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From the Development Office

Another busy year comes to an end.

It is fantastic to know we have a number of alumni who hold important positions within our community and others who have won prestigious awards – **Jeremy Spinak** ('00) has been elected President of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, **Yotam Weiner** ('98), a former teacher at Emanuel is now the Education Officer at the Sydney Jewish Museum and **Rani Rimmer** ('99) is Football Director, Hakoah Sydney City East Football Club, whilst **Amy Meyer** ('09) won Bronze in Judo (under 48 kg) at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and **Genna Radnan** ('09) is the recipient of the

2014 Ron Castan Humanitarian award in recognition of her work with women and children in Kenya. Gennarosity Abroad (www.gennarosityabroad.org).

We look forward to staying in touch with our alumni and sharing your successes, be it with your studies and/or in the workplace, here in Sydney or anywhere in the world! Please feel free to email me at snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

It has been wonderful to assist some of you with your respective reunions this year – the Class of 1999 celebrated 15 years since leaving School, whilst the Class of 2004 had their ten-year reunion last month, both events being held at The Royal Oak Hotel, Double Bay. Our youngest group to celebrate the milestone

of five years since HSC, the Class of 2009 held their reunion at Lil Darlin, in Darlinghurst – see page 11 for more details and photos.

We welcome our youngest group of alumni – The Class of 2014, (photos below) and encourage you all to become members of our Emanuel Alumni Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/emanuel.oldscholars/

Sonia Newell – Development Officer.



Genna Radnan



Class of 2014



Amy Meyer

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni of Emanuel School,

During this year we have continued to watch with great interest the development of our new building, to which so many of you contributed very generously for our Capital Appeal last year. From the Brender-Moss building and the Art Room courtyard, we have a wonderful view over the developing building and I'm sure that the builders feel like their every move is being watched! We followed the removal of the demountable as every piece was lifted high into the sky and placed on flat-bed semi-trailers (all 16 of them) to be taken away. We watched as each truckload of dirt was taken away and were closely (perhaps too closely) connected to it during the drilling of the bedrock.

Now we are marveling as the building comes out of the ground, level by level. They have recently poured the ground floor and it will quickly take shape from here. Hopefully in July next year, after the Term 2 holidays, we'll return to a completed building and be able to begin using it. It will be the main classroom building for Years 1 – 4, and also house a tiered theatre for 200 people, a leadership, learning and wellness centre, and an art precinct. We are very much looking forward to inviting all our alumni back to the School to see our completed new building next year.

Our musical productions have been wonderful highlights this year. Recently we had the exciting Inter-House Music event in which all High School students performed. You'll remember what a tradition this was even in your time at School. The House Captains arranged the music, choreographed the dancing and also led rehearsals along the way in lunchtimes over many weeks. Supported by the rest of Year 12 2015 and with enthusiastic singing and dancing from the Years 7 – 10 students, the end result of the performances was a real treat to experience. There was a strong spirit of pride, support and collaboration in each House, as well as a measure of friendly competitiveness.

The Primary School Production just recently was another triumphant event that showcased every student from Kindergarten to Year 6. It was a wonderful celebration of song, acting and dance. The children have been rehearsing for months, led by their class teachers and the amazing Music and Drama teachers. Their performances were confident and engaging, and the audience loved the whole show. Everyone walked away from both these evenings with a smile on their faces and great appreciation for the students' and teachers' efforts.

Earlier during the year we had the Nights of Song, Strings and Instrumental Music – all inspiring and entertaining events that showcased the achievements of the students from K – 12 and their teachers. Emanuel School now has 31 different musical ensembles in which students can be involved, from the many rock bands through the small instrumental ensembles to the stage and concert bands. It is also very good to see some of our alumni back working with the students to help them learn their instruments and practise in their ensembles.

I look forward to seeing many of you next year at some of our many community events. Jazz on the Hill, on 15 March, will be a great time to catch up with some of our musical alumni. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday period and new year.

