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From the Development Office

I hope this latest newsletter finds you and your family well.

I have just completed my 10th year working at Emanuel School and what a wonderful ten years it has been. Over this time, we have seen the School expand with new buildings, increased enrolments, and of course with a reputation as a School everyone wants to be part of! School Principal Anne Hastings has announced her retirement at the end of this year after eight years as our wonderful leader. All aspects of our amazing School community are a credit to Anne and to her predecessor Dr Bruce Carter AM, to all our staff, Board, the students and the support of their parents as well as grandparents and friends and from many of you. Our alumni community has become more connected with the School over these ten years and many of our graduates give back to the School long after they leave here at the end of Year 12. We hope you will continue to do so.

If you did not receive the last newsletter which went out towards the end of last year, you can see it and all past alumni newsletters on: www.emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au/Gesher

I hope you enjoy reading through these pages, jam-packed with alumni news. We look forward to having you continue to be part of the life of our amazing School.

If you haven't been back to the School for a while and would like a tour around the campus and/or have news to share, please let me know: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu

Sonia Newell, Development Officer



Alan Harca ('03) with Year 12 students

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Alumni visitors and enrolments



Michael Beer and Gea Elika



Bryan Narunsky with Phoebe and Jasper



Monika and Cherie Silver with Ethan



Paul and Sophie Masnick

Our graduates live all over the world, having moved away from Sydney for a myriad of reasons. From time to time, on their return to Sydney, sometimes to visit family still living here or for work commitments, I am contacted with requests for a tour of the campus. At the start of this year, I had the opportunity to show **Gea Elika** and **Michael Beer**, two such past students, around the School. Gea, one of our original students starting in 1983, moved to New York in 1989 after completing his School Certificate at Emanuel School and has lived there ever since. He now owns a successful Real Estate Agency in NYC. Michael, who lives in Toronto was also in town and wanted to see how the campus had changed since he left here in 1993. He and his two brothers, **Joshua** and **Daniel**, were only here for a few years in early Primary before the family moved to Canada to be with other family members. Both Gea and Michael were amazed to see how the School had changed since their time here, admiring our wonderful buildings and facilities!

The number of alumni enrolling their children to Emanuel School is growing each year. 2017 was the start here for 15 new students whose parents are former students at the School, bringing the total to date, to around 60 current students of alumni. Pictured above is Phoebe Narunsky with her brother Jasper and her father **Bryan**, who finished Year 12 here in 1990. Phoebe who is in Year 6, has now joined six cousins here at School, as Bryan's sister, **Janice Christie (Narunsky)**, Class of 1989 and Head Madricha, has three of her children here as does their cousin **Katie Narunsky (Levenson)**. Ethan Czeiger who started Year K is the son of alumna **Monika Silver** ('98). He arrived at School on his first day with his mum and his auntie, **Cherie Silver** ('00) who was visiting from London. Max Robertson started in Year 5 this year and he is pictured here with

Mum **Silvia Robertson (Malki)** ('95), his grandmother and one of his sisters at the P&F Mother's Day Breakfast. Silva's older brother, **Jack Malki**, finished Year 12 here in 1993, whilst younger brother **Daniel** was here until Year 10 ('02). Their father, Max's grandfather, **Albert Malki**, has his name on the Founders Board, which hangs in the hallway of the Administration Building. There are so many familiar names on that Board – many current families were part of the very early days of the School.

If you have the opportunity to visit the School, come to Reception, and have a look at the Founders Board – you too might see some familiar names – perhaps even your own or that of a family member! Sophie Masnick whose father **Paul** was Head Madrich in 1992, started in Year 5 this year, whilst Isaac Greenberg started in Kornmehl. He is pictured here with his mother, **Lisa Greenberg (Shapiro)**, from the Class of 2001, and his father **David Greenberg** is also an Emanuel alumnus ('01).

Another new second generation student is Alicia Butt, who started Pre-school at Kornmehl this year. She is pictured below with her parents, alumna **Samantha (Finger)** Class of 1998 and Daniel Butt and her sisters Emma in Year 3 and Lexi in Year 1. The Finger family has a long association with the School – Michael Finger, Sam's father, was a member of the first Emanuel School Board and her brother **Adam** is also an alumnus, finishing Year 12 here in 2001.

If you are also a former student with children who started here this year and would like to share this special time with us, please send your photos to: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

To all our graduates, we would love to hear what you have been doing since leaving School, so please get in touch! Page 10 features just a few of our alumni and their journeys post-school.



