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EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE
OFFICIALS & BOARD OF GOVERNANCE
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As seems to be every year, 2010 was an eventful and successful one for Emanuel Synagogue. In continuing times of hardship, the Synagogue made a small surplus, in part due to some very generous donations from our membership. We also had an increase in membership which in such times is most unusual and a credit to all involved in promoting the synagogue

At the same time, we continued to deliver an increasing number of programs of a high standard and widening variety.

Some of the key successes for the year were

- * The granting of the DA for our new development
- * The securing of Martin Yafe to become our shaliach tzibbur (cantorial soloist) and youth director
- * The successful launch of the new website.
- * The continued strengthening of the relationship with Emanuel School and Emanuel preschool.
- * The commencement of the development of the strategic plan for the next five years
- * The commencement of the Listening Campaign
- * The continuing strengthening of the Pizza with the Rabbi programme
- * Increasing membership across all three Minyanim- i.e. Progressive, Masorti, and Renewal
- * The successful reintroduction of the Purim Spiel
- * The introduction of the quarterly 'What's On' and the professional look and content of all our publications
- * The first "Emanuel Idol" and Emanuel Kiddish Wine making competition.
- * The introduction of the Sunday Cinema and People of the Book Club.
- * The expansion of the monthly Lunch 'n' Learn program.
- * The involvement with and sponsorship of "Shir Madness", the Jewish music festival at Bondi Beach, and other cultural events
- * Holding our second and successful Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Wedding Expo



We are fortunate to have wonderful staff who serve the community and the synagogue.

Our Rabbis are well respected throughout the Jewish community and are loved by the members. They are our spiritual leaders and make significant contributions to the direction of the synagogue. They are responsible for providing most of the programs and services at the synagogue as well as being present for so many of the members' life cycle events. We thank Rabbis Jeffrey Kamins, Jacqueline Ninio, Paul Jacobson and Dr Orna Triguboff for their leadership, hard work and achievements.

We congratulate Rabbi Jacobson and his lovely wife Lisa on the birth of their daughter Hannah, who is already a regular attendee at many synagogue services and functions. We also thank Lisa for the many functions that could only have taken place due to her magnificent and dedicated catering.

Anat Baruch, our Netzer and Community Shlichah has proved both popular and successful with her work in the community and Netzer. We can report that we are having talks to secure Anat for an extra year.

We thank Sandy Hollis for her great work in the education area, for both adults and the religious school, Shimon Magil for his assistance and guidance in pastoral care and Andrea Catzel as the director of the community choir and ensemble. The music she provides is sensational and the envy of many. In 2011 we are looking forward to welcoming Martin Yafe who will add yet another dimension to our music offering

The rabbis and educators would be lost however without the support of our brilliant administration staff and caretakers. Our staff of Allan Glazerman, Sara Joffe, Belinda Levy, Toni Kleiner, Katie Gluckman, Irene Juravleva and Danii Fischer have ensured the synagogue is run efficiently and with compassion. Our caretakers, Ilia and Anna Kletski, Osip and Anna Flasterstein, and Grigory Gertsakis make sure that the facility is safe, sound, functional and ready for the multitude of activities that go on within.

Since the end of the year there have been some staff changes in that Katie Gluckman, our marketing director, has left to get married and live in Melbourne. Allan Glazerman, our Executive Director, decided to pursue his career in the US and finally after 18 years of wonderful service to the synagogue, Belinda Levy decided to pursue other opportunities. We thank all three for their contribution, but especially to Belinda who will be sorely missed by the membership and everyone associated with the synagogue

Finally I would like to thank my fellow Board members for the contribution and many hours of hard work, all done on a voluntary basis.

The Board for 2010 comprised Rodney Brender who assumed the role of vice president and acted as our representative on the Emanuel School Board, Naomi Elias who was our representative on the Emanuel Synagogue Cultural Fund, Ashleigh Antflick, our treasurer, Garry Davis, whose work on the investment committee proved invaluable, Gordon Woolf who is responsible for successfully having the DA for the new

development approved by council. We also had Jessica Roth, who despite being the youngest ever Board member, made valuable and passionate contributions to all meetings and committees. Finally thanks also to Alex Feher, Lucy Taksa and Eric Lundberg whose overall experience and history with the synagogue made them invaluable members. We farewell and thank Eric, Garry and Lucy who will not be continuing on the Board this year.

2010 was my final year as president and three years have gone very quickly. The synagogue is so dynamic that much has happened in those three years. It is pleasing that so many families, who are not members of any synagogue, choose ours to celebrate their life cycle events. We hope they will decide in due course to make the commitment of membership. The most pleasing aspect of the last few years has been to see that the synagogue has gone from strength to strength, and its standing in the community as a valid, respected and significant voice is well established.

Laurence Adelman
President

MESSAGE FROM RABBI JEFFREY B. KAMINS



Emanuel Synagogue is coming through a challenging time of transition to a time of new opportunity, not just to be a leading Progressive synagogue in Australia, but a leading synagogue in Australia. We first are in the process of consolidation after major changes in synagogue personnel, some due to a restructuring. One of our biggest challenges has been replacing Cantor Michael Deutsch, and that loss is felt more keenly with his death last year (followed soon thereafter by Ruth's). Even though Michael rarely appeared in synagogue over the last couple of years, his presence was always deeply felt. George Mordecai and Joseph Toltz, his students, served this community beautifully, and the musical gap has been even more difficult to fill. We have had the great joy of Ilan Kidron leading us in Shabbat evening prayer on Friday night when he is not touring with the Potbelleez and Sam Zwarenstein engages the Masorti community often at musaf. But more is needed.

In the year ahead, Martin Yafe, who has visited our community twice briefly, will be working here on a part time basis to enhance the music of each of our three services: Progressive, Masorti and Renewal, helping train lay leaders in each. We hope that the following year Simon Lobelson, who the last three years has led the Yamim Noraim service in the Progressive Service, will also be here for all festivals and some Shabbatot as well.