Best wishes

Anne Hastings, Principal



Photo: Ofer Levy



Photo: Ofer Levy



Photo: Ofer Levy



Gesher

Connecting the Emanuel School Community

We are always pleased to see how the whole Emanuel community embraces the life of our School and this newsletter is just one way for us to stay in touch with you, our valued alumni. We love to hear your news and gratefully acknowledge the opportunity you provide for us to share your stories with your peers and with our wider school community. We encourage you to get in touch with us and share your post-school experiences with our current students. We are pleased to be able to support your school reunions and it is exciting to know that we are about to hold our very first 25-year reunion, of the Class of 1989, our first group of students to complete Year 12 at Emanuel School.

A new Gesher initiative this year was our E-Zone event for senior students, where we showcased career stories within our community. We were lucky to have alumnus **Gabi Rein** ('04) as one of the guest speakers, on the topic "How did I get here?". We held another very successful Gesher community Nine and Dine golf event at The Coast Golf Club last month and it was great to see alumni **Leon Elski** ('02) and **Daniel Elison** ('02) play. The number of alumni who are now parents at the School is growing and we are encouraged to see the second generation of Emanuel students coming through. If you finished school here some time ago and would like to see how the campus has changed, we encourage you to get in touch with **Sonia Newell**, our Development Officer who can arrange a site tour.

Our new building works are progressing well – you can see the time-lapse video and progress photos on the School website, www.emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

We wish you and your family a happy *Chanukah*, and look forward to staying in touch in 2015.

Daniel Knoll,
Board member and Chair, Gesher Committee



The Basckin family helps make 2014 a big year for Jewish karate in Australia!

There are very few Jewish Karate competitors who compete at state, national and/or international level, but those who do, including the Basckin brothers, have excelled this year, both at the competitor level and in management. **Michael** ('12) and **Richard** (current Year 12 student) have both represented Australia internationally; their older brother, **Jason** ('09) was the Australian Team Manager to the World University Championships in Montenegro in June, and dad, **Ian** was team manager for the two biggest tours – the USA Open and the Oceania Karate Championship, as well as being the tournament director for the Australian Open and Australian National Championship.

Mazal Tov to the Basckin family on their achievements, and we wish them all the best for 2015.



Staying in Touch

Engagements

- Greg Weisz ('91) and Jane Sebel (1)
- Simon Holloway ('97) and Ariella Symons (2)
- Leora Mucsnik ('02) and Daniel Elison ('02) (3)
- Daniel Faludi ('02) and Lana Krongold ('06) (4)
- Shaun Jankelowitz ('04) and Clemence Wazana (5)
- Mark Lewis ('04) and Hana Khamphounvong (6)
- Della Einfeld ('05) and Greg Shandler (7)
- Alex Richardson ('07) and Carol Zatt

Weddings

- Natalia (Toolie) Fester ('03) and Anthony Jenkins – 29 June 2014
- Roman Meck ('02) and Keren Wahnon – 10 August 2014 (8)
- Terri Milunsky ('01) and Seb Ruiz – 24 August 2014 (9)
- Michelle Streimer ('02) and Tim Rout – 14 September 2014 (10)
- Jes Taylor ('06) and Tim Moreta – 18 October 2014 (11)
- Brooke Selby ('04) and Petros Rigopoulos – 23 November 2014

Births

- Dana and Gil Baum ('97) – Elya, born 10 July 2014 (12)
- Louise (Glance) '01 and Jared Chiert – Olivia Leah, born 20 July 2014 (13)
- Sarah (Ruvinsky) '97 and Alex Lambros – Jed, born 23 July 2014, brother Jax (14)
- Michelle and Ari Feller ('00) – Liam Dan, born 23 July 2014 (15)
- Nicole (Ruttenberg) '99 and Daniel Ungar – Dion Leo, born 5 August 2014, brother to Amelia (16)
- Lynn and Andrew Ross ('00) – Bianca Clara, born 26 August 2014 (17 photo by Justine Perl ('95))
- Diane Borinski ('95) and Duncan Stewart – Samuel Duncan, born 30 August 2014 (18)
- Joel Haski ('90) and Helen Parish – Leroy Dangar, born 16 October 2014, brother to Layla (19)
- Nathan ('04) and Keri (Gadin) Holloway ('04) – Koah Harper, born 17 October 2014, brother to Jai (20)
- Deborah and Benjamin Kessly ('01) – Dahlia, born 13 November 2014, sister to Eliora (21)
- Kim (Ruttenberg) '02 and Guy Klamer ('00) – Eve Harper, born 21 November 2014, sister to Zoe