Max Robertson & mum Sil Malki at Mother's Day breakfast



Isaac & Lisa Greenberg



Alicia Butt & family



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni of Emanuel School,

Let me introduce our planned new Centre for Innovation to you. We thought that our last major

building project would be the LINC building, finished in 2015, but we are now poised to start another project. We have just started demolishing the old High School Library and Jewish History Centre at the top of our campus. Our High School Library moved to the top of the Brender-Moss building and we held our last function in the old library building before the end of Term 2. We'll construct a three-storey building to house an expanded Jewish History Centre, a commercial kitchen for Hospitality, a multi-purpose Design & Technology/Makerspace classroom, and seven new classrooms.

With enrolments growing in the Primary School and over 80 students in most of

our High School year groups, we have a great need for additional classrooms, given that we also have to remove the X Block demountables in the near future. We have introduced Hospitality to Year 11 this year – a subject that provides both TAFE and HSC qualifications – and so the commercial kitchen is a must, and will also provide much needed upgraded facilities for the food-related units in Design & Technology. We have also been developing the concept of having a Makerspace on campus – a place where students can go to tinker, create, pull apart and problem solve using all sorts of tools and toys.

Our Makerspace plans and the flexible set-up for the other classrooms in the new building reflect the changes currently happening in the education world. The need to prepare students for their world in the 21st century requires a new kind of education, one that is more flexible, less teacher-driven, more focused on building critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and communication skills and less on the gaining of knowledge.

This building is possible because of the generous donation of our long-term benefactor, Aron Kleinlehrer, and of other major donors. The spirit of philanthropy is alive and well in the Jewish community and we are very grateful for the significant support we have received over the years to build and enhance our School's facilities.

We are looking to bring outside 'experts' in to engage our students and would love to hear from some of our alumni who are doing interesting things, which connect with our curriculum and goal of building 21st century skills. Please contact Sonia Newell on snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au or myself on

ahastings@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au if you'd like to be part of this initiative. It could be a small commitment of about an hour, or a deeper involvement over a longer period – we're flexible!

Best wishes

Anne Hastings, Principal



Connecting the Emanuel School Community

I apologise in advance to those of you who are regular readers of this newsletter and already know this – you may recall I always start my update with a definition of "Gesher" – it is the Hebrew word for "bridge" and Gesher for our School is all about "community". We are the link between School, our grandparents and friends, our past students and our past parents. In fact Gesher is the link to anyone with an interest in our School. So, let me say with great pride, community, community, community – what a great start to 2017 – amazing to read about so many new students coming to

this wonderful School following in the footsteps of their parents who are former Emanuel students!

It is always great to hear about some of the achievements of our graduates after they leave the front gate beyond Waxman Drive at the end of their schooling, and our alumni Facebook page is a fabulous forum on which to highlight and showcase such achievements. Thank you to Sonia Newell, our Development Officer, for posting some of your amazing achievements and for this newsletter, which always has an abundance of alumni news. I encourage you, our graduates, to keep us informed about your journey and achievements post-school. We love to hear your news and would also like to share it with other members of our community.

We look forward to helping you celebrate your reunions and seeing you at other events as the year progresses.

Daniel Knoll, Board member and Chair, Gesher Committee

Recording our history and seeking donations of **School memorabilia**

Emanuel School was established in 1983 and the first students were enrolled on 2 February that year. Four of these students are now current parents at the School, which began in rooms at the Temple Emanuel Woollahra, on Ocean Street (now Emanuel Synagogue), with 60 students. By 1984 it was necessary to split the campus and some students remained at Woollahra whilst others moved to a disused Catholic School at Watsons Bay. The search for a permanent site ended in 1984 with the purchase of The Little Sisters Novitiate in Randwick. Emanuel School then moved to this site in 1985 and was officially opened by then Prime Minister Bob Hawke, on Sunday 17 August 1986. The School has flourished

since then and we now have over 800 students from Pre-school to Year 12 on this one campus.

We recently employed a part-time archivist to help with our endeavours to record these past 34 years and for ongoing records of the life of the School. Much has changed over the years, including our school uniform – perhaps you still have an old uniform you might consider donating to our archives? Similarly, you might have old invitations to School events, maybe even old certificates and photos? We recently received the generous donation from **Jonathon Feller** of his Class of 1992 Year 12 jersey framed and ready to hang. How



wonderful it would be to have a dedicated area in the School where we could display some of this memorabilia. We are grateful for any contributions to our historic records. Please get in touch if you have some old School-related items you wish to donate: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

We wish Mazal Tov to the many Emanuel alumni who recently graduated from their university courses.

Well done to you all! Please remember your alma mater as you head down the path of new careers.

Stay in touch and don't forget to send us your up-to-date contact details.

Limmud Oz 2017

This event which has been running every two years for many years, is always held over the June Queen's Birthday weekend and attracts around 1000 attendees. This year, as in the past, it featured a number of our alumni.

