

From the Development Office continued

JNF Australia/B'nai B'rith Jewish Changemaker Awards 2018

Many of our alumni as well as current students actively volunteer in our Jewish and/or wider community. This volunteering is recognised each year by the Changemaker Awards, as they become a platform for the discovery of outstanding talent within our community and recognition of our emerging leaders. This year's awards night was held at the end of June and it was great to see nominations of some of our alumni (Young Adults: ages 18 to 35) as well as some of our current students (Youth: ages 14 to 18).



Emanuel graduate Matt Friedman ('15) won the Young Adult category "Contribution to Australian Society" for his work as founder of 2Birds1Bee, a company that promotes respectful relationships and sex education, through educational workshops for both primary and high school students, as well as parents and service providers. Matt is also a trained facilitator with Love Bites, a nationally accredited Respectful Relationships program aimed at Year 10 students and has assisted the JewishCare team with facilitating this program in many of the Jewish and other local high schools in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs over the past 12 months. Matt has also volunteered with UN Youth Australia in numerous roles.

We congratulate Matt on his award and also the other Emanuel alumni for their nominations for helping make this a better world – Daniel Samowitz ('04), Mitch Burnie ('11), Eve Altman ('14), Julia Sussman ('14), Julia Meltzer ('15) and Jonathan Moallem ('15).

Coby New, a Year 7 Emanuel student was co-winner of the Youth Contribution to Australian Society for his efforts collecting second hand soccer boots and sports gear, representing the charity group "Kit Bags for Kids" that collects and distributes the boots and sporting gear to remote indigenous communities and Asylum Seekers. Mazal Tov to Coby on his award, and also to Sean Torban ('18), for his nomination for the same award. Sean has been volunteering and working at Headspace since May last year, and he has supported and volunteered at multiple community events whilst preparing to sit the HSC this year.

We would love to have the opportunity to nominate more alumni for next year's Changemaker Awards, so if you are aged between 18 and 35, and volunteer in any capacity, please let me know.

It is never easy to bring sad news and this time, it is particularly devastating – this announcement came from the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies on 15 November:

"It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our Immediate Past President, Jeremy Spinak, aged 36, from cancer.

We express our deepest condolences to Jeremy's wife Rhiannon, his baby twins, parents, siblings and the extended Spinak family. Jeremy joined the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies in his mid-20s and made a significant impact on all areas of our work, in particular being the driving force behind an increased focus on intercultural relationships and many of our interfaith programs. He was a much-loved and greatly respected leader of the community. His contribution to enhanced political bipartisanship, a nuanced approach to advocacy and engagement with all sectors within the Jewish community were features of his presidency. His influence on our approach to representing the community, coalition-building, legislative reform, child protection and supporting marriage equality were among the numerous achievements which will be his lasting legacy both to our organisation and the entire community. He helped make the community safer. He possessed a sharp intellect and keen sense of humour, but most importantly, he was a mensch, devoting countless hours to the Board of Deputies despite a demanding career and his responsibilities as a young husband and father. Jeremy's light shone brightly, but not long enough. He will be deeply missed by all Board of Deputies staff, executive members and deputies and the entire community.

May his memory be a blessing. On behalf of the entire community, we wish his family Long Life".

Recording our history and seeking donations of School memorabilia

Our part-time archivist Enid O'Connor is busy cataloguing photographs and other items that are an integral part of our 35 year history. Please email me if you have some old School-related items you wish to donate: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Careers Space 2019:



If you would like to be part of next year's careers event on 21 May 2019, where our senior students have the opportunity to hear about life after school and career choices, conventional or not, please let me know. It is not just about the destination when it comes to careers – the journey is also important. Many school leavers are bamboozled by the choices of courses and universities and/or trades/businesses available upon leaving school. This forum is a fabulous opportunity to share your own experiences and journeys with our students, so please get in touch if this event is of interest to you.

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Jeremy ('00), has always been a close friend of our School and was a Patron of our Capital Appeal in 2013. He will be sorely missed. We at Emanuel School wish his wife Rhiannon and young children, Grace and Michael, his parents Margaret and Richard, his siblings Jason



than good grades and good jobs. They never read anything that inspired them, they never joined a cause that they believed in, they never tried to play an instrument, read a new book, go to new places



Dear Emanuel School Alumni,
I write this report with both sad and



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

As 2018 comes to a close, we can reflect and feel confident that we have been able to connect with all facets of our School Community. I want to thank all the members of our Geshher Committee which is an amazing group of 14 committed staff and parents, alumni, grandparents and past parents who volunteer their time to meet every 6 to 8 weeks throughout the year to discuss and plan community-building events to showcase the School whilst giving everyone an opportunity to meet other like-minded members of our School community.