Life after School

- Sanudin Widjaya ('93) was keen to show his family his old School whilst they were on holidays here in Sydney from Surabaya, Indonesia at the end of July. It was the first time in nearly 21 years that Sanudin has come to Emanuel School, and he was also curious to see how things have changed in that time. (22)
Sanudin and his wife, Tina and 9 year old twin daughters Angelyn and Roselyn had a tour of the School, which brought back fond memories for Sanudin. Whilst walking



around the campus, he reminisced about his time here as a student – the Kleinlehrer Performing Arts Centre (PAC) was the library back in 1993 and many hours were spent playing basketball down on the basketball court on the bottom



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campus. There was no Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) back then, and the Canteen was on the upper campus near what is now the Wolanski Family Specialist Learning Centre (SLC). He said he was pleased to see the uniforms are now a better style and colour! Sanudin and his older brothers Wirawan and Effendy, who both finished Year 12 here in 1992, were sent by their parents to Sydney from Indonesia to complete Years 11 and 12 at Emanuel School. Sanudin then went on to study Business at UTS where he met his wife, and at the end of their studies they moved back to Surabaya, where he runs his own business, supplying paper to printing companies.

- **Lev Lewis ('08)** moved to Vancouver a few months ago. "I am undertaking my PhD in Chemistry at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada and started early September.



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The program takes around four to five years, and I'll be working on the development of new materials based on nanocrystalline cellulose. As it is still early stages I have no 'official' PhD thesis title as yet."

You can find a summary of the type of research Lev is undertaking at <http://news.ubc.ca/2010/11/17/ubc-researchers-create-iridescent-glass-that-can-reflect-uv-or-infrared-light/> Lev graduated from UNSW with a Bachelor of Science in

Nanotechnology, with Honours Class I in 2012. "Following my honours year I worked as a microscopist in the Biomedical Imaging Facility at UNSW for nearly two years, and worked with another Emanuel alumnus, **Jeremy Braude ('05)** in fluorescent microscopy. Being only 30 minutes from a ski resort will definitely be incentive to get my snowboard out!" (23 – photo of me with my partner Brittany who is joining me in Vancouver too).

- **Amy Meyer ('09)** won Bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in Judo (under-48kg category). Amy's selection to the Australian team was the culmination of years of training and competing in the martial arts after joining forces with her UNSW club coach, Warren Rosser OAM, when she was just seven. Winning a medal at these games was her ultimate goal, with the hope that it will be a stepping stone to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. (24 & 25)



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- **Shaun Greenblo ('03)** is the Founder of CUZIN, a recently launched social media site like Facebook with a shopping platform. (26) www.cuzin.com



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Alumni Living Abroad

Israel

- Noya Lazor ('90)
- Ondine Sherman ('90)
- Lirun Rabinowitz ('93)
- Gil Baum ('97)
- Rabbi Mordechai Guth ('98)
- Omer Ben Matityahu ('02)
- Tommy Beckers ('04)
- Ben Lewis ('04)
- Daniel Samowitz ('04)
- Dan Levy ('08)
- Ben Milston ('08)
- Michelle Mizrahi ('08)
- Leora Ohayon ('08)
- Jess Gorin ('13)

Europe

- Daniel Weltlinger ('95) – Berlin
- Jeanine Blachere ('00) – Paris
- Darius Kilstein ('01) – Hanover
- Anne Veinberg ('03) – Amsterdam
- Marco Pin ('07) – Bologna

London

- Lana Budai ('89)
- Jeremy Guth ('00)
- Adam Goldin ('01)
- Robert Simons ('03)
- Paul Zines ('03)

USA

- Sarah Kummerfeld ('97) – California
- Sasha Elterman ('99) – Los Angeles
- Jeremy Skolnik ('01) – West Palm Beach, Florida
- Daniel Coleman ('02) – Houston, Texas
- Jennifer Kassell ('02) – Texas
- Mindy Willing ('02) – NYC
- Alan Harca ('03) – NYC
- Avi Orski ('03) – Atlanta, Georgia
- Cameron Varga ('04) – Florida
- Rachel Filler ('05) – NYC
- Jonathan Kummerfeld ('05) – Berkeley, California
- Eliza Sevitt ('07) – NYC