I received this message from staff member Elena Rosin, who attended the weekend: "I just wanted to comment on how many of our former Emanuel students had a significant presence at Limmud Oz this weekend. Several were presenters; many were involved in security; a few were in charge of the youth programs; and a significant number were there as participants in the learning. Everywhere I went, I kept hearing "Ms Rosin, Ms Rosin" with students (some from many years ago – I couldn't even remember their names!!) excitedly coming up to me to tell me about all of their Jewish related activities and interests. It is somewhat unusual to see young adults participating in this type of communal event, and the majority of people there certainly much older. Many demographic studies have targeted the 18 – 35s as a concern for communal participation and connection, which is why the Network organisation was created in the first place.

So, we must be doing something right! It is wonderful to see how the Emanuel experience has so positively impacted our community, resulting in an adult connection to Judaism and Jewish communal events. Our Tikkun Olam programs have been particularly effective in encouraging this connection."

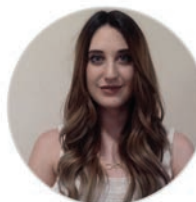
Emanuel alumni who presented at this event included **Justin Doobov** ('90), **Yuli Dar** ('07), **Avia Madar** ('10), **Matthew Friedman** ('15).

See page 11 for an interview with Yuli Dar.



Matt Friedman

Matt is the founder of *2 Birds 1 Bee*, a youth-run relationships and sex education project. Through interactive workshops *2 Birds 1 Bee* engages with students, parents and schools in areas that are complementary to (but aren't adequately covered by) the curriculum, including pornography, gender and sexuality diversity, and building healthy relationships. Matt also volunteers with Jewish Care in delivering the nationally coordinated *Love Bites* program in schools, which focuses on domestic violence and sexual assault. Through his role as the Director of Human Resources at UN Youth NSW, Matt has the invaluable opportunity of engaging with hundreds of young people throughout the year. When he has a minute, Matt studies a combined Bachelor of Arts and Economics degree at the University of Sydney and writes poetry.



Avia Madar

Avia is studying a Master's degree of counselling and is a self-confessed Limmud addict. After graduating from Emanuel School, she went on Havo Shnat. Subsequently she led Havo for two years and was the Head of Education. Avia was President of the Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) at Macquarie University and NSW President. She now sits on the AUJS Board and works for Stand Up. Avia is presenting at Young Limmud.



Yuli Dar

Yuli attended Emanuel School and was an active member of Hachonim Dror throughout her youth and then as a Madricha. She completed Shnat with Hachonim Dror in 2008. Yuli participated in the Naomi Chazan Fellowship in 2016-17. She has a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and in her practice as a registered psychologist she works with adults dealing with anxiety and depression.



Justin Doobov

Justin is Managing Director, Intelligent Finance, a prominent Australian mortgage broker.

Upcoming Events

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We would love you to join us for "Comedy for a Cause" – a night of comedy here at School on Saturday 19 August organised by our School P&F. Bookings are now open: www.comedyforacause.net/ES See the poster below for more details. Did you know that **Jen Opit, nee Reiner** ('95), now a current parent, is Co-President of the P&F?

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Our 2017 Senior Chamber Choir and Alumni Choir Concert will be held on Sunday 27 August. Last year's inaugural event was a spectacular evening of wonderful song. We hope you can join us for this year's concert, either as a singer or part of the audience. For further details, please contact Sonia, or email Adam Majsay, Director of Studies: amajsay@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Emanuel on Social Media



LinkedIn

As we update our Emanuel School LinkedIn page, 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. We now have over 620 members. Please join if you are not a member as yet, and stay in touch. Check it out and feel free to post on this page if you want to connect with other alumni and/or just let us know what you are up to. This page is yours and we would love to hear from you. Here is the link to join:

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

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: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Emanuelshuk/>



Mother's Day Classic

On Sunday 14 May, 40 members of the Emanuel School Striders Team including alumni, parents, students and grandparents joined forces for the annual Mother's Day Classic, raising just over \$700.00

Comedy for a Cause



Featuring comedians
from Sydney & Melbourne
International Comedy Festival

In Support of:

Emanuel School

Saturday August 19
The Lehrer Family Building
Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) – Emanuel School
Tickets \$35 at: comedyforacause.net/ES
18+ Only



David Gwilliam and Jazz Ensemble

Jazz on the Hill

We couldn't have asked for better weather the day we held our 2017 Jazz on the Hill. Children, parents and grandparents came to School the afternoon of Sunday 26 March, armed with picnic rugs and chairs, to sit on The Hill and listen to the talents of so many musicians in our School community – student, staff and alumni jazz ensembles entertained the audience for three full hours – such delight! Vocalist Genevieve Goldman (Year 11) accompanied by mum Michelle on keyboard and dad David on guitar was the opening act and oh boy, did she wow the audience!