Meanwhile, there have been some structural changes in the office as well, undertaken by the CEO, Allan Glazerman, who was hired by the Board in August, 2008 to do just that. Having completed the restructure with some other changes in administrative assistance, finances and accounting, Allan has fulfilled his assignment here and we wish him success in his next position. Katie Gluckman, our Director of Marketing who was instrumental in Emanuel Synagogue's logo, style and communications, has recently married and is moving to Melbourne, and we wish her and Sam mazal tov and good luck in the future. As part of the restructure, the job of Director of Membership Services was made redundant, and we acknowledge that in a variety of duties over 18 years Belinda has served our community with dedication, love and care. We and the whole community will miss Belinda. All of us who work within the synagogue, employees and board alike, will have to serve the community with her same dedication, love and care, each of us becoming more engaged with the lives and concerns of the individuals who make this community what it is.

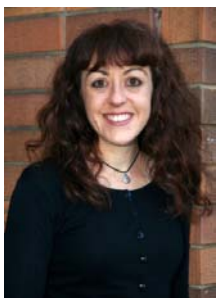
These changes and losses have been difficult, as are all transitions, but we now have to move forward as a community. The timing could not be more auspicious. We have begun our listening campaign (which will be an on-going affair) and also our next stage of strategic planning (which will soon be open for your input through a survey). Through these we hope to articulate our values, vision and mission, and deliver on them with concrete goals and objectives. As our synagogue develops into a thriving community of learning, prayer and social connection, I hope we will create for the generations to come the sacred space that enhances who we are and what we do.

Our DA for the transformation of Emanuel Synagogue into a leading religious community for the 21st century was passed in May, 2010. Within the next four years we must raise the funds to begin the project, and as we recover from the Global Financial Crisis, I believe we have it in our means. This transformation is not about placing buildings above people, but creating a sense of sacred space that honours our commitment to celebrate diversity and create community. As I have written elsewhere: "We hope to build a sacred, harmonious and beautiful space. Environmentally sustainable, socially responsible, its design provides for our pluralist services – Masorti, Progressive and Renewal - our multi-faceted learning and our engaging community. While people are more important than buildings, sacred space elevates the person."

I thank all the staff with whom I work, the Board for its support, and each of you, who through your commitment of membership make Emanuel what it is, and what it is becoming.

Jeffrey B. Kamins
Senior Rabbi

MESSAGE FROM RABBI JACQUELINE NINIO



One of my friends at rabbinical school, Rabbi Andrea Berlin, told me this story. There was once a man who was visiting with his rabbi. After dinner they were sitting together beside the fire, enjoying a glass of port when the man said:

“Rabbi, I have something to tell you, I really like you, I admire you, you are a pretty great guy but I have decided that I am no longer going to come to synagogue. I find that I can pray very well by myself at home and I don’t really need to come to the shule anymore. If I want to know about the parasha I can download your commentary and since you have been streaming your services live on the internet I can watch the Shabbat service in my pajamas from the comfort of my own home. Now that is what I call Shabbat rest! And on the internet I can go to any service in the world. Some weeks I feel like an American

Reform service, other times I want to just hear the music, sometimes I want something a little more traditional, and I can go virtually, to any place I feel like. And you know what’s even better, with my ipad, I don’t even have to get out of bed. So it’s nothing personal, but you won’t be seeing me in synagogue very much anymore.”

The rabbi was very wise and he sat silently, not saying anything. After a few minutes, the rabbi leaned forward and took a coal out of the fire. They watched as it glowed and burned, but then slowly it started to dim and soon the flame went out, all that was left was a smoking ember. And then the rabbi spoke:

“My friend, of course you may choose to no longer be a part of our community, to stay at home and pray in your own way, but I fear that you will be like that piece of coal. At first it will be wonderful, you will glow and shine with the new learning, the choice and variety, the convenience and the ability to tailor your prayer in whatever way you choose. But soon you will miss the community of real people, you will find that without its support and real presence, you will become like the coal, cold, lonely and burnt out.”

For many of us today the lure of technology is powerful. We are seduced by the latest app, the world which is literally at our fingertips, the convenience, the fact that we can choose whatever we like so we can always find what we are in the mood for, we can find people who agree with everything we think and say, we can choose not to be challenged, not to be confronted with anything uncomfortable and we can even make connections with other people. But I don’t believe that it can ever be a substitute for community, for the power and beauty of being together with others who can support us, love us, care for us, hear us, acknowledge us and be with us. More than ever in our world we need the company of others, not in a virtual way but in a real way. We need people to give us a smile, to shake our hand, give us a hug, to celebrate with us, to mourn with us, to learn and study with us, to challenge us, to help us to grow and be the best that we can be. And our community needs each and every one of us. We are taught that 600,000 Israelites came out of Egypt and there are 600,000 letters in the Torah, one for every person. If one of those letters was not there, the Torah would be a different document. Every single person is needed, important and significant. So too, each member of our congregation is special and we need each one of you to help us create and shape the community that we want to be. To help us become the best we can be, a force for good in the world and a warm, welcoming place where everyone can feel valued, acknowledged and embraced for who they are. I am so blessed to be part of this journey with you all and I hope that together we can shape our congregation to embody all the ideals we hold dear, to create a home for all of us, a family where we can be loved and supported. We all have something to contribute, and I am deeply honoured by the privilege of being one of your rabbis.

I am so lucky to work with the incredible team of people who are constantly inspiring me and helping to make the synagogue all that we dream it can be. I thank every single one of them and all of you for being a part of our congregation. I look forward to going from strength to strength.