- Mitchell Weiss ('07)
- Mitch Burnie ('11)
- David Friedman ('11)
- Daniel Goldbach ('12)

Alumni vs current students sports challenge

Whilst other Schools have their Old Boys and Old Girls sporting associations with games played against their students and others, Emanuel School can now proudly announce that we have begun our own sporting tradition! After weeks of planning, our much awaited alumni vs current students sports challenge took place on the basketball court at lunchtime on the last Tuesday of the School year. Futsal is certainly a popular sport amongst our community and so it was to be for this inaugural sports challenge. With the help of our Sports Madricha, Sami Diamond, who called for volunteers for the student team, organising the event was well under way. On the day, the basketball court was decked out with loudspeakers and music, as well as the commentator's desk, whilst students sat on the sideline to watch and cheer the teams on.



Eli Feldman and his team mates, Jake Rosengarten, Haim Oziel, Robbie Ezekiel and Stevie Jocum all from the Class of 2013, formed the alumni futsal team to play against current students, Bradley Sarif, Harry Buch, David Booth, Daniel Brockwell, Mark Filler, Daniel Pilman, Fox Bengtsson, Ariel Shonberger (all in the team photo) and Reece Berelowitz. The game was very ably refereed by Martin Rembson, Head of Rabin, whilst the commentator, Year 12 student Nathan Cohen gave a blow by blow description of play as each goal was scored. The game was pretty tight when, towards the end, Eli rolled his ankle and had to come off. Luckily for the alumni team, Adam Ezekiel (Class of 2007) and now a teacher here, was on the sideline and was called in to play! Even Michael our Lollypop Man, came down to watch and cheer the teams on! The final score was 8-7 to the alumni team. We can report that Eli, now on crutches for a few weeks, is recovering well from his injury and he sent a message to say, 'It was a great event and this should definitely be a tradition!'

Perhaps next year, we will be able to challenge in other sports as well as futsal – maybe basketball and/or netball? Next time we would love to also have a girls and even a mixed team sport.

Please let me know if you would like to join an alumni team for the 2015 alumni vs current students sports challenge.

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Where are some of our Alumni now?

James Fenning Class of 1993

What did you do after leaving school?

I came to Emanuel in Year 8, in 1989 and after graduating from the School in 1993, I studied at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), where I completed an honours degree in Mechanical Engineering, specialising in naval architecture. Naval architecture is the design and construction of all maritime vessels not necessarily linked to naval vessel for military applications.

Did you follow your field of study at the time?

After graduating from UNSW, I was employed at Incat Designs in Sydney, working on the design and construction of high-speed catamarans, predominantly for the Australian and American markets. This ranged from 20m passenger vessels to larger 140m car / truck and passenger ferries used in America and Europe, with speeds in excess of 40-45 knots. This was a highly rewarding job being involved in the concept design through the final design and construction of the vessel till final acceptance trials by the client. After six years working in Sydney, I moved to Perth where I started working for Austal Ships. I worked on the design of the new generation of Littoral Combat Vessels for the American Navy. This was a new mission ready combat vessel that was state-of-the-art for the purpose of combatting a new breed of highly mobile, rapid response in-shore fighting. At the completion of this design and construction I felt that it was time for a change and moved into the emerging oil and gas market in WA.

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

After university, in my job with Incat Designs, I took a few months off to travel every few years – most of my travel was to mainland Europe and Israel, with a couple of side trips to Norway, Sweden, Russia, Turkey, Egypt and the Greek Islands. I enjoy travelling and have travelled in my current employment to Holland, Denmark, Norway, England, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Malaysia and New Zealand.

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

I am still in touch with a few of our classmates. We all live in different parts of the world but the connection that was formed through our years at Emanuel has no geographical boundaries and we enjoy catching up every few years when the opportunity arises. I would have loved to attend my 20 year reunion at the end of last year, but the timing was not accommodating with work – the photos looked great! I hope to make it to the 30-year reunion (or maybe even the 25th...).

What is your current occupation?

I moved from naval architecture into oil and gas, working for SapuraKencana Australia on the construction and installation of offshore assets. This involves the design, construction and installation of platforms, pipelines (rigid or flexible), subsea manifolds / valves, electrical and hydraulic units for control of the



fields. This work is conducted offshore via one of our offshore construction vessels with either diving personnel or ROV (remotely operated vehicles). I am employed as a project manager and as we are an International organisation, our working offshore sites predominantly being in Australia and South East Asia.

