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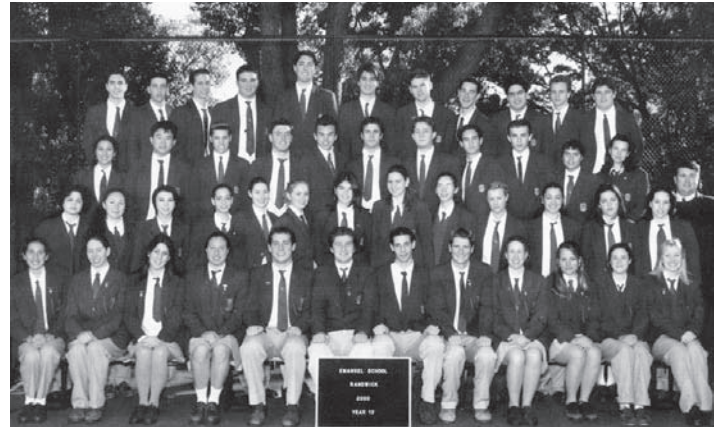
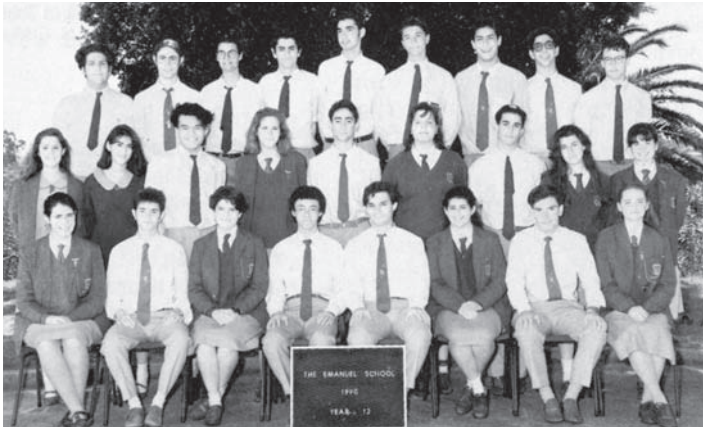
Old Scholars'

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Coming Events for 2010

Dates to be confirmed:

- Class of 1990 – 20 year reunion
- Class of 1995 – 15 year reunion
- Class of 2000 – 10 year reunion
- Class of 2005 – 5 year reunion

If you are a graduate from any of these classes, and are interested in helping to organise your reunion please contact Emanuel School Development Officer, Sonia Newell at snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au



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Message from the Principal

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Principal of Emanuel School, your 'alma mater'.

Each of you will have had different experiences during your years at Emanuel School, when you engaged in the many opportunities available and interacted with other students and teachers.

Sometimes it's only after you leave school that you put the whole experience into perspective.

Emanuel has grown and developed in its 27 years of existence into a mature school that has the confidence of the community. I am very proud to be its Principal and will strive to continue its traditions and mission to provide a wonderful educational experience for our children and young adults. To me important aspects of a school are the personal and individual growth in 'Mind, Spirit, Being' (Emanuel's motto), the joy of learning new things, the understanding that learning continues throughout life and the collaboration in working with others towards the greater good.

I hope that you remember your school days positively, as a great time in your lives, and that you stay in touch with us as you continue your life journey. I would like to extend a warm invitation to each of you to come back to Emanuel School to view some of the new facilities and changes while you catch up with some of your former teachers.

Best wishes
Anne Hastings



Update from the Board

We are delighted that all members of the Board who stood for election, have been appointed to the new Board,

which comprises Jonathan Sesel as Chairman, David Nathan as President, Anthony Holman as Vice-President, Anthony Kahn as Treasurer, Debbie Rutstein as Secretary, Shira Sebban, Anita Kornmehl, Shimon Parker and Rodney Brender.

We have extracted some highlights of the President's Report delivered at the AGM:-

"The School has continued to go from strength to strength with enrolments at near capacity comprising 760 students from Preschool to Year 12.

The School's substantial building program has focused on bringing the facilities to a level that will make the learning environment an optimal one for students and teachers alike. In particular I would like to specifically acknowledge the contribution of Aron Kleinlehrer who has been a longstanding supporter of our school. His generosity coupled with the Federal Government's stimulus packages is enabling us to complete our newest and most ambitious building project for some time."

Our Principal Anne Hastings has been honoured by being invited to Chair the NSW Board of Studies K-10 Mathematics Board Curriculum Committee, which will not only advise the NSW Minister of Education on the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics but will also ensure Emanuel School is best positioned to support our students in achieving excellence in Mathematics. When the final Australian Curriculum is received from ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting

Authority) towards the end of the year, this committee will also advise the NSW Board of Studies on its implementation.