Jacqueline Ninio
Senior Associate Rabbi



MyPlaySpace Shabbat

MESSAGE FROM RABBI PAUL J. JACOBSON



More and more frequently, whenever I ask a person, “How are you?” I receive the response “Oh gosh, I’m so busy!” Between countless work and family obligations, these days there are precious few opportunities to pause, reflect, and to consider the many blessings in our lives. Fortunately, as I write this message for our annual report, I am given the opportunity to do just that – to pause, reflect, and to consider. This year in particular, I find myself focusing not only on the events and accomplishments of the past year, but also recalling the events of the past five years with the Emanuel Synagogue community.

I find it hard to believe that in July five years will have already passed. I remember arriving in Sydney as a newly ordained rabbi, beginning my work with our congregation. The past five years have brought me the opportunity to become engaged and married to Lisa, and afforded both of us many occasions to grow in our

service and dedication to the community. The greatest blessing of the past year has been welcoming our daughter Hannah into the world. Hannah continues to be a source of light and inspiration for both of us, and we marvel at the ways she interacts with the world around her.

One of the most enjoyable successes over the past year has been leading our “Pizza with the Rabbi” programme for our post b’nei mitzvah students. Our programme started in February 2007 with a small number of students, in the education centre at the synagogue. Since Hannah’s birth, we have been having the programme in our home. Over the past four years, our numbers have increased steadily, with more and more students interested in attending not only for pizza and time with their friends, but also for in-depth conversations about the place of Judaism in their lives. We have now held three Pizza with the Rabbi Shabbat dinners. Our most recent dinner in August attracted over 120 congregants. We are looking forward to our 4th annual dinner this coming August, where we will honour and farewell our first Year 12 graduates, students who have been dedicated Pizza participants for the past five years.

At the start of this year, I was asked by the board to begin soliciting sponsorships for the Pizza with the Rabbi programme. I am pleased to report that to date (1 May 2011), we have collected over \$2,500 in sponsorships. We all know that our children are our future. Such a statement is neither cliché, nor overstated – merely the truth. We are constantly searching for new and innovative ways to keep our students engaged beyond the bar and bat mitzvah experience. If you would like to help support Pizza with the Rabbi, or have additional ideas about how we can continue to ensure the participation of our teenagers in congregational life, I invite you to be in touch with me.

During the first three years of my tenure, I organised a number of young adult events and Shabbat dinners under the title of Yallah. With Lisa’s pregnancy, and my increased role in congregational life and the wider Jewish community, we took a step back from Yallah at the beginning of 2010. As Hannah grew older, Lisa and I recognised that we needed new ways of reaching and attracting young adults (singles, couples, families) in the congregation. During the last few months of 2010, we worked to create a programme known as Harbourview (you can visit our website <http://www.harbourviewsydney.org>). The purpose of Harbourview is to create a small and intimate Shabbat service, held in our home, once per month, followed by a Shabbat dinner. Our service intends to attract young adults, providing them with opportunities to explore their Judaism in greater depth, and to build relationships with people of similar age and interest. Sometimes, coming to synagogue can be a daunting experience, especially in the expanse of a large congregation. Harbourview seeks to create smaller prayer experiences, learning courses, and chances for greater social engagement. To date, we have had two Shabbat services and dinners, attracting over twenty people each time. We are looking forward to watching this programme grow.

There is much to be thankful for in the past five years of working with the Emanuel community. Lisa and I look forward not only to watching Hannah grow within our congregation, but welcoming the next phase of growth in the life of the synagogue, and in our own lives too.

Rabbi Paul Jacobson
Associate Rabbi



Minyan at the Neuweg synagogue

MESSAGE FROM RABBI ORNA TRIGUBOFF

Jewish Renewal at Emanuel Synagogue has been active in the past year helping to enliven and nourish our Emanuel Community. The spiritual activities are attended by members of the synagogue – from both the Progressive and the Masorti community, as well as reaching out to non-members, presenting them with a fresh perspective on what it means to be Jewish.

Jewish renewal is particularly interested in spiritual practice and Judaism.

Regular Jewish renewal events at Emanuel are:

Shabbat morning services, held monthly, led by Rabbi Dr. Orna Triguboff and accompanied by Nadav Kahn. Nadav is a guitarist and singer and adds a fabulous musical element to the services. The services also include meditation, singing and discussion.

Jewish Meditation classes are a regular weekly feature at the synagogue. Sue Beecher runs these classes and the focus of the classes are self-improvement and meditation on the weekly Torah reading.

Kabbalah classes are held monthly by Orna and some of the students will be receiving a certificate in Kabbalah studies in March 2012.

Full Moon music and meditation classes are held at Bronte Beach, at sunset each month. We sing Jewish songs and meditate in nature, adding an element of spiritual practice in nature - which is part of the Jewish Renewal philosophy.

The High Holidays were a chance to go into deep contemplation – culminating in a full day of renewal activities on Yom Kippur ranging from chanting, meditation, Jewish yoga, psycho-drama and discussion.

All led by different people within our community.

A Jewish Spirituality Day offered insights into various spiritual topics from a Jewish perspective such as: “the Kabbalah of Angels”, “The Eneagram from a Jewish Perspective”, “Jewish Dance” and “Relaxation techniques in Judaism”.

We farewelled our Kabbalah Tai Chi teacher, Gad Levy-Golan, who returned to Israel with his family. He will return in a few years as a guest teacher.

A highlight this year was the visit of Cantor Robert Esformes, who specialises in Ladino music as well as meditation and self- development. He led Shabbat services, gave a concert, taught voice workshops and meditation classes. His visit was organized by Kim Gottlieb and Edna Ross.

Community building is important in Jewish renewal and we have an annual weekend retreat each year. A Kabbalah meditation retreat was held in November 2010, in Leura, and we will hold another one in December 2011.

In the year ahead we hope to bring another Jewish meditation teacher from overseas to Emanuel Synagogue. We hope to train more leadership in Jewish spirituality in the local community and keep improving the services, courses and events we offer.