What are your hobbies/interests?

Hobbies and interests extend to our family – my wife Liat and I have two young daughters, Maya (5.5yrs) and Keren (4yrs),

so most of my interests lie in the fun times we have on weekends, whether a new playground, bike riding, scooter riding, museums, swimming, roller blading etc. Aside from the family, I enjoy taking my motor bike out for weekend rides with a few mates to get out and air the cobwebs from the weekly working schedule. I also enjoy spending some quality time with my wife Liat, whether that is to a movie or dinner. Maya is currently in Prep at Carmel School where Keren will start Kindergarten next year. We are involved in the Jewish community in Perth, where we enjoy going to the Noranda Synagogue on High Holy Days and frequent regularly on special occasions on *Shabbat*. We are close with Rabbi White and his wife – two of their children are the same age as our girls, so we enjoy spending time together.

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

I enjoy living in Perth – it is a wonderful place to raise a family, very much outdoors with fantastic weather, therefore I cannot see us returning to Sydney anytime in the near future. I enjoy my work and the family life we have and continue to have a passion for what I do, so I hope the next ten years are as enjoyable as the last ten.

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

I have many fond memories from my time at Emanuel! My most enjoyable memory is of the daily sporting activities we played at recess and lunch. This mostly consisted of basketball or soccer and cemented an everlasting friendship with one another, something I will cherish from my time at Emanuel.

It's a funny story how I met Liat – it was on the first day I arrived in Perth. She was holding a farewell party as she was leaving to live in Israel. She was born in Israel and was going back to see a lot of her cousins and family, and wanted to live in Israel again for a few years. We had a mutual friend who invited me to join and meet some Perth people. We got on well but her parting words were "Enjoy Perth, nice meeting you". After approximately a year, she returned to Perth and was, like me, on a UIA Swan Valley bus tour. This is where we re-met and started a relationship.

We were married in Tel Aviv in 2007, a fitting story given the links to Israel and it was a good opportunity to go back and meet Liat's side of the family before the wedding. Liat has been back to Israel on her own to see family since then, and I think we will be heading back there for a holiday within the next few years when the kids are a little older.

My mother and sister Samantha, who was a year ahead of me at School, are in Sydney, so we visit once a year and on regular occasions I drive past the School to see how it looks. It's fantastic to see how the School has matured and grown over the years!

Alex Symonds Class of 1999

Back to School after 15 years!

On 25 August we welcomed back alumnus Alex Symonds ('99), this time for his four-week student practical placement. In his final year here as a student, Alex was Head Madrich and Dux of the School. Here is an interview with him during his student prac.

What did you do straight after leaving School?

All through High School, I knew I wanted to be a journalist. At every opportunity, I'd taken the chance to do work experience at media outlets and chat to journalists and try and figure out the best way to crack into a tough industry. A number of people recommended I do a broad degree to get lots of detailed knowledge, so I commenced a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts degree at UNSW in 2000. I majored in Political Science, Economics and Marketing, and also had the opportunity to spend an exchange semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in America. After university, I went into journalism with a traineeship at The Australian Financial Review. I spent four years with the paper, including a posting in the Press Gallery at Parliament House in Canberra. I covered politics, economics, education and immigration. It was an incredible experience, the highlight of which was travelling with former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd during the 2007 election campaign. I've also worked in broadcast journalism, with the Sky News Business Channel and the ABC, and I've worked in corporate writing as well.

What are your fondest memories of being a student at this School?

I think that while some people have mixed, or even negative memories of their High School days, I have such positive memories about my time at Emanuel School. We had such caring and



knowledgeable teachers, a very supportive and vibrant school community, and a quite lively year group! I think the favourite thing for me was the passion of my teachers. I can safely say that my interest in economics – which has continued and grown to this day – started at Emanuel School.

What is the degree you studying now and what made you decide to go into teaching?

