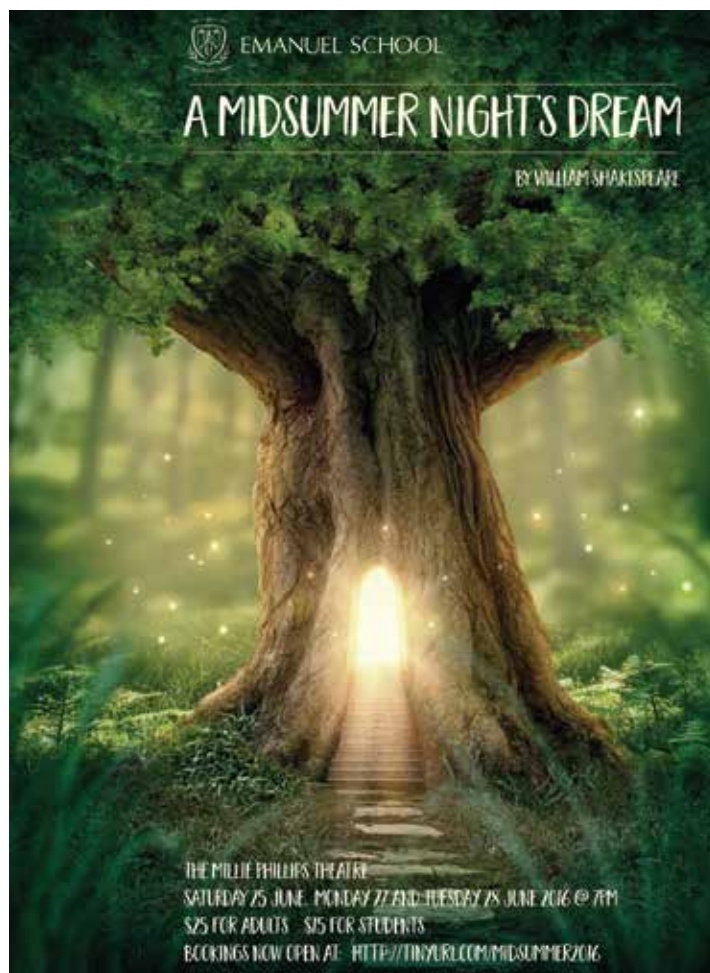
Sonia Newell, Development Officer



Opit Family



Lisa Strous, Nikki Michel and children



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni of Emanuel School,

The students and staff were excited this term to begin to use our beautiful new deck and music rooms that were completed over the holidays. The deck provides much additional space for High School students to use at recess and lunch, and the music rooms give us an additional large rehearsal space and four new practice rooms, thus very much expanding the facilities for our Music Department. Both of these fantastic additions to our

School will be extremely useful. These facilities represent another major step towards the completion of the renovation of our campus and we are very proud of them. We invite you to come and take a look at our new facilities when next you are at the School.

Late last year we surveyed our class of 2015 to gain their feedback on their Emanuel School experience. Close to 40 percent of Year 12 responded to the survey, which covered a number of aspects in relation to education at Emanuel School, namely the Environment, Academic Learning, Wellbeing, Extra-curricular Activities, Technology, Jewish Life and Affinity. The students' responses indicated strong support for all aspects of our School and their comments indicated high levels of satisfaction and pride in the range of opportunities and richness of education provided by Emanuel School. Of course there were areas identified that require further attention and we continue to work on these.

We also held extensive Parent and Staff surveys last year. In response to the question about what parents valued most about the School, they noted many aspects of life at Emanuel, including the sense of community and inclusiveness, the warm, safe and nurturing environment, the quality of the teaching staff, the Jewish education, the School values and ethos, the individual student focus, the balanced, quality education and the focus on holistic development and student wellbeing.

I hope to see you here at School for a visit soon. We'd be very pleased to show you our new deck and music rooms, so pop in when you have some time and let us know how you are going.

Best wishes

Anne Hastings, Principal





Connecting the Emanuel School Community

Each year we welcome “new” alumni to our Gesher community as new graduates complete their schooling and we reconnect with many others with whom we had lost contact over the years since leaving. I would like to remind you all (although this is new for some), just what Gesher means in our community. Gesher is

the Hebrew word for “bridge” and so under the banner of Gesher we invite you to events that bring all members of our amazing School community together! We love that many of our alum come back to School, some as parents, others to help with activities for students such as debating, sport and homework club, just to name a few. We are really looking forward to this year’s E-Zone on 17 August, where a number of alumni will speak to our senior students about their career paths and insights post-school. We really appreciate the time many of you give to volunteer here at School, and we thank you for your contributions to the life of our amazing School and community. If this year coincides with your School reunion, we hope you attend and enjoy the event!