Five staff members from the Kornmehl Centre Emanuel Pre-school joined 380 participants from 21 countries around the world in April at an important conference in Italy, reflecting our ongoing commitment to the Reggio Emilia philosophies. The Kornmehl team will be implementing a number of new teaching concepts to ensure we remain at the forefront of education. The Board acknowledges the generosity of long-time benefactor Paul Kornmehl for funding this trip.

This year has seen tremendous progress on our journey to improve our facilities. Recently completed projects and those soon to be completed include:

- Significant expansion and refurbishment of the Wolanski Family Learning Centre (completed)
- Rebuilding of the Northern (Peace Park) boundary wall (completed)
- Landscaping at the Kornmehl Pre-school (completed)
- Refurbishment of the Staff Work Area (completed)
- Pergola over the landscaped area near the Avoca Street gate (to be completed in the July school holidays)
- New four storey Science and Primary Library Building. Our most significant project is progressing well and is expected to be open on schedule for the start of the 2011 school year.
- Permanent Avoca Street wall replacement. We are still waiting for Council Approval, but assuming this is approved as planned, we expect to have this project completed during the December school holidays.

David Nathan,
President

Jonathan Sesel,
Chairman

What are some of our Old Scholars doing now?

Yotam Weiner ('98)

Yotam has joined the Staff of Emanuel School as a Jewish Studies teacher.



- *What did you do on leaving school?*
After I left school I travelled to Israel with Habonim Dror for a year, then started a BA at UNSW majoring in Philosophy and Sociology. After two years I transferred to Latrobe University (in Melbourne) and finished my degree there. I then completed my Dip Ed in Primary Teaching at Monash University and worked for two years at Narre Warren South P-12 College. I then travelled to London where I worked for two years teaching primary level classes at various schools. Upon my return to Sydney, I worked in the Turkish Muslim School, Sule College for one year, where I was a Primary teacher and I also helped with ESL and remedial English. Now I am at Emanuel School!
- *What did you do while overseas beside work?*
During my two year stay in London, I travelled in Europe. The highlight of my travels was a visit to the Berlin Jewish Museum. I have been back to Europe a number of times since.
- *Are you still in touch with your group of friends from school?*
Yes – Eve Guerry, Irena Bass (nee Flashsterstein), Miriam Raphael.
- *What are your hobbies/interests?*
Kite surfing, exercise and Bondi Beach.
- *Where do you want to be in ten years' time?*
Working as a teacher in Sydney, still enjoying Bondi Beach!
- *What is your fondest memory of your time at school?*
Discussing (arguing!) controversial topics in HSIE classes.



Yotam at Emanuel in 1997 (above), and now in 2010 (right).

Miriam Raphael ('98)

- *What did you do after leaving school?*
I studied Journalism at UTS and did a year at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. After six months I decided to work as an intern at JPost Radio, part of the Jerusalem Post, one of the original Internet radio stations.
- *Did you follow your field of study at the time?*
Yes – straight into a job as a producer at SBS radio for two years...
- *Have you done any overseas travel?*
In 2003 I successfully applied for a job as an author for Lonely Planet. This turned into three years of full time travel. I updated the Turkey, Greece and Israel guidebooks and a pile of regional Australia books. I lived in London for six months and travelled extensively throughout the Middle East including Syria and Iran. I just updated the Israel and Palestinian Territories guide for the second time in May last year.
- *Are you still in touch with your group of friends from school?*
Not so much... mainly through Facebook! I lived with Sarah Pike a few years ago in Sydney, and caught up with Aviva Reed in Tasmania last year. I have seen Yotam Weiner a lot recently as he is friends with my fiancée, Marcel Zimet. They were all invited to our wedding in Alice Springs last month, so that was a good catch up. Funnily enough, Marcel's cousin (and best friend) is married to Danielle Warren, who was in the year above me, so I get to see her a lot!
- *What is your current occupation?*
I have been working as a journalist at the Centralian Advocate, the local paper in Alice Springs since we moved here in July last year, but I'm about to become a spin doctor for the Northern Territory Department of Health. Think CJ from the West Wing....
- *What made you move to the NT?*
I haven't lived in Sydney since 2006 when I moved down to Melbourne for a permanent job with Lonely Planet. Melbourne is definitely "home" now, though I am enjoying the NT! Marcel is



a pediatrician and he got a job in Alice Springs because he was keen to work in Indigenous health and I was keen for an adventure.