We look forward to seeing you at Jewish Renewal events in the future.

*Rabbi Dr. Orna Triguboff
Renewal Rabbi*



Kabbalah Music Circle

EDUCATION REPORT



Education is said to encompass all the influences that flow from one generation to the next and continuity is a reflection of those influences in the next generation. Education involves inheritance, participation and contribution. Each generation provides a heritage to the next generation by guiding its initiation into Judaism¹. In this way, each generation is enabled to contribute to the future as it grows in maturity. Inheritance, participation and contribution are intertwined because contribution inevitably involves the influence of the past. Any education that we give our children and community will reverberate into the future.

Professor Moshe Greenberg of the Hebrew University includes as one of the primary goals of Jewish education "the recognition that the moral precepts of the Torah can serve as a guide for our time," he emphasises that students who are successful in recognising this "will not need to turn to foreign sources for principles of morality"². Greenberg clarifies however, that Judaism can fruitfully interact with the values of other cultures, and bring them in to the Jewish conversation. He cites four aims of Jewish Education –

1. The love of learning Torah and the love of performing mitzvot.
2. Acceptance of the Torah as the guide to the relations between humans.
3. The cultivation of a way of life conducive to the creation of community.
4. Affiliation with the Jewish people.

Education is a part of the Emanuel Synagogue life. We are building a community based on faith, festivals, family and feelings. The philosophies that form the cornerstone of our education at the Emanuel Synagogue are family education and informal learning. Jewish family education refers to the educational programs that are developed for entire families with the purpose of strengthening Jewish family life, and the informal nature of the learning is centered in a belief that experience is central to the individual's Jewish development.

Learning through experiencing means that the participants learn through the senses and, that through participating in an event, a deeper understanding of the topic can be reached. The moral system of Judaism—honouring parents, helping the needy, social justice—is based on action and deeds. The cultural life of Judaism—songs, food, holidays—is relived in meals, singing, ritual objects and specific celebrations. Developing positive feelings about a Jewish experience play an important role in the development of Jewish identity.

I thank Rabbis Kamins, Ninio and Jacobson. Their enthusiasm for the task at hand knows no end and their wisdom and council are appreciated.

Our commitment to Jewish learning continues and we offer a range of educational and cultural programs to suit people of all ages. Ultimately the success of any education is determined by the interaction of people with each other and with core experiences. We invite all to share in the process of learning and to grow and experience together.

Sandy Hollis
Director of Education



New computers at the Beit Midrash

¹ Ralph Barton Perry, *Realms of Value* (Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1954), pp. 411-414

² Moshe Greenberg, *Visions of Jewish Education*, pp. 125-126

TREASURER'S REPORT



Friends, as a Treasurer reporting for the first time on the financial performance of our Synagogue, I must begin with an expression of gratitude. The Staff of Emanuel Synagogue are a tremendous asset of our organisation, and their dedication over the last year is most appreciated. In particular, the Financial Controller of the Synagogue, Sara Joffe, has provided me with invaluable assistance over the past year.

The year under review has produced a satisfactory state of financial affairs for the Synagogue as our community has stabilised itself from the effects of the Global Financial Crisis. While individual entities within the consolidated group have generated varied results, it must be remembered that the Synagogue has long maintained a policy of support between related entities to achieve a balanced result as a whole.

Our income has risen modestly to \$2,650,113 from the prior year's \$2,385,102. At the same time a program of careful monitoring of expenditure has meant that our aggregate operating expense has remained relatively consistent at \$2,625,510 which represents a very small increase on last years' figure of \$2,569,757. As a result we have produced a small profit of \$24,603 on a consolidated basis. Indeed this figure might have been higher by some \$54,622 if not for the considered decision by the Investment Committee to rebalance the Synagogues' listed investment portfolio to a greater diversified, index-based, investment strategy. It is expected that as the wider Australian economy continues to exhibit resilience and growth, the new portfolio will hold us in good stead.

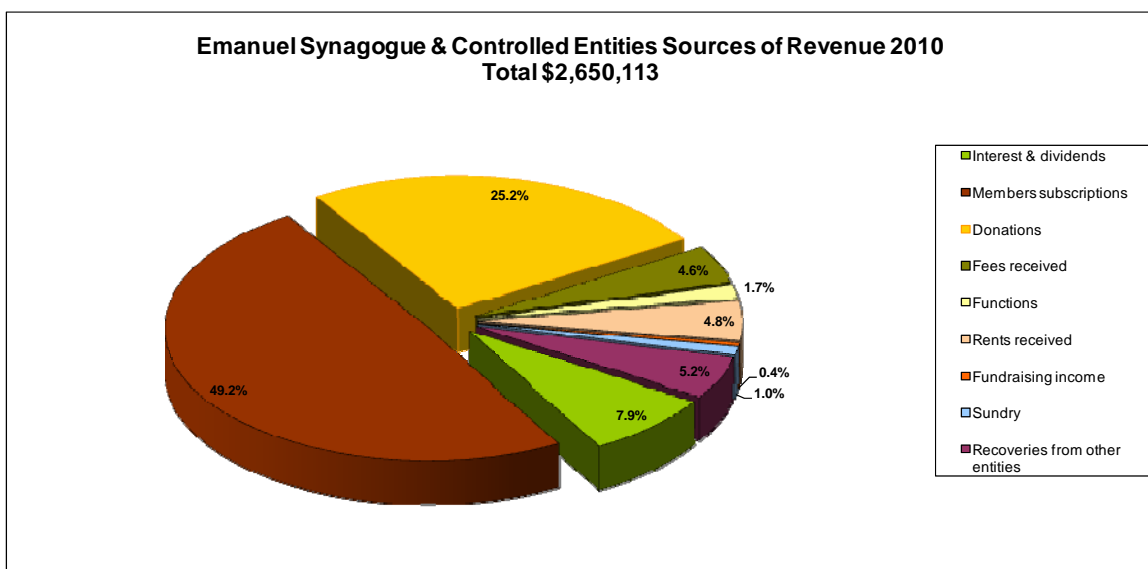
For the first time in five years, the Board of Emanuel Synagogue decided to increase membership fees, and fees for a number of services provided by our dedicated Rabbis. The increase in membership fees of 6.25% was deeply considered and thought necessary to reduce the level of drawings on our valuable reserves. The Board is extremely mindful of those members of the community who may have difficulty in meeting fees, and considers the broad social equity of our community as cornerstone to its continued existence. The modest increases to fees for various life cycle events was designed to reflect the value of our Rabbis and the unique position that they occupy within the wider Jewish community.