Daniel Knoll, Board member and Chair, Gesher Committee

Emanuel on Social Media



LinkedIn

We are updating our Emanuel School LinkedIn page and we encourage you to connect with us.

www.linkedin.com/company/emanuel-school



Alumni Facebook Page

This page was created to foster a sense of community among our former students and to keep the *ruach* and spirit of the School alive long after your days at School have passed. If you are not already a member, please join and stay in touch – let us know your exciting news. Here is the link to join:

www.facebook.com/groups/emanuel.oldscholars/

Facebook is an amazing way to connect, no matter where in the world one lives. Alum **Jonathan Feller** ('92) met up with classmate, **Gea Erika** who now lives in NYC. FB provided a new School connection to Gea who says: “it was great catching up with Jonathan and reflecting on our younger years at Emanuel. I mentioned that I would love one day when visiting Sydney next, to take a walk down memory lane at the School and see how it has developed. I left the School in Year 10 after doing my School Certificate. I was the first student to win the TES Cup, a race around the school, not sure if it is still held? Hopefully you will be able to find a record of me.”

The photos here appear in the 1986 Yearbook – TES Cup winners

Emanuel Shuk

This is the place to swap, sell, buy and advertise pre-loved and new items, holiday homes and cars...in fact anything that is of value (actual or perceived) can be advertised here. If you have a business, you are welcome to tell us what you do, but please make it interesting and a special offer for the Emanuel community is always a bonus! There are rules to posting – please check out the pinned post for these. Here is the link to join:

www.facebook.com/groups/Emanuelshuk/



Alumni Diversity Day

Early February we held a special High School Assembly dedicated to Diversity Day, to which we invited alumni and friends of the School to attend and show support for LGBTIQ members of our community.

Alum **Zoe Feigen** ('07) and **Benko Ure** ('01) came along, as did some parents of current students. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in future events and/or learn more about forming a support group.

Back to School

Alumni often return to School as leaders of the various youth and community groups.



Habonim youth leaders – Donny Janks, Jamie Rutherford, Doron Losky



Avia Madar and Joshua Moses

The Ties That Bind

Earlier this month, we saw the launch of "The Ties That Bind" written by Lexi Landsman ('02). It is described as "an emotionally riveting debut novel about the power of a mother's love and the bonds among family that, though severed, can never be broken". Read more about Lexi's debut novel: www.randomhouse.com.au/books/lexi-landsman/the-ties-that-bind-9781925324075.aspx



credit Ingrid Shakenovsky



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 to see about getting them in the next issue.




Save the Date

Gesher Nine And Dine golf afternoon
Thursday 17 November at The Coast Golf Club

Now in Bondi too!



Gesher
Connecting the Emanuel School Community



NETWORKING BREAKFASTS


Join members of the Emanuel School community,
in the **CBD or Bondi**,
for a great opportunity to network
and hear an update on the latest developments at the School.

Bondi: Wednesday 24 August 2016 7.30am - 9.00am
The Little Space - 3/384 Oxford Street, Bondi Junction (cnr Newland St)
Please note, this venue is on Level 3 with no lift access
or
CBD: Wednesday 31 August 2016 7.30am - 9.00am
KPMG - Tower 3, International Towers, Level 38, 300 Barangaroo Ave, Sydney

Breakfast will be served
Please RSVP by 15 August 2016 to Sonia Newell
snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

When you RSVP, please provide permission for us to distribute your email on the day for networking purposes





Staying in Touch

Engagements

- Natalie Vasin ('99) and Nick Gainsley (1)
- Paul Zines ('03) and Nicole Langbart (2)
- Anna Guth ('05) and Ryan Hoffman (3)
- Cara Black ('06) and Michael Antonelli (4)
- Adam Ezekiel ('07) and Hilary Scandrett (5)
- Rikki Phillips ('09) and Tegan Melkman (6)