I'd had an amazing run in journalism, with lots of opportunities across many different areas. More recently, in my work in corporate writing, I'd had the chance to work with leading Australian and global companies to help them on major editorial projects, but I'd always been interested in teaching. The favourite parts of my career involved times when I'd been able to teach colleagues or clients about something, and help them to understand different concepts or approaches to pieces of work, and I've always remembered the impact my favourite teachers made on me. I thought now would be the perfect time to make teaching my whole career – rather than an element of my jobs! I'm now in the first year of Master of Teaching (Secondary) at the University of Sydney. I'll be finished towards the end of 2015. As part of my degree, I need to complete three prac placements – and my first one has been now at Emanuel School in the HSIE Department.

I am guessing you can see lots of changes now on campus compared to when you were here as a student. What is the most remarkable change and what do you think has remained the same ?

Emanuel School has changed so much since I left. Physically, the School is very different with shiny new buildings and more being built as we speak. Also, the teaching and administrative staff have changed a lot. However, I think the feel of the school is very similar. The teachers are dedicated, and the students are keen and friendly. It's been a real pleasure to be here.

Jeremy Spinak Class of 2000

President, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies (NSWJBD)

At the NSWJBD annual general meeting in August, Jeremy Spinak ('00) was elected unopposed as the new President. We understand he is the second youngest person to hold this prestigious position!

Jeremy had held the position of Vice-President since 2010. He also chaired their Non-Government Relations Committee, which works to build constructive partnerships with non-government organisations, interest groups, religious bodies, women's groups, think tanks and other civil society groups in a manner that will assist the NSW Jewish community in meeting its strategic priorities, as determined from time to time by the relevant organs of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

Jeremy was a student at Emanuel School from 1994 til 2000. He then went on to complete a double degree in economics and international relations. He studied international relations at



NSW Jewish Board of Deputies President Jeremy Spinak, Premier Mike Baird, and Immediate Past President Yair Miller

Georgetown University in Washington DC, worked on US Senator John Kerry's presidential campaign in 2004 and was a legislative aide to the US Senate Minority Leader. On his return to Australia he worked for two NSW government ministers. More recently, Jeremy has worked in the private sector and today he is managing director of his own property funds management business. He has advised on major property transactions across Australia, and has also provided political and strategic advice to a number of organisations within the NSW and Australian Jewish communities.

The Spinak family has a long tradition with our School – Jeremy's sister Jenny ('93) was enrolled on the very first day the School opened in 1983, and his brother Jason ('91) soon joined her. Between 1983 and 2000, there was at least one Spinak at Emanuel School. Jeremy was Guest Speaker at our 2011 High School Speech Night – you can read excerpts from his key note address in the Emanuel Alumni newsletter, Volume 4, Issue 1 on www.emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au/Publications and last year he was a Patron for our 2013 Emanuel School Capital Appeal.

We wish Jeremy *Mazal Tov* on his appointment as President of NSW JBD!

Rani Rimmer

Class of 1999

After finishing Year 12 at Emanuel School in 1999, I went to Israel for a holiday during the Australian summer, and then came straight back into my first year of university, where I studied Construction Management. I now work in Property Development and Investment, with a company based in Rose Bay, so I guess yes, you can say that I followed my field of study!

Since leaving school I have been fortunate enough to experience much of what the world has to offer. Places I've visited include: Israel, The United States (Hawaii, LA, NYC), England (London), France (Paris), Spain (Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, Ibiza), Greece (Athens and the Greek Islands), Thailand and Brazil for the recent World Cup (Rio, Sao Paulo, etc)

I have so many fond memories of my years at Emanuel School, that it would be unfair to choose just one. Needless to say, those memories wouldn't be possible without the quality students and teachers at the school. A great bunch of people!

I am not in touch much with my group of friends from School – everyone is busy pursuing their own path. However, it's always nice to catch up on the odd occasion, and it was great to see so many of them at our recent 15 year reunion!

Soccer/Football is still a passion of mine, always has been, and always will be. I played competitive football for many years after school, and recently retired after playing the last few years at Hakoah, and travelling to Israel for the Maccabiah Games in 2013. I've recently taken a seat on the Hakoah Football Club Board (aka Maccabi Hakoah Sydney City East FC), along with two former players and very close friends, and I am now Football Director of the Club. It's nice to be able to give back to a sport, and a community that has given me so much in life.