Despite these increase, it should be known that without the generous contributions of our benefactors, the consolidated financial position of the Synagogue might have been different. In total the Synagogue received \$654,624 in donations, representing an increase of \$113,506 on the previous year. Donations and bequests contribute significantly to the financial health of the organisation. Your Board has consistently demonstrated a prudent and low-risk investment strategy that provides significant long-term financial benefits, and I encourage all members to consider the Synagogue as part of their tax and estate planning. The difference made for future generations can be enormous.

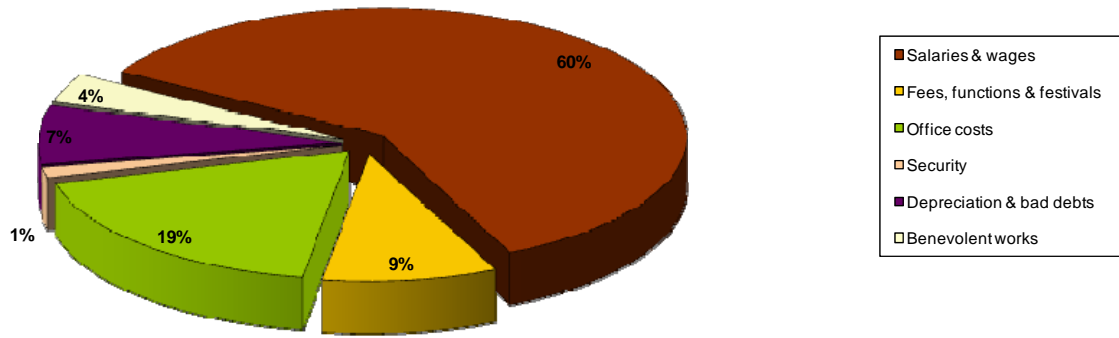
I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors, the Investment Committee and the Finance Committee for their continued support and lively debate. There are often more opinions than persons in attendance and I enjoy our deliberations in achieving consensus.

Finally let me thank Lowy, Wilcock & Co, our auditors for their important work. Our accounts are provided without qualification, and I commend them to you.

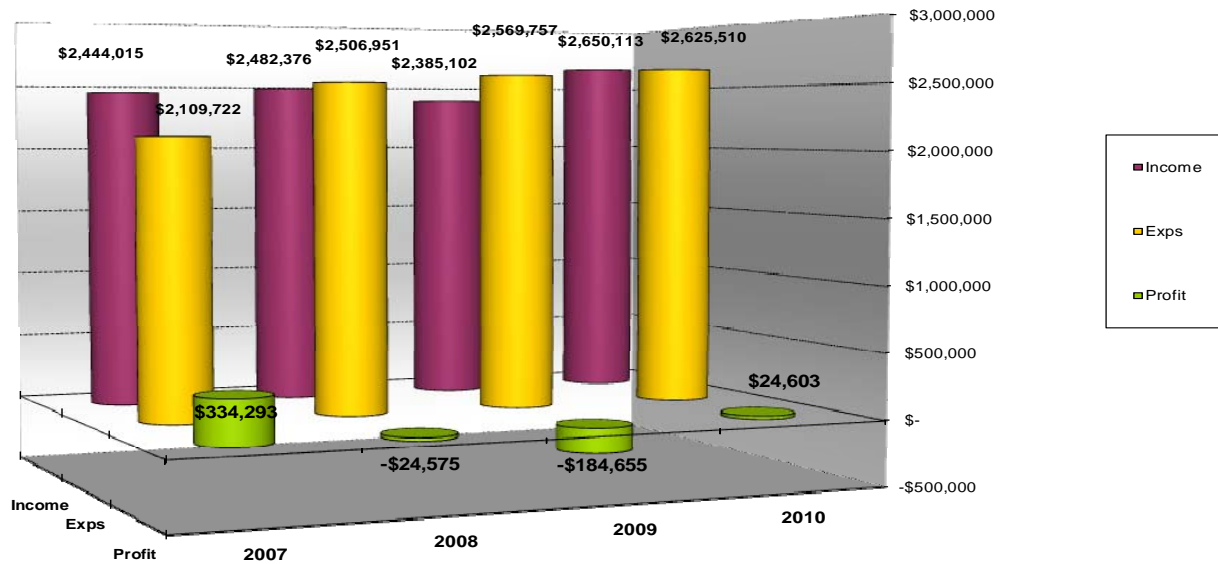
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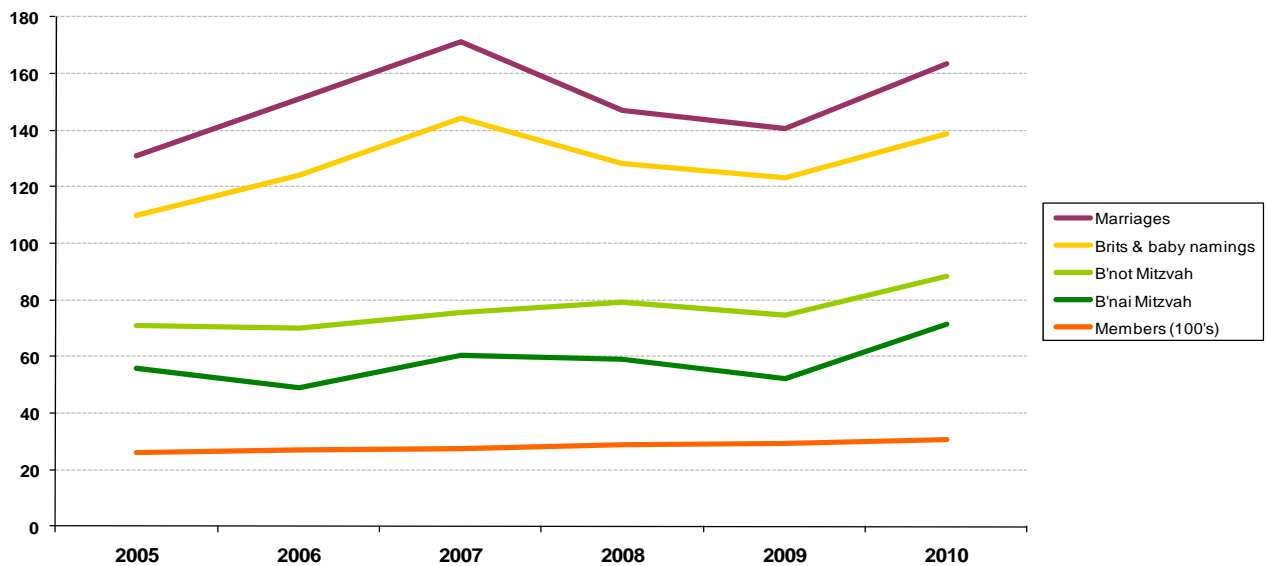
Emanuel Synagogue & Controlled Entities Expenditure 2010
Total \$2,625,510