There are so many people to thank for all their efforts in making Jazz on the Hill 2017 such a fabulous event:

David Gwilliam, Head of Music and ALL the musicians – student ensembles, staff jazz band and alum jazz ensemble “33 Degrees”.

Teachers, administration and maintenance staff and student volunteers, who helped set up, man and supervise the many activities provided for primary-aged students, including Lego Robotics, Dodge ball, cartooning workshop, “Puppetoon” – a puppet show by Phillip Einfeld, father of alumni **Adam Einfeld**, Rebecca Di Veroli and Della Shandler, a Science extravaganza show organised through Fizzics Education, and led on the day coincidentally, by alumnus **Kiri Simon** ('04), and our ever-popular creative Razzle Dazzle arts & craft.

Our Year 11 Hospitality students who, together with Lara Ephron, Head of Design & Technology and assistant Claudia Bloom, prepared and sold some of the yummiest food!

One parent said: “As I sat with friends and family on our picnic blanket at Jazz on the Hill just a few months ago, I thought “wow” as I marvelled at all the music talent showcased on the day and how much this means to me, my family and to the whole School community! What a very special community we belong to”.

We couldn't have held Jazz on the Hill without a coffee cart – thank you **Justin Model** ('01), of Mugg Shot Coffee (www.mugshotcoffee.com) for being our barista extraordinaire.



L to R: Georgia Linetsky, Daniella Gold, Madeleine Weinstein, Kiara Rosen-Tal, Gal Cohen Kvatinsky, Lara Ephron, Amber Sawicki, Liron Smith, Shai Stern and Romy Berson



Genevieve (Evie) Goldman with Michelle and David



Staff Jazz Ensemble



33 Degrees and friends



Justin Model in action

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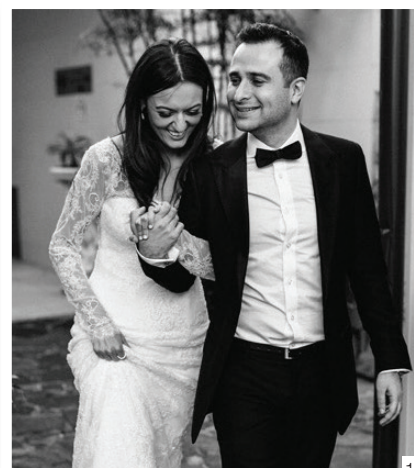
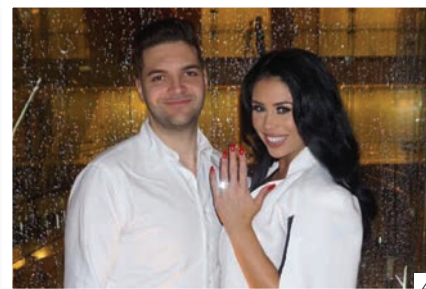
Engagements

- Hezki Symonds ('04) and Cecilia Waugh
- David Mizrahi ('05) and Carla Wainer (1) Photo by Sarah Robuck ('05)
- Ellie Schneider ('07) and Kobi Bloom (2)
- Eliza Sevitt ('07) and Alan Harca ('03) (3)
- Filea Tsapepas ('08) and Steve Scarone (4)
- Sonia Isaacs ('11) and Matthew Underwood

Weddings

- Adam Ezekiel ('07) and Hilary Scandrett 18 December 2016 (5)
- Natalie Vasin ('99) and Nick Gainsley 30 December 2016 (6)
- Max Rosin-Melser ('04) and Karina Aivazian 6 January 2017
- Chaz Heitner ('01) and Sharri Markson 8 January 2017
- Anna Guth ('05) and Ryan Hoffman 5 March 2017 (7)
- Adrian Elterman ('06) and Carla Gorban 19 March 2017 (8)
- Cara Black ('06) and Michael Antonelli 22 April 2017 (9)
- Rikki Phillips ('09) and Tegan Melkman 23 April 2017 (10)
- Alan Biller ('04) and Genevieve Rosen 11 June 2017 (11)
- Adam Finger ('00) and Loren Blumgart 11 June 2017

HAVE SOME NEWS TO SHARE?...
Send us the details and share it with your fellow Alumni