- *How did you meet Marcel and will a Rabbi marry you? Is it easy being Jewish in Alice Springs?*
Marcel and I met in Israel at the Hebrew University! We were the only two Australian students. We later shared a house in Melbourne (I lived there briefly in 2003) but remained friends until 2007 when I was living in Melbourne again. Rabbi Gersh Zylberman from Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne is coming to Alice for the wedding. We actually have a handful of Jewish friends living here and had a fantastic Channukah party in December!
- *Where do you want to be in ten years' time?*
Not in the suburbs.
- *Do you have any ideas on where you might like to be?*
Really I have no idea.
- *What is your fondest memory of your time at school and why?*
Everything. I loved my time at Emanuel. My fondest memory is probably hanging out with "the boys", Andrew and Andrew and David and David, driving around in Dolnikov's car, reading Isaac Bashevis Singer, listening to Will Oldham and generally being a pretentious 17-year-old. I also loved geography class – I was the only student! The other day I remembered that Greg Segal and I promised that if we weren't married by 40, we would marry each other. That made me laugh.

Miriam at Emanuel in 1998 (above left), and at her wedding in 2010 (above right).

Check out the Emanuel School Randwick Alumni Facebook page

Staying in Touch

Births

- Rebecca (Hardie), '92 and Derek Pal, Aaron Wilmers
- Rebekah and Jack Malki ('93), Tico Jonathan
- Iveta and Jacob Nadas ('94), Miriam
- Nicole (Prager), '94 and Zev Friedman, Lila Noa
- Lisa (Ross) '95 and Brett Strous, Kayla
- Jasmin (Streimer), '95 and Daniel Bando, Layla Jade
- Daniella Warren ('97) and Andrew Millingen, Hannah Layla
- Eve Guerry ('98) and Toffee Foltyn, Lily Sara
- Stacey and Greg Segal ('98), Talia
- Naomi and Ari Shammay ('02), Isaac Benjamin

Engagements

- Jeanine Prager ('00) and Ben Blachere
- Avital Vitenberg ('00) and Brad Melman
- Michele Solomons ('01) and Bruce Levine
- Gary Poslinsky ('02) and Tammie Werner



Marriages

- Oleg Feldman ('96) and Victoria Sazlavski
- Miriam Raphael ('98) and Marcel Zimet *(right)*
- Ari Feller ('00) and Michelle Gubanyi
- Danielle Lewis ('01) and Josh Wakerman
- Kim Ruttenberg ('02) and Guy Klamer ('00) *(top right of page)*
- Ilana Waxman ('04) and Adam Symonds ('99) *(above)*

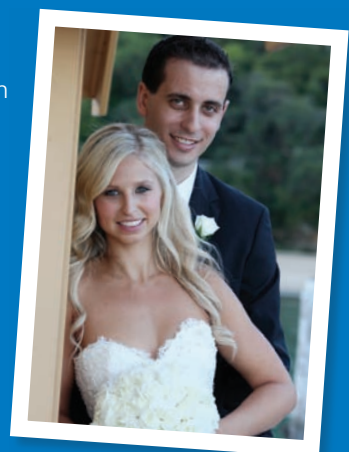


New Business Ventures

- Vadim Shvartsfeld ('00) is the Director of Crossfire Motorcycles, a company that imports Pit Bikes, Petrol Motorcycles, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) as well as Parts and Accessories, with a supplier network across the Globe. For further details, call Vadim on (02) 9602 5912. Check out the website www.crossfiremotorcycles.com

On the Move

- Miriam Raphael ('98) has been living in Alice Springs since July 2009 when she moved there with her now husband Marcel Zimat, a paediatrician. See her interview in this newsletter.
- Avi Orski ('03) moved to Atlanta in early May.
- Daniel Rappoport ('03) now lives in Canberra.
- Laurence Braude ('06) moves to the USA in August to take up a 4 year scholarship at North-Eastern University, Boston to study and play soccer.



Other News of Interest

- Jamie Hilton ('97) has produced The Waiting City, a feature film set in India starring Radha Mitchell, Joel Edgerton and Isabel Lucas. "It's a love story about a married couple checking back in with themselves and each other" says Hilton "they go to India to adopt a child, but this film is not about adoption, it's about marriage and connection" A recent review states "This is a film that understands and deeply respects the cycles of life, love, death and renewal. A perfectly realised film featuring eloquent performances from the lead actors and shimmering cinematography". Michael Yeszerski, renowned Jewish composer scored the film which was directed by Claire McCarthy. The film premiered at Toronto International Film Festival to rave reviews and hits cinemas nationally on July 15th through Hopscotch films. www.thewaitingcity.com.au
- Shaun Greenblo ('03) and Jonathan Symonds ('06) are members of the Maccabi Kings who recently won the City of Sydney Basketball Division One grand final.
- Leah Grolman ('08) won the Law Society of NSW Prize for best performing student in Stage 1 of the Bachelor of Laws programme.

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.

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



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