Emanuel Synagogue & Controlled Entities Results 2007 - 2010



Life Cycle Events 2005 - 2010



NETZER AND COMMUNITY SHLICHA REPORT

My role as the community Shlicha is divided into 4 things:

Netzer Shlicha – in the passing year we had very successful camps with 82 children attending winter camp, 59 attending junior summer camp and 30 from Sydney attending federal camp in Melbourne. We absorbed 9 new leaders into the movement and sent 1 on Shnat (year in Israel). We had a very successful Chanukah extravaganza fundraiser at the end of 2010. The *Bogrim* (Leaders) attended 2 federal *Chinuch* (educational) seminars and one *Bogsem* (AZYC seminar). A few Sydney Seminars were held for the *Mazkirut* (executive) and the *Madrachim* (leaders). In the beginning of 2011, with the support of the UPJ, Netzer took part in a *Tikkun Olam* project in Queensland and helped fix and clean a few houses that were damaged by the devastating floods.



We will be working in 2011 to increase the number of chanichim, the quality of education and the cooperation with our shules. This year I am also the Federal Shlicha of Netzer.

Emanuel Synagogue and North Shore Temple Emanuel community Shlicha – I had the opportunity to teach in various different programs offered by the shules across a variety of age groups – B'nai Mitzvah, conversion classes, Ziknei (for the over 65's), young adults and adults. We introduced a Sunday cinema in the North and an Israel week filled with different activities in both shules. For the first time in Sydney we are going to celebrate a Mimuna attracting the wider Jewish community and the Israeli community to Emanuel synagogue at the end of Pesach to celebrate in the traditional Moroccan way.

Zionist community Shlicha – As part of the *Mishlachat* (delegation) we had a Yom Hazikaron ceremony and Yom Haatzmaut celebration. In 2011 we are planning wider community events during Israel week. We initiated a Zionist Beit Midrash program called *HaBait* for Young Adults which allows discussion on different areas of Judaism and Israel. We participated and held 2 Mishlachat seminars and a few educational days. The cooperation with the other shlichim is inspiring and allows us to achieve more in the community.

This year I am also the **Shlicha of the AZYC** (Australian Zionist Youth Council).

I am looking forward to another successful year with the Progressive and Masorti communities of Emanuel Synagogue.

Anat Baruch
Netzer & Community Shlicha



Netzer volunteers help flood-affected residents in Queensland

EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE CULTURAL FUND

The Emanuel Synagogue Cultural Fund had an active and varied program in 2010 and was well supported by audiences and the Emanuel community. The five event programs included a variety of performance styles and activities.

The committee for 2010 was headed by Naomi Elias and actively supported by its members, Andrea Catzel, Kathie Grinberg, Caz Lederman, Gary Penny and Geoff Sirmai. Thanks too for the encouragement and advice from the trustees, especially Norbert Schweizer and Rabbi Kamins. The Cultural Fund is also indebted to Rabbi Ninio who assisted with the play readings initiatives.

The Cultural Fund was also ably assisted with marketing, art work, flyers and advertising by the Synagogue's PR, Katie Gluckman and by Geoff Sirmai's *Watchdog Communications*.

The events which were sponsored or supported by the Cultural Fund in 2010 were:

1. March 21, 2010

Play reading "A House Like Any Other" by Jack Feldstein.

Jack Feldstein is an Australian playwright who has taken up residence in New York. The play concerned a number of dramatic encounters in a Jewish migrant family and was somewhat based on the playwright's own life in Adelaide. The play was performed by a group of professional actors, some Jewish and others not, who had rehearsed and performed with the playwright in the Synagogue's hall.

2. May 2, 2010

Play reading "Fear and Desire" by Alana Ruben Free.

This play is part of a trilogy written by Alana Ruben Free who is also based in New York. We were grateful to Alana as she travelled to Sydney at her own expense to produce and direct the play and others of the trilogy at other venues. Accommodation was provided at Naomi Elias' house during Alana's stay.