Births

- **Oleg ('96) and Victoria Feldman**
Joshua Nathan on 26 August 2016, brother to Samuel and Allen (12)
- **Steve Saul ('92) and Melissa Merran-Saul**
Emmalyn Saul, born 19 October 2016 (13)
- **Lara (Kemeny) '98 and Anthony Pitt**
Cooper, born December 2016, brother to Lachlan
- **Louise (Glance) '01 and Jared Chiert**
Madeleine Jade, born 8 January 2017, sister to Olivia (14)
- **Brooke (Selby) '04 and Petros Rigopoulos**
a baby boy, born 6 February 2017
- **Lara (Shneider) '02 and Jarred Shein**
Emma Sky, born 15 February 2017 (15)
- **Luda (Kroiter) '00 and Matt Wilson**
Hunter, born 3 March 2017, brother to Mia (16)
- **Benjamin ('01) and Deborah Kessly**
Miya, born 5 March, sister to Eliora and Dahlia (17)
- **Helen (Dobrinsky) '00 and Ashley Hubban – Annika**
Marcie, born 13 April 2017, sister to Josh (18)
- **Nicole (Vasin) '97 and Jeremy Unger – Bailey,** born 24 April 2017, brother to Ashley and Jesse (19)
- **Ariane (Boxall) '05 and Asher Lazar**
Isac Nathan, born 29 April 2017 (20)
- **Jesse ('04) and Carly (Fenton) Levy**
Michal Lena, born 3 May 2017 (21)
- **Michelle (Drexler) '00 and Paul Levitt**
Sam Jacob, born 11 May, brother to Maya (22)
- **Jennifer (Lewis) '06 and James Lambert**
Monte, born 15 May 2017 (23)
- **Sara Beth and Shannon Selby ('01)**
Marley Jane, born 27 May 2017 (24)
- **Julie Drexler ('98) and Andy Stone**
Aaron Jacob Stone, born 20 June 2017 (25)
- **Terri Milunsky Ruiz ('01) and Seb Ruiz – Camilla**
Ruiz, born 22 June 2017, sister to Emma (26)
- **Mishi (Fox) '93 and Adam Lindenfox**
Raziel Lindenfox, born 24 June 2016, in Israel, brother to Kai (27)
- **Della (Einfeld) '05 and Greg**
Shandler – Jacob Charlie, born 27 June 2017 (28)
- **Fiona and Cody Aaron ('05) –**
Mackenzie Demi Carla, born 10 July, sister to Felicity (29)
- **Greg Weisz ('90) and Jane Sebel**
Lily Tova Weisz, born 11 July 2017



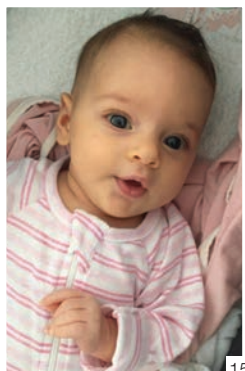
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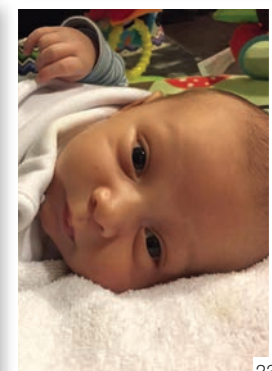
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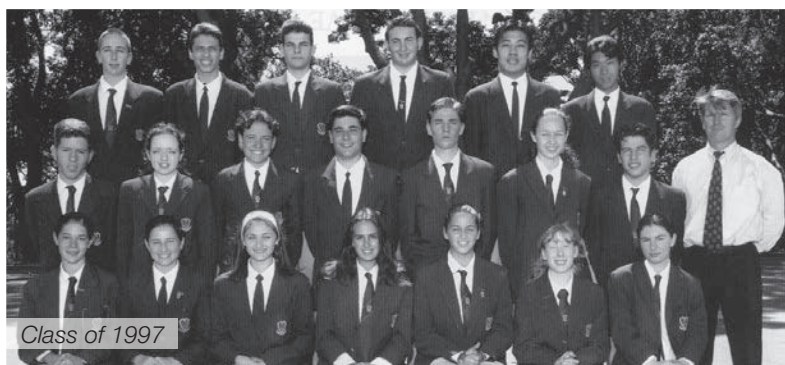
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Class of 1992



Class of 1997



Class of 2002



Class of 2007



Class of 2012

Is 2017 the year for your School Reunion?

Yes it is if you finished Year 12 in 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007 or 2012.

- The Class of 1992 will hold their 25-year reunion on Wednesday 1 November. We hope you can make it. Details will be out soon. Thank you to Jonathon Feller for getting the ball rolling.
- Paul Hadida has put up his hand to help reconnect with his peers from the Class of 1997 for their 20-year reunion.
- Aiden Levy and Gena Been (Rosenberg) have some great ideas for the Class of 2002 15-year reunion, although no date has yet been set.
- Thank you to Maddy Kinlay and Micky Beaudouin from the Class of 2012 for their help to get their five-year reunion organised. Stay tuned for the date and venue.
- We are still looking for one or two volunteers from the Class of 2007 to help get your reunion organised. Please let me know if you would like to help: 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.

Where are some of our Alumni now?