Weddings

- Joanna Podgoestsky ('99) and Petko Vasilev
10 June 2016 (7)
- Daniel Malki ('02) and Keren Gore
6 March 2016 (8)
- Daniel Neumann ('02) and Sharonne Symonds
25 January 2016 (9)
- Tommy Becker ('04) and Batel Yalma
24 May 2016, in Cyprus (10)
- Jesse Levy ('04) and Carly Fenton
20 March 2016 (11)
- Alla Kovarsky ('03) and Ilya Serov
1 November 2015 (12)
- Rebecca Einfeld ('09) and Michael Di Veroli
20 March 2016 (13)
- Gabi Rein ('04) and Jared Keen
20 December 2015, in Byron Bay (14)
- Leigh Golran ('06) and Jake Vozzo
14 May 2016 (15)
- Jennifer Lewis ('06) and James Lambert
1 April 2016. Jennifer tells us she was a fifth generation Australian-born Jew to get married at Emanuel Synagogue whilst James is a fourth generation. Her great-great grandmother was a founding member of the shule and James' grandmother was on the Board. "Both James and I had our bar/bat mitzvahs at the shule and we both attended Sunday School there. We had our ceremony at the small synagogue (Neuweg) with both Rabbi Kamins and Rabbi Ninio and then walked to Chiswick for an intimate dinner with 40 guests." (16)



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Staying in Touch

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Births

- Cara and Russel Sherman ('98) – Max Edward, born 18 August 2015 (17)
- Sam Skolnik ('09) and Anthony Russo – Giana Jane Russo, born 8 September 2015 (18)
- Daniel Coleman ('02) and Beth Merfish – Etta Ruth, born 17 December 2015, in Houston Texas (19)
- Max Rosin-Melser ('04) and Karina Aivazian – Nora June Melser, born 18 December 2015 (20)
- Karen (Freund) '92 and Ben Goot – Chloe Rose, born 24 December 2015 (21)
- Jocelyn and Jeremy Skolnik ('01) – Eliana (Ellie) Skolnik, born 28 December 2015, sister to Talia (22)
- Justine Perl ('95) and Neil Meskin – Brooklyn, born 2 January 2016, brother to Tyler (23)
- Shani and Ronen Stoliar ('94) – Dylan, born 3 January 2016, brother to Zoe (24)
- Brooke and Nicholas Odze ('00) – Eamon, born 21 February 2016, brother to Ethan (25)
- Maya (Greenberg) '01 and Jeremy Pollak – Antonia Klari, born 25 February 2016, sister to Felix (26)
- Dana (Charlupski) '07 and Dan Potter – Amelia Rose, born 29 February 2016 (27)
- Ariella and Simon Holloway ('97) – Sofia Mabel, born 2 March 2016 (28)
- Jess (Wilson) '02 and Mike Sikar – Daniel Alexander, born 5 May 2016 (29)
- Lana (Fester) '00 and Ben Mirkin – Ella, born 8 June 2016, sister to Noa (30)



Mazal Tov to the many alumni who recently graduated from university and other tertiary courses.

If you have some news you would like to share, please let us know! snwell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Our first Year 12 students **Class of 1989**



Year 12 1989

Back Row (L-R): Danielle Levi, Irina Rozental, Janice Narunsky, Anna Svetlov, Eva Galambos.

Middle Row (L-R): Stephen Stoneham (Vice Principal), Kenny Lam, Dean Reiner, David Kozicki, Alan Jeffries, Wilson Wong, W.H. Newman (Principal), Robert Bingham (Tutor).

Front Row (L-R): Claudia Maman, Perlita Benhayon, Lana Burdei, Katie Levenson, Katie Stiasny, Natalie Reiner, Levina Fong.



1989 Basketball Team

Front Row (L-R): Peter Ang, Adam Branson, Ryo Hino, David Hirst, Alan Buki, David Fromberg.

Back Row (L-R): Michael Rose, Greg Weisz, Anton Boski, Gea Erika, Jason Spinak, Mark Levi, Alex Strizhevsky.

Where are some of our Alumni now?

Kevin Jankelowitz Class of 2001

What did you do after finishing Year 12?

I took a gap year, working the first six months before travelling through Africa and Australia. Best decision ever! The following year I began a Commerce degree.

Did you follow your field of study at the time?

No. I did finish my Commerce degree but then spent the year in Latin America. On my return to Sydney I then went on to study a Masters of Policing, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism over three years part-time whilst working full-time, and I worked in that field for about 15 years.

