



EMANUEL SCHOOL

Old Scholars'

# NEWS

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Class of 2000

## Class Reunions

The Class of 1990 20 Year Reunion held on 11 September at Bondi Social.

The Class of 2000 10 Year Reunion held on 22 October at the London Tavern, Paddington.



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# Message from the Principal

Dear Ex-students of Emanuel School

While I did not have the pleasure of knowing each of you personally, this year as I learn more about Emanuel School I have come to understand the impact that this school and its teachers would have made on you over the time that you were here. Its strong feeling of caring and belonging, sense of social justice and *Tikkun Olam*, and the encouragement of each student to achieve his or her best while they are involved in a wide range of opportunities, all contribute to the development of individuals who are effective Jewish, Australian and global citizens.

I look forward to hearing more of your experiences, contributions and achievements. You will always have a strong connection with Emanuel School. Please stay in touch with us. I hope that you have a restful and enjoyable break over the holiday period.

*Mrs Anne Hastings*



# Update from the Board

Dear Friends,

The Board of the School has been hard at work preparing the budget and working on a strategic plan for the next five years. We are always keen to keep doing the things we are doing right and improve on those areas where the opportunity arises.

Of great delight is the eagerly anticipated opening of the Kleinlehrer Family Science Building. This will house new science laboratories and a new primary library. This is due for an official opening in the beginning of 2011.

We hope you will all get the opportunity over the next year to visit the school and see these new learning spaces in action.

It was of particular sadness that we farewelled Paul Kornmehl recently. He was a great contributor to the school in so many ways and his presence will be sadly missed.

We wish you all a safe break and a happy new year.

*David Nathan,*  
*President*

*Jonathan Sesel,*  
*Chairman*

Seeking help.....do you own or work in a business that might be suitable for Work Experience for our Year 10 students? Next year's dates are 12 to 16 September 2011. If you would like further information or can help with this request, please contact Sonia on 8383 7350 or [snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)

# Class Reunions



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# Staying in Touch

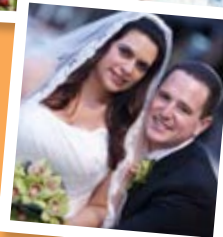
## Births

- Yasmin (Moddel) ('98) and Brad Goldberg – Benjamin Harry, 10 August
- Justin ('90) and Annaleise Doobov – Micaela, 31 October
- Simon ('93) and Candice Palmer – Sami Ari, 1 November



## Engagements

- Aliza Denenberg ('00) and Adam Hofbauer
- Candy Falkoff ('00) and Dean Weinbren
- Michelle Drexler ('00) and Paul Levitt



## Marriages

- Jacqueline Streimer ('97) and Adam Perl
- Daniel Moddel ('98) and Ilana Wahnou (*2nd from top right*)
- Eve Guerry ('98) and Toffee Foltyn (*top right*)
- Michele Solomons ('01) and Bruce Levine (*bottom right*)
- Lisa Shapiro ('01) and David Greenberg ('01) (*2nd from bottom right*)
- Russell Gordon ('01) and Debbie Marczak



## New business ventures

- Esther Barnett (Mentz) '91 and husband Davon launched Crazy Cubbys in July this year. Based in Adelaide, they manufacture and sell cubby houses for children from toddlers to six or seven years of age. For more information contact Esther on 0439 590 210 [www.crazycubbys.com.au](http://www.crazycubbys.com.au) or [sales@crazycubbys.com.au](mailto:sales@crazycubbys.com.au)
- Natalie Glance ('03) is the new salon owner of Koosh Hair (Shop 1/85 Glenayr Avenue, North Bondi, Ph 9130 1117). She has created a young and vibrant feel to the hairdressing world in a classy yet very affordable hair salon. With five young but experienced stylists, Koosh Hair offers a wide range of hair treatments, now expanding their talents to spray tanning and make-up artists, including her sister Louise Glance ('01).