Sam Bookatz Class of 2007

"Immediately after finishing Year 12 I started working as a waiter to save for my year abroad. I completed the 'shnat' leadership program with Habonim Dror, which consisted of four months studying in Jerusalem, two months on a kibbutz, and three months volunteering and living in an urban commune in Akko. I then led on the month-long Habo summer camp in South Africa (at the same campsite in Hermanus which my mother attended as a teenager) and spent another month travelling in South Africa. I returned to Australia to commence my term of being a 'boger' (senior counsellor) at Habo, got whatever jobs I could find (as a private tutor, nanny and BJE Jewish scripture teacher at an assortment of inner-west primary schools) and prepared for my 5-year degree.

I did indeed follow my field of study at the time. I wanted to be a lawyer, specifically a corporate lawyer, from about the age of 13, and even completed my volunteer work experience in Year 10 at one of the top-tier firms in Sydney. So I was delighted to be accepted into Arts/Law at Sydney University (although I was somewhat less delighted to actually study law....I did, however, love the BA component of the double-degree, finishing with a First in English Literature).

I travelled extensively throughout my degree, spending most of the semesters dreaming about and saving up for (or paying back credit card bills from previous) elaborate overseas trips every break. I travelled through North, Central and South America, Europe, China, South-east Asia and the Pacific Islands. I also spent a semester on exchange at the Bucerius International Law School in Hamburg, Germany. And of course, I moved to London to take up my 'dream job' at a 'magic circle' law firm (one of the largest in the world), at the beginning of 2015, which was preceded and followed by overseas adventures.

As for my fondest memories of Emanuel School, it might sound a tad too idyllic, but I have exceedingly fond memories of walking along the third level corridor of the Brender Moss Building, alone, getting lost in the view, especially on clear winter days, (an effect so mesmerising it would often make me late for Birkat Hamazon). I also loved all the excitement and ritual around the Jewish holidays, especially Purim and Shavuot. I also had an odd liking for Tuesday afternoon assemblies (odd because most people didn't).

Before this year the number of friends from School that I kept in touch with had sadly diminished to one, partially as a result of living abroad. But I made a concerted effort when I was back to see what the rest of my old chums were up to, and I was delighted to discover how many of them have turned into really substantial, interesting adults, engaged in extremely worthwhile endeavours.



What is my current occupation?

That's a good question. It's not a corporate lawyer. To make a long story short, my 'dream job' turned

out to be a complete nightmare, but a rather revelatory nightmare. It was so illuminatingly nightmarish that I resigned after 18 months to dedicate my life to turning the whole experience into a 'dystopian camp' novel. I've been writing full-time since February and now have a series of non-fiction works published on my website www.sambookatz.com, one of which "Unmedicated", a 'short-form online psychiatric memoir' that chronicles the ups and downs of my mental health between the ages of 15 and 26, has achieved a considerable degree of public, and even a smidgen of critical and industry, attention. So I suppose my current occupation is a writer, although no-one is paying me for it (yet, although members of the public can indeed do so by supporting the crowdfunder of The City – see below). My interests are quite pretentious and predictable for someone posturing as a writer – literature, art, theatre, current affairs, philosophy and travel. I like taking photos. I've recently gotten very into yoga and meditation, and since I was a teenager, I've been quite keen on exercise. I suppose they could count as hobbies, though for me they've been more survival mechanisms.

Where do I want to be in 10 years' time? I really can't say. If the next 10 years are going to be anywhere near as unpredictable as the last 3, anything could happen. Two years ago, I never would have thought I would be walking away from the illustrious career for which I had strived since I could remember to become an obscure vagabond writer. Six months ago, I never would have thought that I'd achieve any degree of success from my writing, especially not as soon as I have. But...if I'm going to let myself be reprehensibly starry-eyed for a moment, in 10 years I'd love to have had a couple of books on the New York Times best-selling list and at least one having been turned into a film. There you go, I've just set myself up for disappointment."

If you would like to read some of Sam's writing, learn more about his personal and literary journey, and support the crowdfunding campaign for his debut novel *The City*, described by the author as "a dystopian-camp anthem for a new generation of disillusioned Bright Young Things – at the same time a cross between 1984, American Psycho, Absolutely Fabulous and Ulysses, and like nothing you've read before" by pre-ordering a copy, please visit his Kickstarter page at www.kck.st/2tjB6lG or his online writing portfolio at www.sambookatz.com

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

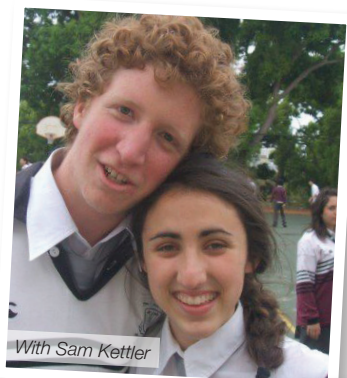
Where are some of our Alumni now? continued

Yuli Dar

Class of 2007

"After finishing Year 12 at the end of 2007, I went to Israel on Shnat with Habonim Dror. This was a year-long learning and volunteering trip. I had a very interesting, challenging and entertaining year!