Following both plays there was lively discussion with the audiences. The play readings are events supporting both Jewish playwrights and actors alike. They were well received by the full houses that attended.

3. August 8, 2010

Recital by Israeli opera singer Sivan Rotem.

A beautiful recital of Opera, Israeli and South American pieces was performed by Sivan Rotem together with a piano accompanist. Following the concert, attendees enjoyed a reception and afternoon tea as part of the ticket cost, and the opportunity of meeting the artists. Sivan's visit to Sydney was a personal one and the Cultural Fund was therefore fortunate in not having to contribute to her travel expenses.

4. August 15, 2010, Bondi Pavilion

Shir Madness: Jewish Music Festival

Shir Madness was the first Jewish Music festival in Sydney covering 40 acts of all genres and music styles. It was a wonderful event with a distinctly Jewish flavour that deservedly gained much support. The donation and sponsorship of the Cultural Fund to the event generally and also to specific acts, were acknowledged by the organisers in their publicity material. The day was a great success and over 3000 people attended.

5. October 31, 2010

Concert "Spirit Passion Soul" by Dahlia Dior and Lily Dior

This concert was given by Dahlia Dior and Lily Dior together with Dahlia's band. Over 200 people enjoyed the talents of mother and daughter, both of whom are much loved and popular cabaret and jazz vocalists and are well known to many people in Sydney. The concert coincided with the B'nai Brith day of Jewish Culture and was part of their program.



Sivan Rotem

EMANUEL SCHOOL REPORT



This year, being my first at Emanuel School as Principal, featured a very warm welcome from all and a year of discovery about the school.

Throughout the year we focused on a range of initiatives related to learning, communication and improvement of facilities. The renovations of the Specialist Learning Centre were completed and our new Kleinlehrer Family Science Building was finished right at the end of the year.

Spectacular successes above and beyond expectations during the year included amazing achievement for six students in the Lionel Bowen Writers' competition, outstanding achievement by two students in the national informatics competition, winning the cross-country championship, and the inclusion of a Year 12 student's Major Work in Visual Arts in the exclusive ArtExpress exhibition of HSC works. Our students' involvement in community service in 2010 in so many areas was highly commendable. There were two very significant awards conferred upon members of our staff from outside

agencies – a National Excellence in Teaching Award and a Premier's Teaching Scholarship, both very rare awards.

Staffing

We said goodbye to a small number of teachers and support staff during 2010 and at the end of the year. Of particular note, we farewelled Ms Mira Peles Haneman, who has been teaching Hebrew at Emanuel School for the past 13 years, and Mrs Jann Carter, who has been teaching Year 1 for six years, and retired. Our teaching, support and administration staff is dedicated and committed to providing the best possible education for our students. I very much appreciate them and thank them for their considerable contributions.

Enrolments

Our numbers continued to be stable, with close to the same number in 2010 as in 2009.

Thanks

I would like to thank the Emanuel School Board members for their commitment to the School. I would also like to thank the Emanuel Synagogue for their support, and particularly their assistance in providing a much-needed venue for our Year 12 examinations. We are also indebted to Rabbi Kamins, Rabbi Ninio and Rabbi Jacobson for their valuable input to the Jewish Life of our students and staff over the year.

Anne Hastings

Emanuel School Principal



EMANUEL SCHOOL





UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Mr. L. Adelman
President
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Dear Laurence,

It is with great pleasure that we write on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Union for Progressive Judaism to congratulate you on your term of presidency and to bring greetings to your congregation at the time of its Annual General Meeting. We also take this opportunity to congratulate Senior Rabbi Jeffrey B. Kamins on the completion of his outstanding term as President of the Moetzah, the Council of Progressive Rabbis.

During this past year we were delighted that the Emanuel Synagogue hosted a Master Class by Cantor-in-residence Robbie Solomon and are pleased to let you know that this highly successful event has led to the creation of our own Synagogue Musicians Guild. We were also pleased and honoured that during this time we were able to formally present our most prestigious Vatik Award to former Emanuel Synagogue President and tireless communal worker, Geoffrey Cowen, for his work within the Synagogue, as well as in the broader community in developing the Progressive movement.

Having recently concluded our celebrations of 80 years of Progressive Judaism in this region, we are more aware than ever of the need for us to offer our community an authentic Judaism that respects our traditions and embraces a love of Israel while presenting it within the context of modern perspectives and values. To this end it will be during the coming year that our Centre for Progressive Jewish Life will commence and will provide invaluable resources to your congregation as well as the other members of the UPJ.

As we renew and redouble our efforts to promote and support our congregations we look forward to the increased and greatly valued involvement of the Board and membership of the Emanuel Synagogue in the development and growth of Progressive Judaism within our region. We wish you and the incoming Board of Emanuel Synagogue continued success,
Very best wishes

David Robinson
President

Steve Denenberg
Executive Director

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LIFECYCLE EVENTS

Weddings: 25

Wayne Baskin to Jami-Leigh Fisher
Jay Baumwol to Kate Webster
David Berman to Avital Melniker
Keith Bethlehem to Kerry Saloner
Joshua Bihary to Karen Erdos
Neil Blum to Jackie Silver
Brett Churnin to Vanessa Bouganim
Jonathan Cohen to Anna Ougrinovsk
Robert Czeiger to Monika Silver
Justin Diamond to Kerry-Ann Brieden
Ari Feller to Michelle Gubanyi
Terence Foltyn to Eve Guerry
David Goldbach to Justine Turner
Andrew Isaacs to Tamara Lang
Antony Kery to Melissa Ryan
Guy Klamer to Kim Ruttenberg
Garry Laurence to Deborah Holman
Michael Linton to Natalie Kleiner
Lindy Talia Lowenstein to Jacob Kaplan
Adam Perl to Jacqueline Streimer
Robert Shelley to Anna Orszacky
Michael Silverman to Elisa Rosen
Joel Spiro to Julia Frenkel
Adam Symonds to Ilana Waxman
Christopher Taylor to Martine Goldie Buchter