My role now as Football Director of Hakoah Sydney City East Football Club encompasses many tasks, most of them taking place behind the scenes. With the club's main aim of achieving promotion to NPL2 in 2015, my role focuses on ensuring that all necessary strategies are correctly implemented in order to achieve this goal. I am also responsible for monitoring process, procedure, commitment and execution from all involved within the club to ensure that everyone is contributing positively to our aim.

Oh, and of course, I still love travelling!

In ten years' time I want to still be healthy, happy and making a positive impact in general.



Noa Ries

Class of 2001

Noa Ries ('01) is co-founder and CEO of one of Australia's premium active-wear brands, "Vie Active" (www.vieactivewear.com). Noa has been interviewed by numerous magazines and newspapers recently, and in early

November, together with her husband Bryan (co-founder and COO of Vie Active) and their two young daughters, moved temporarily to Los Angeles. Noa has always been passionate about health and fitness, and decided to become a personal trainer when she moved to Singapore with Bryan in 2008. As a personal trainer and health and fitness-obsessed young mother, she had an epiphany one day in early 2012 down at Bondi Beach, when at 4pm she found herself still wearing her lycra active-wear and feeling completely "daggy".

She missed the sensation of "getting dressed up to go to work" that she had relished when working in the advertising industry, and realised there had to be a way that she could live and work-out with intensity and yet still look and feel fashionable and chic all day long.

After 18 months of research and product development, she left her job at an online advertising agency in Sydney to build Vie Active into the fitness fashion brand she had been searching for, and hasn't looked back since.

At the end of November, Vie Active opened a fitness fashion pop-up store in Los Angeles, on Abbot-Kinney in Venice.

Here is part of an interview Noa did with "Wellness Wire", on 17 November:

"We're so excited to become a part of the community. The people who live and hang out here are very passionate about wellness," says Noa about Venice. But she couldn't help but notice there's not much fitness fashion to outfit them on this popular drag (besides some surfer duds, maybe), which made the opportunity worth dropping everything for. "It's all happened SUPER quickly and we have actually moved to LA (for several months) with kids in tow," says Ries, who runs the company with her husband, Bryan.

Now, in what was an antiques shop at 1218 Abbot-Kinney, Vie Active will sell their modern brown leopard collection (which Ries predicts will be "super popular" in LA), plus the full range of hot compression leggings and capris in rad prints, the zip-front bras, and more. Vie will also carry other "favourite Australian brands that are complimentary to the fit and fashionable life," says Ries.

We wish Noa and Bryan every success with their LA venture and look forward to seeing them back in Sydney sometime next year.



Alumni visit School

- **Ariella Gabbay** ('08) is one of a number of alumni who returned to Emanuel School this year for their Primary School student practical sessions. She spent her four-week prac with Mrs Clennar and her Year 4 Class from the start of Term 4.

I caught up with Ariella during this time: "It is very exciting to be back at Emanuel School. The School has always been a warm and welcoming place and it is nice to experience its close community again after so many years.



Since finishing Year 12 here at the end of 2008, I can see many physical changes to the School with new buildings and additions to the grounds, however, Emanuel's sense of community and family is still prominent.

After HSC I took a gap year and spent the year in Israel on *Shnat* with Habonim Dror. When I returned to Australia I started my Bachelor in Early Childhood Education at Macquarie University and am now in the third year of my course. I continued my involvement with Habonim Dror until 2012. In addition to studying I have also been working in a variety of education sectors for children and am hoping to finish my degree in 2015".

- In early September, **Simon Masnick** ('90) came back to School for the first time in 24 years, to give an insightful presentation to the Year 12 students at their final Careers Session as students at Emanuel School.

Simon spoke about his journey from being a student here at School, to where he is today, working at Westpac as Executive Director, Global Head



of Trading, heading a team of 50 people across the globe from Sydney, Melbourne, Hong Kong, Singapore and New York. Simon graduated from Macquarie University in 1994 with M. Ec, Economics, Actuarial Science. His first job, as a Trader with Australian Gilts Securities he got from answering the ad in the Australian Financial Review and worked there for nearly two years, at which time a friend told him he should apply to work

with Citibank. This he did from 1996 to 2011 – in Hong Kong for eight years and then in Tokyo for six years, before returning to Sydney in 2011 with his wife and four children, to work at Westpac.