I did end up following my field of study. During my gap year I went back and forth between Psychology and Journalism/creative writing. However when I returned from Israel my plan was to study psychology. I had wanted to be a psychologist since I was 12 years old knowing very little about what it actually entailed. It was a long 6 years of study (spread out over 8 years). I graduated from UNSW with a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) and last year I finally graduated from UTS with a Master of Clinical Psychology. I am pleased to say



that my childhood whim was correct and working as a psychologist is the perfect job for me.

You'll have to bear with me about my travels because there have been a few overseas trips since High School, so here goes:

2008 – Israel, Poland, Thailand; 2010 – India; 2012 – Israel, Spain, Italy, England, Holland, Germany; 2013 – Thailand; 2014 – Israel; 2015 – Mexico, Belize, Cuba, US; 2016 – Israel.

My fondest memories of Emanuel School are of English classes with Mr Alvarado – the countless movies, songs and funny stories that we all shared. Ms Keeling, Mr Smith and Avital Brown's classes also feature fondly in my memories.

Yes I am in touch with my group of friends from School – they are still my closest friends.

I recently got my first job as a registered psychologist. I am working at Mindspot which offers online and telephone treatment courses to adults dealing with depression and anxiety. I am loving it so far. My interests and passions revolve around wellbeing. I love learning about the mind, body, psychology, resilience and mindfulness. I regularly go to meditation classes and have adopted a daily meditation practice of my own. I like getting involved and volunteering within the community and community events.

I hope that in 10 years' time I am a happy and compassionate person surrounded by friends and family, with kids of my own; that I am a confident and skilled psychologist with my own practice. I would also love to be Emanuel's school psychologist."

Guy Fenton

Class of 2009

"After finishing Year 12 in 2009 I knew I wanted to apply to university programs for the following year. I decided to apply for a Bachelor of Medical Sciences at UNSW. Before starting I did some ski instructing training in Canada for the 2009-10 season, and the season after I got another ski instructing qualification in America. It was fun to do in my uni breaks!

For my HSC a couple of my subjects were in the sciences – Biology and Chemistry. I wanted to follow on by choosing my Bachelors degree. I also spent a fourth year at UNSW completing a first class Honours research thesis, during which I got experience helping to develop new anti-cancer drugs and stem cell therapies. There are many career paths now open to me in the field of biology and health sciences.

I love travelling, usually to ski. During my uni breaks I spent time skiing in Canada, America, Australia and New Zealand. I'm lucky that my parents love travelling too, so more recently I've tagged along with them to Africa and South America. Last year was



my first trip to Europe, and next on my list is Asia for the end of 2017 because I've never been there before but I know that Japan has great snow and sushi (two of my favourite things)!

It is impossible for me to pinpoint a single fondest memory of my time at School. Overall I feel a strong connection to Emanuel because I was there since Year K for 13 years! (Except for when I went to Moriah for Year 7 – whoops...) I have such fond memories of all the amazing teachers. I really enjoyed my chemistry classes, and learning drama with Sam Bauer. The music events and performances were also so much fun. Perhaps I can remember the rare moments I would misbehave, as I was generally a good boy at school. Playing the

game 'Icy Tower' on our computer while the teacher wasn't watching, or putting sticky note tags on the back of a friend sitting in front of me without them noticing. I also brought this little Nemo toy into school one day (I think in Year 8) and it lit up when you squeezed it – it drove my maths teacher crazy and she confiscated it. Of

course there are also the moments when I got some praise for being a good student! I remember one Year 8 history assignment, where we had to make a video on the White Australia Policy. My group's video was the best of the class, and because I was the editor I won a giant Miss Green MnM toy. A cash prize would have been better, but I felt very proud of this work and still have the toy sitting on my bedroom cabinet today!

With social media it makes it easy to feel 'connected' to so many. But in reality there are only a small number of people from School whom I see from time to time, and only a few I see regularly. This is just part of life after school as people have to travel, and it becomes harder to see each other a lot. The amazing thing though with my Emanuel

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friends is that time never seems to change anything – we could catch up after 6 months and it feels like yesterday we were last hanging out!

While studying I also gained experience working as a biomedical research assistant. Working in the lab was an amazing experience, and I also got the chance to tutor science and medical students. I grew to love educating but wanted to gain some other experiences after finishing university in 2013. I decided to undertake some short TV presenting and film production courses. My goal has been to get involved with factual programs. I have gained experience working as a travel presenter for an American web-series, a weather presenter for the Australian network Prime7, taken on commercial presenting roles, and have some other roles coming up later this year. I have a lot of other interests that I try to pursue on the side, and as someone who doesn't want any regrets, I try to do as much as I can manage. A couple of years ago I thought– is there anything I liked when I was a kid that I haven't done anything about? I like animals! So I joined a volunteer organisation called Sydney Wildlife to start helping rescue and rehabilitate native animals. Last year I also started doing some casual work at the Sydney Aquarium giving talks on sea creatures. I've tried many different jobs but working for the aquarium has been one of the most fun!