Funerals & Cremations: 27

Madge Abbott
Jacob Joseph Abeshouse
Fruma Baskir
Irwin Catzel
Michael Deutsch
Ruth Deutsch
Elise Eckstein
Solomon Encel
Michael Fettman
Naomi Fletcher
Sylvia Friedlander
John Glass
Pola Grossy
Jenny Guss
Bronia Hatfield
Irene Hurst
Paul Kornmehl
Ashley Levi
Karl Maehrischel
Anne Marlow
Ilona Sarkadi
Oliver Shaul
Samuel Slap
David Snider
George Vasin
Alexander Wargon
Edward Moss Waxman OAM

Baby namings: 50

Jacob Sidney Alleck
Peri Mae Banki
Gil David Banna
Elijah Dov Barach
Lachlan William Berger
Aiden Kael Bethlehem
Thomas Jacob Cannon
Jordan Davis
Saige Davis
Mia Gabriella Fine
Tori Fletcher
Cisco Baer Folden
Lily Sara Foltyn
Jackson Glaser
Mia Chaya Goodridge
Zara Rose Gorelik
Jack Nathan Harrison
Benjamin Fraser Hauer
Hannah Jacobson
Saskia Vera Margaux Helia-Antflick
Isabella Rae Hirst
Lucinda Isert
Jonas Warwick Kleiman
Brenden Kozak
Jack Landis
Abby Leibman
Samuel Oscar Lesnie-James
Porscha Levis
Sophia Levis
Lilian Shaine Levy-Tolseki
Jaimie Lobel
Elliot Samuel Martin
Sanne Rachel Nathan
Madeline New
Ariel Elizabeth Nurick
Oliver Antony Randle
Zachary Luca Salamon
Rebecca Maya Salamon
Isaac Shammay
Coby Jacob Shandler
Maya J Shapiro
Elah Alex Sharabi
Maia Ariel Sharabi
Jethro Sharman
Arielle Shaz Bor
Reuben Jay Shroot
Oliver Silberman
Elizabeth Mai Somerville
Honore Strippoli
Emiliana Rose Weisz

B'nei Mitzvah: 41

Haakon Abrahams-Barry
Mikai Allan
Jake Apps

Gabriel Baer
Ben Baron
Matthew Barrett
Samuel Bell
Max Caminer
Reuben Challis
Thomas Coates
Nathan Cohen
Zach Edelstein
Mikey Hamilton
Dean Hearnshaw
Jay Heyman
Thomas Hughes
Jacob Klisser
Thomas Kurz
Luca Lavigne
Zachary Lazarus
Jesse Marquard-Karp
Daniel Martin
Samuel Meyerratken
Samuel Milch
Jonathan Moallem
Cameron Morris-Mikardo
Nathan Morton
Aaron Nachum
Mark Nerwich
Zac Newhouse-Freuden
Remi Owen
Nicholas Palmer
Jeremy Schneider
Raphael Sebban
Nathan Shapiro
Alan Shenfield
Jake Silove
Nissim Toledano
Raphael Uricher
Jordon Woods
Joshua Zwi

B'not Mitzvah: 17

Hannah Burnett
Rebecca Emdor
Ella Faigen
Seri Feldman-Gubbay
Robyn Grosz
Sarah Irving
Micayla Laurence
Lyla Levy Jordan
Mikki Liling
Amy Nahum
Tali Olgers-Chemke
Rebecca Penny
Nikki Riesel
Lucy Sive
Rachel Stanton
Anastasia Uricher
Hannah Vasin

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

Use Your Will



To value the present & to ensure our future

Have you considered how your legacy will live on?

Your Will is what you will leave behind so that your family, friends and the organisations you love can continue to flourish and grow. It also allows you to be an active part of the future development of the community of which you are a valued member, as well as providing a permanent memorial to you and your loved ones.

For a confidential discussion about how you can make a gift to the future, please contact office on 9328 7833.

As important as participation is, your synagogue is far more than a place of worship and has a continuing role in the life of its members and of the Jewish community. From *simcha* to sadness and from baby naming to Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Emanuel Synagogue provides a dynamic expression of Judaism for people of diverse thought, practice and background.

In order to develop our role as leaders in the Jewish world, and to meet the wide range of needs for cultural, social, educational and caring services within our congregation, we seek your moral and financial support.

With your help we can develop these programmes and provide an environment to inspire devotion to Judaism, especially its mitzvot and commitment to social action.

When you next celebrate a family *simcha*, share the joy by making a tax deductible donation to Temple Benevolent Association, the Gerald de Vahl Davis School War Memorial Building Fund or the new Emanuel Synagogue Cultural Fund. **All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**

Similarly, when planning for the future of your loved ones and community, make sure that you include an amount that will allow your synagogue to maintain the traditions and values of Judaism for the generations to come. Please speak to your legal advisor.

SAMPLE FORM OF BEQUEST TO EMANUEL

- a) I give the sum of \$..... to the Congregation of the Emanuel Synagogue of 7 Ocean Street, Woollahra, NSW, 2025 for the general purposes of the organisation;
- b) If the gift in sub-paragraph (a) cannot take effect then I give the said sum to the progressive Jewish charitable organisation or organisations in Australia which my executors consider most nearly fulfills or fulfill the object I intend to benefit;
- c) The receipt of the Treasurer, Secretary or Public Officer for the time being of the organisation or the beneficiary or beneficiaries selected by my executors under sub-paragraph (b) will be an absolute discharge to my executors; and
- d) Any capital gains tax payable as a result of this gift should be borne by the residue of my estate.