Overseas travel – when and where?

I've travelled extensively all over the world, in search of adventure and self-discovery. My highlights would definitely be a year spent in South/Central America in 2006 as well as a seven-month trip through India, Nepal and Sri Lanka in 2013. I was also lucky enough to get married on a beautiful beach in Koh Samui (Thailand) in 2014!

What are your fondest memories of Emanuel School?

Where to start??? Gaby's Mac 'n Cheese from the tuck shop circa 1990 is certainly up there. Endless hours playing handball, lunchtimes spent in the music rooms, the Year 12 common room and an extra-curricular science experiment involving sodium and water. What I loved most about Emanuel was the tight-knit, family atmosphere that we had. Not only did you know all the kids in the School, you usually knew most of their parents as well.



Are you still in touch with your group of friends from School?

Some yes. Many not. Such is life. Some of us do have an upcoming reunion of sorts though, when we travel to the US for Shannon Selby's wedding this month.

What is your current occupation? Interests and hobbies?

I founded a company that helps urban professionals gain a greater sense of confidence, clarity and calm, through the provision of contemporary meditation and mindfulness practices. As part of this, we opened a world-first guided meditation studio in the heart of Sydney's CBD. Here's my shameless self promotion: www.centredmeditation.com.au When I'm not fulfilling this vision, you can find me playing rugby union, listening to Taylor Swift or watching *Game of Thrones* – yes, I am quite the mixed bag!

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

You often hear people say "ten years ago I never thought that I would be where I am today". This has certainly been the case for me. In the last ten years I've learnt to embrace the uncertainty of life and I absolutely love the adventure that this brings. My core values will ultimately guide me exactly where I need to be. On that topic, the mind is an interesting beast. It has the tendency to think excessively, often leading to us becoming plagued by unproductive thought patterns such as "If only I could just get [insert desire], then I would be happy!" In the meantime, we may be missing out on what is happening in front of us, right now. Try observing your thoughts throughout the day and see if this is true for you. Don't get me wrong, this isn't to say that we should avoid planning for the future, but there is a productive way to do it that doesn't take away from our happiness.

Where are some of our Alumni now? continued

We often wonder what our alumni are doing after leaving School and of course we love to hear about your journey. Here is just a brief overview from some of our more recent alum:

Harry Rutner Class of 2011

Whilst currently completing a degree in Social Work and Law at UNSW, Harry says one of his biggest and proudest volunteering achievements is the establishment in 2015 of his own radio station with the help of UNSW.

The process took over nine months, but in February this year, he launched Blitz Radio, which is the Official Radio Station of the University of New South Wales, with over 15 shows per week and now up to 30 volunteers. Whilst he is the creator of the station, he also hosts a weekly show on the station as well. This year he hopes to expand the station to encompass over 40-50 student volunteers and run mentorship programs for them, partnering with other community radio stations, in the hope of uniting community broadcasters around Sydney.



of Undergraduate Research (Perth, 2015) and developed something of an awkward habit of skipping conference award ceremonies only to discover later (on one occasion, via Facebook) that I won something. I'm also currently a student ambassador for the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, a sub-editor for the ANU Undergraduate Research Journal, and I am working on a few academic papers that I am hoping will be published in professional journals by the end of the year. Dr Cove still reads (and still totally tears to shreds) most of my writing!"

Serena May Class of 2013

"I am currently studying Arts/Law at Sydney University, now in my third year of study. I still see some friends from my year at Emanuel and sometimes I see **Anthony Small** ('11), who has kindly offered advice about navigating through Law at USYD. I've been very lucky this

year, and have been invited to present two academic papers for conferences. In July, I'm going to be in the US to present at the 2016 Southern Writing Graduate Conference, a graduate conference at the University of Mississippi on Southern Writers (particularly William Faulkner), and in November, I'm going to present at a public health law conference at Sydney University, on how law and policy can be used to prevent obesity."



AJ America Class of 2012

"Since leaving school (and Sydney), I have been singing in a classical chamber music ensemble, the Luminescence Chamber Singers. We are an octet; we sing one voice per part; we perform uncondacted (usually); all eight singers share collaborative artistic control; and since our first performance together three years ago, we have performed regularly across Canberra and been fortunate enough to work

with some of Australia's finest musicians. As of recently, we are an incorporated entity and a registered not-for-profit. I am the founding managing director of the organisation, the chair of the board, which means I spend a lot of my time learning about things like public liability insurance and trying not to let too many people realise that I am mostly making it all up as I go. I am also the conductor/artistic director of our newest undertaking, the Luminescence Children's Choir. As well as my work at Luminescence, I teach some very clever kids singing/music theory, and have been lucky enough to continue travelling around the country (and sometimes further) performing with groups such as The Australian Voices and Gondwana Chorale, and doing lots of freelance performing, conducting, and composing.