I anticipate that I will keep presenting on a casual basis. I like to always learn new things, especially at this stage, so I recently decided to undertake a business course that might tie my interests and skills together. I have just been accepted into a part-time MBA program at UNSW. I think it is hard to look ahead 5, let alone 10 years – the world seems to keep changing so fast. There are many roles in biotechnology companies, pharmaceuticals and healthcare, and I think I would like to be involved in one of these industries in the future."

Back to School

Joshua Moses ('10) started working here earlier this year as a part-time casual High School teacher across a variety of subjects, whilst **Donny Janks** ('12) started this term as a part-time member of the High School Jewish Life team, assisting with planning and running Jewish Life activities for in-class experiential learning and also for festivals and other commemorative days.



FROM THE VAULT

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD SCHOOL PHOTOS THAT YOU WOULD LOVE TO SHARE?

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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.

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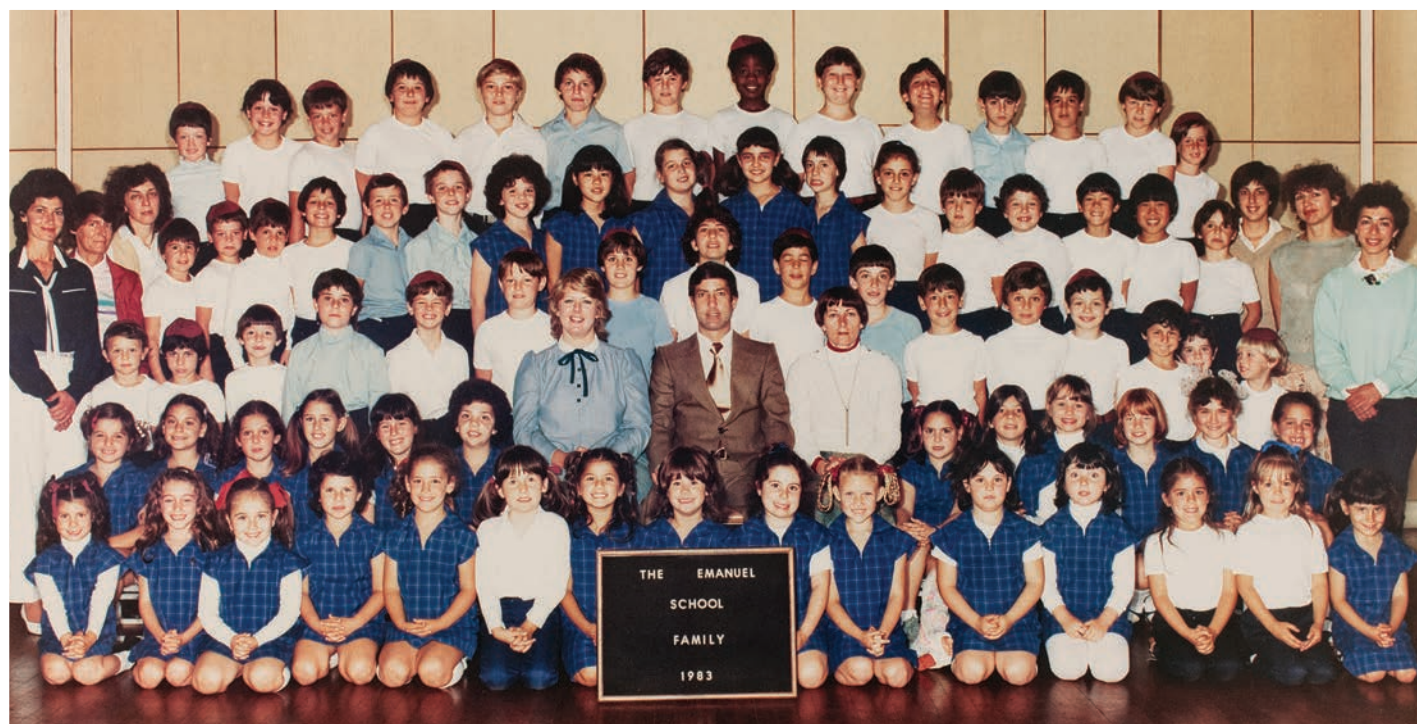
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The Emanuel School Family 1983

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 Freney, Ronnie Aron, Ari Marks, Christian Charnas, Yonaton Miller, Ben Donally, Ronen Stolar.
- 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.

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