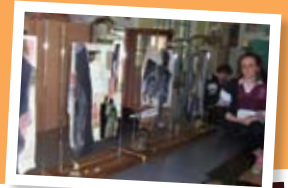
## On the move

- Dana and Gil Baum ('97) now live in Israel.
- Tami Gadir ('02) moved to Edinburgh in August for a two year M. Phil thesis in Music at the University of Edinburgh under the supervision of Professor Simon Frith, a musicologist and sociologist.
- Marco Pin ('07) will spend a year in Italy, commencing his studies at Bologna University mid January 2011. He is in his 4th Year of Sports Management and International Studies at UTS, majoring in Italian (through Sydney University).

## Other news of interest

- Justin Doobov ('90) is Managing Director of INTELLIGENT Finance Mortgage Brokers which was ranked the top independent mortgage broker recently by Mortgage Professional Australia magazine.

- Eve Guerry ('98) has studied Egyptology at Macquarie University for ten years and recently gained her doctorate, specialising in hieroglyphics. She teaches ancient Egyptian religion at Macquarie University and is also a member of the Theban Tombs Project, excavating in Egypt.
- Ben Green ('99) was recently appointed as Group Sales Manager at Fairfax Digital, having previously worked as Sales Manager, Microsoft Advertising for three years.
- The Captain returns!! Kevin Jankelowitz, Head Madrich ('01) has joined forces with Emanuel School to assist the school with its security upgrade.
- Alan Harca ('03) – Principal Director and Editor of JAI Films (a Sydney based, internationally recognized Film and TV production company), has been chosen as one of eight top creative Jewish minds to showcase his work and be celebrated by the community as part of this year's United Israel Appeal Young Leadership (UIAYL) annual social event, Club Culture. Alan has just completed a Masters at AFTRS (Australian Film and Television Radio School).
- Max Rosin-Mesler ('04) has completed his MA in Architecture from the UNSW.
- Robert Binder ('04) completed his Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Law in 2009 at Macquarie University and was admitted as a Solicitor to the Supreme Court of NSW in October this year.
- Two of our Old Scholars – Natalie Adler ('08) and Ben Strum ('09) have their HSC artwork on display at Sydney Jewish Museum as part of the exhibition "A Brush with History":
  - > Natalie's artwork titled 'Imádlak' (*I adore you*), is based on the recollections of her grandmother, Magda Gaspar, who as a teenager in November 1944, survived with her mother with the help of Raoul Wallenberg. Her work incorporates original items, such as her great grandmother's iron, the silver box which Magda received on her 17th birthday, as well as a hairbrush and eyeglasses, purchased as of-the-period props.
  - > Ben's artwork, 'Death Camp – From Majdanek to My Mother', was awarded 7th in the state for Visual Arts. The work draws parallels between two major life experiences: His journey to concentration camps on the March of the Living and the death of his mother from cancer. This sensitive portrayal symbolises his struggle to reconcile his pain, loss and grief with being inspired by the resilience of Holocaust survivors.
- Amy Meyer ('09) won the Junior Sportswoman of the Year award announced recently by Maccabi Australia (MIA). She also won the Nahum Opit Memorial Trophy Junior Sportswoman of the Year and Mick Brandon Sportswoman of the Year at the NSW Maccabi Awards night. She left her Mum, Kathy, to receive the accolades whilst she is currently on the holiday of a lifetime, taking a well deserved break from the sport that she loves, Judo. On her return from overseas in early 2011 Amy will study Sports Science at Sydney University and continue to compete in Australia and overseas. Amy is hoping to compete for Australia in the Olympics. She was ranked No. 2 in Australia (April 2010) for both Under 48kg Young Women's and Senior Women's division.



# What are some of our Old Scholars doing now?

## Janice Narunsky ('89) Emanuel School's first Head Madricha

**What did you do after leaving school?** I went on Academy straight after HSC, did a tour of Israel for seven weeks and then went to visit family in Cape Town.