In my spare time, I am a full time student at the ANU. I am (slowly but surely) making my way through the Bachelor of Philosophy (PhB) program (a research intensive degree), majoring in history and a diploma of languages (German). In the past 12 months, I have been fortunate enough to present my research at a number of undergraduate conferences, including the Australasian Conference



Adam Harpaz Class of 2013

Talented musicians from all over NSW were scouted to compose original pieces of music and then perform them live on stage as part of the recent ANZ Spectrum Now Festival, and Adam was just one of these musicians

who auditioned. Adam continued to progress through each round of the competition and was eventually runner-up, winning \$5,000. As a result, he got to perform on The ANZ Spectrum Now stage in the Domain, with a number of well-known Australian musicians.

You might like to check out Adam's Facebook page: Adam Harpaz Music. He held a show in Sydney mid-April to celebrate the release of his EP 'Waterslide'. Adam, who now lives in Byron Bay, plays at numerous venues in town there, as well as returning to Sydney from time to time to perform.

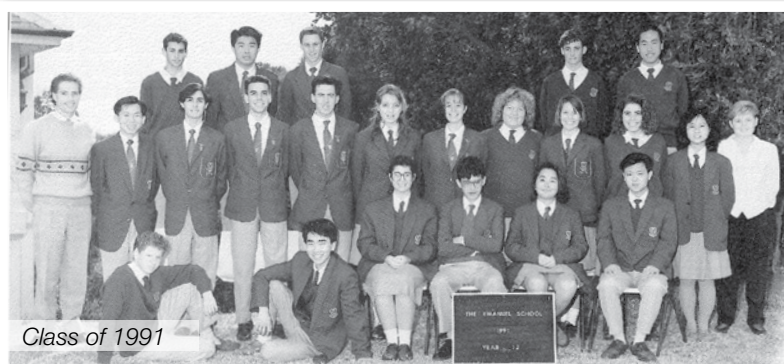


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Is 2016 the year for your **School Reunion?**

Yes, is the answer if you finished
Year 12 in 1991, 1996, 2001,
2006 or 2011.

We are looking for one or two
volunteers from each of these year
groups to help get your reunion
organised. Please let me know if
you would like to help: [snewell@
emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)



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.

The Emanuel School Family 1983

We are now only missing six names..... hope you can help complete this list of our first ever official Emanuel School photograph. How good is your memory? **Can you help us identify them?**



- Front Row (L-R): Bianca Gehl, Naomi Tarsis, Mela ____, Zoe Spiegel, Kate Ratner, Jasmin Streimer, Alanah Zitzerman, Christina Lemkin, Simone Havin, ____, Talia Deutsch, 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 Koteck, Gavin Sorauer, Guy Ravy, David Hirst, Greg Weisz, Anton Boski, Lindi Smith, Felicia Meric, Nadine Weinberger, Marina Goldshmid, Solonge Boski, Sarona Pilcer, Denis Zilberman, Maxim Bolkovsky, ____, Ryo Hino, Adin Pilcer.
- Back Row (L-R): Hezie Lazarous, Nick Deutsch, David Sorauer, Michael Fooks, Leonid Goltsman, Harry Derunovsky, Alan Jeffries, Eugene Freeney, Ronnie Aron, Ari Marks, Christian Charnas, Yonaton Miller, Ben Donally, Ronen Stoliar.
- Staff: LHS left to right: Sandi Einstein, Shirley Holt, Linda Zurnamer.
Middle of photo left to right: Lou-Anne Folder, Tom Wiedenman (Principal), Sarah Friend.
RHS left to right: Debbie Levy, Jeanette Streimer, Carol Perry.

What's your news?

Do you want to add or update your details on our Alumni mailing list?

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

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 so we can add you to our mailing list.

Thank you to our staff and other members of our Emanuel School community for
your invaluable contributions to this newsletter.

We believe the information included is correct at the time of printing. Any errors are regretted.



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