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Remember September 2018

Well done Ben Wilhelm ('08)

Ben with the support of his friends, most of whom are his peers from his school days here at Emanuel, started Remember September 4 years ago, to raise awareness and funds for pancreatic cancer research. Ben has organised this annual event, in memory of his late father Danny, who died from Pancreatic Cancer at the age of 63, as too did Ben's 33 year old cousin Danielle, sister of alumnus Ari Feller ('00). This year they raised \$50,000 with a total of more than \$175,000 raised over the past 4 years. www.rememberseptember.gofundraise.com.au



WANT TO SHARE OLD SCHOOL PHOTOS? Please contact Sonia to see about getting them in the next issue.

Look who came to School

- Natalie Gainsley (Vasin) '99, who currently lives in London was in Sydney last month to see family and she, along with 2 School friends, Lisa Edinburg (Rudner) and Nicole Ungar (Ruttenberg) came back to School for the 1st time since finishing Year 12, 19 years ago. They were all suitably impressed with the many new amazing facilities on campus. I invite you too, to come back and see your old School. If you are interested in a tour of the campus, please let me know.



to offer the audience a glimpse into a moment in the life of a person living with the debilitating condition. "I wanted to tell this story without losing its rawness while exposing the light-hearted moments that accompany any sadness". Leaving Home highlights the subject of Mental Health and OCD in a different way!. It is a black comedy that explores how simple things like walking out the door can become major obstacles for people with OCD. Benko and Writer, Robert Bruce and Director Julien Perrottet wanted to create a film that brings this issue to the surface in a digestible format. We wanted to create a visual representation of the mind and what people are going

through and tell a simple but effective story about how leaving home for some is not as easy as picking up your keys and walking out the door. Sometimes leaving home can be very hard to do! www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_hmIRSFOcQ

- Benko Ure ('01) addressed High School assembly on 13 November which was, coincidentally, World Kindness Day, to talk about, and show the FIRST ever public screening of his short film "Leaving Home", about the effects of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) on its sufferers. Here is a short bio and link to this 7 minute film – Leaving Home. The story is based on a real-life experience. In an emotional performance, Story Creator, Producer and Actor Benko Ure delves into some truthful human moments in order

- Tamar Hoffman ('12) has been doing some casual teaching this term, for Drama and High School English, and it was great to catch up with her just before a Year 12 English Extension lesson.

- Toby Evans ('06) visited us a few months ago for the unveiling of the artwork he did to celebrate the opening of the new Innovation Centre.



School Reunions

Class of 1998

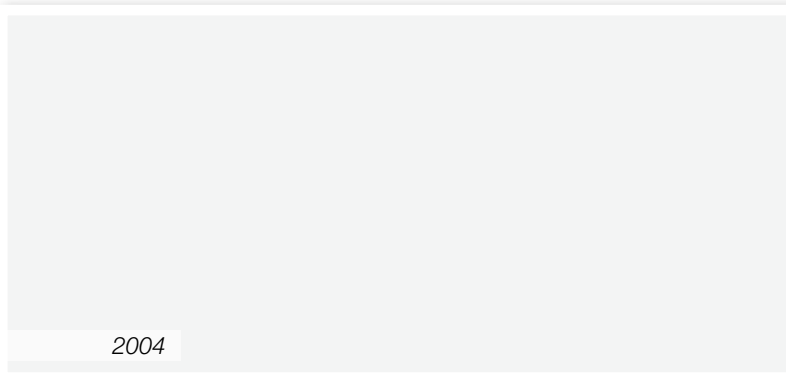
School reunions:

Seeking one or 2 representatives from the following year groups to help with your respective reunions next year:

- Class of 2014 – 5years
- Class of 2009 – 10 years
- Class of 2004 – 15 years
- Class of 1999 – 20 years
- Class of 1994 – 25 years

Please let me know if you are the ones to help:

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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.