**Did you follow your field of study at the time?** I studied Psychology & Sociology at UNSW. Early on, I wanted to be a school psychologist, but was so eager to finish my university studies and join the workforce I decided against doing my honours degree.

**Have you done any more overseas travel?** I backpacked around Europe with four friends after uni for three months. I've been to USA many times since leaving school – I love New York & Las Vegas especially.

**Are you still in touch with your group of friends from school?** Yes, I still keep in touch with a few of my school friends. One friend, Katie Narunsky (nee Levenson) has even become a part of my family (through marriage). I still keep in touch with Lana Burdei (who is currently living & working in London). I also keep in touch with Irina Hayward (nee Rozental).



I bump into Claudia Maman every now & then, and it was great to catch up with Anna Feller (nee Svetlov) at our 20 year reunion last year.

**What is your current occupation?** I work in Banking as a Sales Manager. My career out of university started with Jenny Craig where I ended up working for eight years, originally as a counsellor, and then into training and eventually as a State Manager for four years. I have now been in Banking for five years, and was employed in my role mostly for my experience in Management, although I did work for a small financial services company for a couple of years prior.

**What are your hobbies/interests?** I have four kids at home & work full-time so I don't have much time. But when I have a second you will find me reading. I also love travelling & I begrudgingly make time to go to the gym.

**Where do you want to be in ten years' time?** Working part-time either in my own business or with my husband in his business. Hopefully some of the kids will have left home by then so that I can do more travelling! If I end up working for my husband it will be in his Mortgage Broking company, which is a similar environment to what I am currently doing. If I were to go out on my own...well....the possibilities are endless and I haven't really decided... I have interests in a wide range of possibilities from travel consultancy to life coaching & corporate training.

**What is your fondest memory of your time at school and why?** The last day of Year 12, where each teacher dressed up as a student and put on a skit as part of our farewell. It was hilarious!

## Simon Holloway ('97)

**What did you do after leaving school?** After graduating in 1997, I spent a year in Israel with Habonim Dror. When I returned, I undertook a BA in Communication at UTS and remained a youth leader in Habonim until the end of 2001. Once my degree was finished, I returned to Israel to pursue an interest in Jewish literature.

**Did you follow your field of study at the time?** I didn't know what I was truly interested in until I was almost through with my first degree. It wasn't a great surprise to me (I had always enjoyed Jewish Studies at school), but it was certainly refreshing to know for certain, and to be pursuing it in earnest.

**Have you done any further overseas travel?**

**How long for and where did you travel/study?** I was in Israel from 2002-2003, over which time I studied Hebrew and volunteered with the ambulance service, Magen David Adom. I also spent fourteen months in yeshiva, given that I was very religious for a time. The two yeshivot that I attended, while they both serviced students from non-religious backgrounds, were in Mea Shearim, Jerusalem. It was an interesting time for me.

**Are you still in touch with your group of friends from school?** I am still in touch with some of them, given that several of them were also in Habonim. I am in contact, for example, with Gil Baum (who has since made aliyah with his wife, Dana) and with Daniella Warren (who lives in Melbourne with her husband and beautiful little girl). I am occasionally in touch with Paul Hadida as well, and it was great seeing everybody at the ten year reunion. Amazing that to think that was already three years ago now...

**What is your current occupation?** I am the Director of Education at North Shore Temple Emanuel, but am also doing my PhD in Classical Hebrew and Biblical Studies. Teaching is my greatest passion, and I've succeeded in filling my week with lots of it!

**What are your hobbies/interests?** I am very interested in the Hebrew Bible as literature, as well as what various of its texts can tell us about the world in which Judaism first came to exist, and the process by which that development occurred. I also have a very strong interest in the rabbinic literature (particularly the relationship between the legal *midrashim* and the laws of the *Mishna*). I have the 'grammar bug' and have spent a lot of time studying various ancient languages, which remains both a passion and a hobby for

me. But when I'm not being a nerd, I also enjoy cycling, book-collecting, and films.