Simon and his younger brother Paul started at Emanuel School in 1985, as did their first cousin Julie. Simon was a Year 12 Madrich in 1990 and Paul was Head Madrich in 1992.

- **Anthony Small** ('11) and **Jonty Katz** ('12) returned to School at the end of November,

as facilitators to help run an all-day UN Youth event for Year 8 and Year 10 students. UN Youth, a not-for-profit organization, is the largest



youth run organisation in Australia and it aims to educate young Australians on international issues, human rights and the UN. It promotes youth empowerment by encouraging them to become the leaders of our generation and educating them on the part they can play in the change of our global community. Both Anthony and Jonty are studying Arts/Law at the University of Sydney and Jonty is currently President at UN Youth NSW.

- I caught up recently with one of our youngest alumni, **Doron Losky** ('14), known now in the music world now as Lostkeyz: Doron is a 17 year old Emanuel School graduate from Bondi.

He began writing music to express his feelings towards schooling. Earlier this month he released his second mixtape titled "Puzzle Pieces" which received a positive response. Doron hopes to travel to Israel next year on *Shnat* with Habonim Dror. We look forward to seeing what else this hip hop artist has up his sleeve for the future! You can keep up with him on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lostkeysteeze>



WANT TO CATCH UP WITH OLD SCHOOL FRIENDS?

Keep your eyes posted for details about our 2015 Reunions.

If you have any old school photos that you would like to share on the night, please contact Sonia on 8383 7350 or snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au for details.

Alumni Reunions

15 YEAR, CLASS OF 1999

Nicole Ungar (Ruttenberg) organised the 20 year reunion, held mid-November at The Royal Oak Hotel, Double Bay. Sasha Elterman, who now lives in Los Angeles, was in town and it was great to see her on the night. Everyone had a great time, including catching up and reminiscing about their school days with Maths teacher Wayne Angelou!

10 YEAR, CLASS OF 2004

Marina Makhlin (Gankin) ably co-ordinated the arrangements for this reunion which was also held at The Royal Oak Hotel. Around 30 from this year group, as well as Garry Case one of their teachers, enjoyed an evening of chatting about life both at School and after, checking their Year 12 Yearbook to read if their aspirations back then had been fulfilled!

5 YEAR, CLASS OF 2009

Charlotte Lewis, who now works in Public Relations, booked Lil Darlin in Darlinghurst for their five-year reunion and she organised the event almost single-handedly. Close to 40 from this year-group had a great night catching up and telling tales of their days at School and the times since.



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Year 12 1999 15 year Reunion



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Jazz on the Hill

We hope you can join us for 'Jazz on the Hill' on 15 March 2015, where you will hear alumnus Jazz group '33 Degrees' as well as our Senior Jazz ensemble and staff ensemble.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/GMVR



The Emanuel School Family 1983

We are now only missing seven 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 Kotek, 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 _____, _____, 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 Stolier.
- 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.

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.



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.

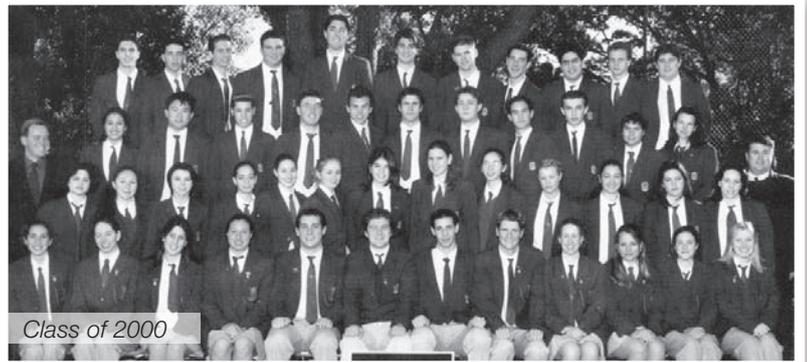
Reunions planned for 2015

We are planning five year group reunions for next year. Please let us know if you can help with your own reunion. Contact Sonia, on snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

- Class of 1990 – 25 years
- Class of 1995 – 20 years
- Class of 2000 – 15 years
- Class of 2005 – 10 years
- Class of 2010 – 5 years



Class of 1990



Class of 2000



Class of 2005



Class of 2010

What's your news?

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

Do you have some news about yourself or another Alumnus you would like to share?

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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