Engagements

- Jacqueline Freeman ('93) and Andrew Sutton
- Abigail Holman ('06) and Christian Papandreas
- Ilana Blum ('11) and Desi Kohn ⁽¹⁾
- Jennifer Matousovaskai ('13) and James Del Marmol ⁽²⁾

Weddings

- Polina Madorsky ('07) and Miles Ross, 13 July in Orta San Giulio, Italy ⁽³⁾
- Michael Weiss ('04) and Aaron Hughes, 16 July 2018 in London ⁽⁴⁾
- Katrina Silvers ('07) and Dave Siegel, 29 July 2018 in Malibu, USA ⁽⁵⁾
- Victoria Cash ('08) and James Duffield, 3 October 2018 in Whistler, Canada ⁽⁶⁾
- Jess Weiss ('09) and Kristy McChesney, 23 September 2018 ⁽⁷⁾
- Albert Gammer ('95) and Ilana Lazar, 2 September 2018 ⁽⁸⁾
- Rebecca Roitman ('11) and Max Illingworth, 27 October 2018 ⁽⁹⁾
- Sarah Herman ('09) and Mike Joffe, 28 October 2018 ⁽¹⁰⁾
- Darius Kilstein ('01) and Patricia Morán Losada 19 October 2018, Queen Mary, Long Beach USA ⁽¹¹⁾
- Julie Drexler ('98) and Andy Stone 4 November 2018 ⁽¹²⁾

Births

- Natalie (Vasin) '99 and Nick Gainsley Jaxon, born 23 January 2018 in London ⁽¹³⁾
- Kim and Tim Moddel ('00) Talya, born 11 March 2018, sister to Adam and Joshy
- Daniel Coleman ('02) and Beth Merfish Flora Mae Coleman-Merfish, born 18 June 2018, sister to Etta in Houston, Texas ⁽¹⁴⁾
- Gena (Rosenberg) '02 and Tony Been Daisy Selena, born 15 July 1918, sister to Winona ⁽¹⁵⁾
- Alla (Kovarsky) '03 and Ilya Serov Katherine Leah, born 19 July 2018 ⁽¹⁶⁾
- Keri (Gaddin) '04 and Nathan Holloway ('04) Zahli, born 28 July 2018, sister to big brothers Jai and Koah ⁽¹⁷⁾
- Anna (Guth) '05 and Ryan Hoffman Ethan Aron, born 1 August 2018 ⁽¹⁸⁾
- Joanna (Podgoetsky)

- Leora (Mucsnik) '02 and Daniel Elison ('02)
Archie Wolf, born 26 September 2018 (20)
- Jessica (Rosenfeld) Friedman '93 and Peter Hines
Jacob John Esbert Hines,
born 26 September 2018 (21)
- Ellen and Jonathan Kummerfeld ('07)
Joseph, born 15 October 2018 in Ann Arbor,
Michigan (22)



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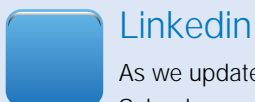


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Emanuel on Social Media



LinkedIn

As we update our Emanuel School LinkedIn page, we encourage you to connect with us, and don't forget to include the School on your profile: 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 800 members. Please join 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: www.facebook.com/groups/Emanuelshuk/



Dan Coleman Class of 2002

“After I finished Year 12 at the end of 2002, I studied and earned my degree in Exercise Science at Australian Catholic University. While there, I spent a semester abroad at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia. During time off, I worked as a camp counsellor and sports director at a Jewish camp in Georgia, as well.

After graduation, I took a job with Carnival Cruise Lines and eventually became Assistant Cruise Director. When a friend from camp offered me a job in advertising in Boulder, Colorado, I took a chance that started an entire career for me in experiential advertising.

I didn't really follow my field of study at the time, but I've found that some of the skills I learned in Exercise Science and in Hospitality have been easily transferable.

I've lived all over the US since graduation: Georgia, cruise ships docking in Orlando and New Orleans, Colorado, and now Houston, Texas, where my wife, Beth, was born and raised and where her career has taken us; it's now also home to my two daughters, Etta (3 years) and Flora (5 months). Beth and I met while living in Boulder, Colorado – she moved there to finish her dissertation and teach. We met on j-date (Jewish online dating).

While working on board the cruise liners, I travelled all over the Caribbean and Mexico,

Beth and I have been fortunate to be able to travel together, both around the US and internationally, to France, Chile, Easter Island, Bora Bora, Italy, New Zealand, and Mexico. I've also worked in England and Ukraine. Beth has come home to Australia with me a number of times; we also brought Etta to Sydney with a side trip to Hobart a few years ago.

My fondest memories of Emanuel School you ask? I truly

enjoyed my time at Emanuel. I was lucky enough to go from Temple Kindy all the way through Year 12 with a great bunch of people. I loved all of the sports carnivals and having the opportunity to represent the school. Each class would collect 20 and two cent coins and we would lay them out, end-to-end, and reach across the school. It instilled in me a great sense of pride that I am proud to pass on to my daughters today.