**Where do you want to be in ten years' time?** In ten years, I hope I've finished this interminable PhD! I would like to be teaching at a university level, ideally having also completed a "post-doc", and perhaps on the way towards (or having just completed) a rabbinic ordination as well. I am not a religious person, neither in practice nor in faith, but I would like to continue working with the community and demonstrating that a passionate affiliation with Judaism requires neither.

**What is your fondest memory of your time at school and why?** My fondest memory would be of my Year 12 English teachers, who taught me how to appreciate literature while critically deconstructing it! Oh yes, and having hair.



Check out the Emanuel School Randwick Alumni Facebook page

# What are some of our Old Scholars doing now? (continued)

## Genevieve (Genna) Radnan ('09)



Since graduation from Year 12 last year, I left for Kenya and Tanzania for a six week adventure which included two weeks on safari – one week in Kenya and the other in Tanzania. Following this I was in Nairobi City for a few days then Zanzibar for a week. The main purpose of my travels to Africa was to do volunteering. So before heading home my eldest sister Gabby and cousin Sarah came with me to do a volunteering program for two weeks teaching and building. Since then I became

very attached to the community Karunga and decided that once I'd returned to Australia I would save up and go again.



After working a hard five months, I did some fundraising to help me support those needy in the primary school and the community.

In total I raised \$4000. I did this by making bookmarks from the photos I took on safari and sold them for either \$1 or \$2. I also organised a plain clothes day at Emanuel School. I had professional 'scratch and help'

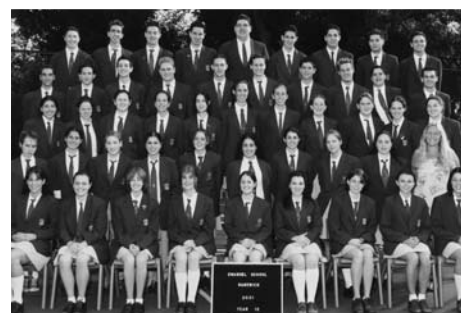


cards made which work as a reverse scratchy. What you scratch is how much you donate. It would either be 50c, \$1, \$2 or \$3. The biggest of all events was a Breakfast my family helped me put on which was \$25 a head. My mother Shana Radnan generously donated all the food and prepared for the guests. I also sent out emails to several companies requesting donations for raffle prizes.

Leaving Sydney on 1 July 2010, I have come back to Kenya to continue with the teaching and building program, where we built a water tank out of bricks and cement and completed two classrooms which I had previously been working on in January earlier this year. Having been back in Kenya now for three months, I have been volunteering in an orphanage called 'New Hope Children's Center Uplands'. There are 130 children varying from the ages of four months to early 20's. I have also been back to visit the Karunga community where I recently found out that the Kindergarten I was working with, no longer belongs to the church which built it, so I have taken it upon myself to try raise funds to build them a new classroom. As they are not part of the primary school, no one looks out for them and their little shack is made from wood and cardboard.

I am still in Kenya for another three months and leave the day after Christmas. I hope to complete the classroom before leaving, as well as make the most of my time in the orphanage.

Following an urgent call for help from Genna for further funds to build the Kindergarten for the Karunga Community, the Emanuel School students and staff have generously donated funds and now the building works can not only go ahead but they can build a bigger classroom than the one Genna first envisaged!



## Coming Events for 2011

Dates to be confirmed:

- Class of 1991 – 20 year reunion
- Class of 1996 – 15 year reunion
- Class of 2001 – 10 year reunion
- Class of 2006 – 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](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au)

Next year the Emanuel School Drama and Music Departments collaborate to bring us an exciting new production, '13 The Musical' on 28, 29 and 30 June 2011 at St Catherine's School, Waverley.

Evan Goldman's life is uprooted when he moves from the excitement and pace of New York to a small town in Indiana.

He has to navigate jocks, cheerleaders and bullies as well as the usual stresses of growing up. Ticket sale details TBA.

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](mailto:snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au) so we can add you to our mailing list.

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