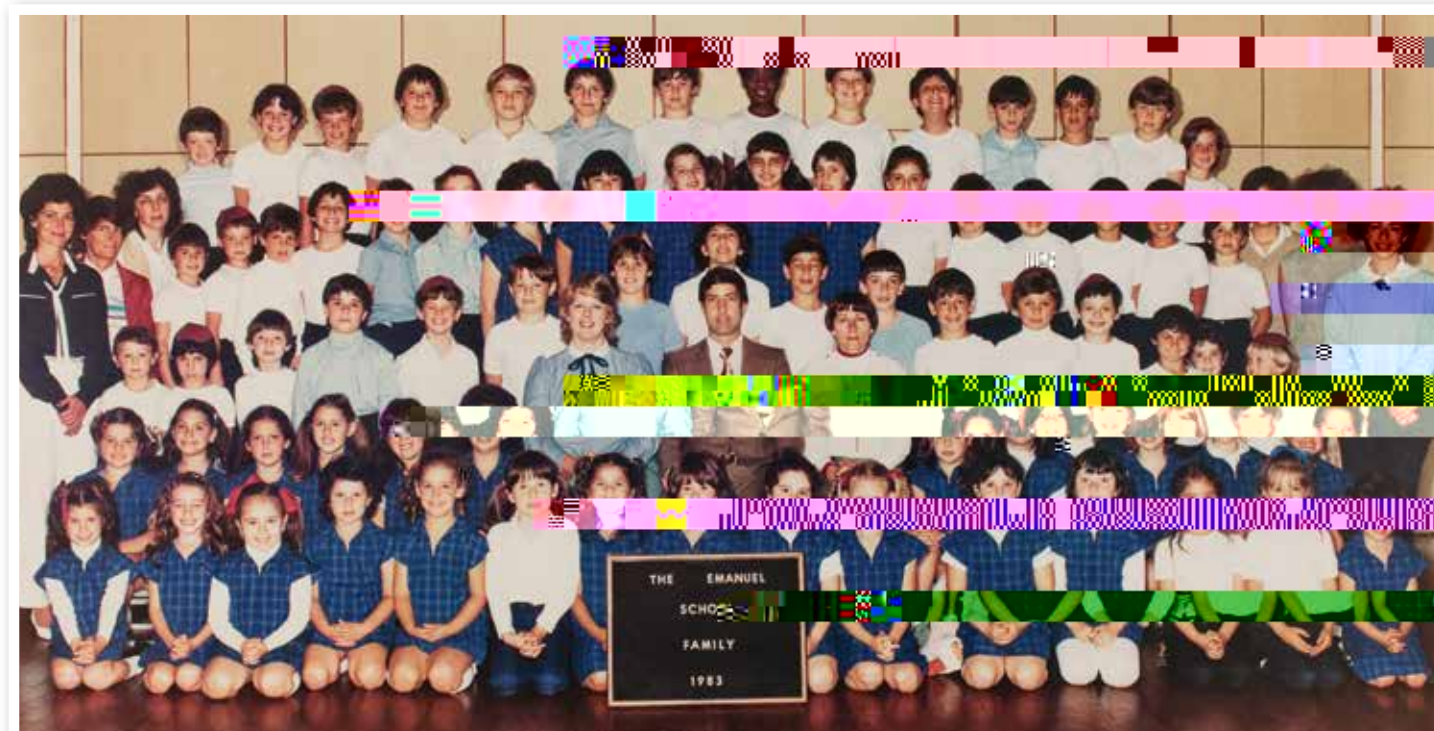
I keep in touch with a bunch of school friends through Facebook and love seeing them when I'm home. I keep pretty good track of Aiden Levy (and his look-alike son), Simona Skolnik, and Elisa Guth, and I was

really thrilled to be able to attend Rebekah Goodman's wedding in Sydney.

It's great to see everyone doing well.

The Emanuel School Family 1983

We are now only missing five 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 Medvedovsky, 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, David Sorauer, Guy Ravy, David Hirst, Greg Weisz, Anton Boski, Lindi Smith, Felicia Meric, Nadine Weinberger, Marina Goldshmid, Solonge Boski, Sarena Pilcer, Denis Zilberman, Maxim Bolkovsky, _____, Ryo Hino, Adin Pilcer.
- Back Row (L-R): Hezie Lazarous, Nick Deutsch, Daniel 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.

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.