

## Sonnecteo for

Mount Scopus College Foundation Annual Report 2018



## **Connected for Life**

President's Report



In 2014, I became President of the Mount Scopus College Foundation, with the knowledge that I was following in big shoes.

I had two initial aims then that are becoming true today; namely to build an Endowment Fund for the Future, to secure the stability of fees for the next generation of parents and to renew the Lew Family Secondary School and revitalise the entire Gandel Campus.

For the past four years, I have been working with School President Amy Hershan, Principal Rabbi James Kennard and the combined school leadership and Foundation Executive on the **largest single transformation of the College** since the move to Burwood in the late 1950s.

This kind of development needs the support of our current families and our major donors, together with support from our major financial institution and both Federal and State governments. We have met with teachers on best practice classrooms, and architects, on how best to build around the 1,300 people who are on campus on any given day. We have an obligation to you, as our stakeholders, to get this major development right and we are glad to have your support as we get ready.

The **Endowment Fund for the Future** was established in 2016 and, as you may be aware, we have an agreement with the College to deposit all bequests and a portion of our annual income into it.

The investment committee, consisting of Foundation Vice President Stewart Baron, Sam Alter, Ruth Picker and myself are looking at a growing balance. To make a donation to the Endowment Fund, please call Marlo Newton on 9834 0033, or to get the right language for a bequest, go to: www.scopusfoundation.org.au/plan-your-will/

Last month, I attended my 30th reunion as an alumnus of 1988. Amongst our group we counted businessmen and women, professionals, entrepreneurs, even a Federal Treasurer! How lucky we are to be part of this community and to attend, and send our children, grandchildren, and now, great grandchildren to this school, where we remain **connected for life**.

Hazak v'amatz

David Gold, President



#### Welcome and congratulations to our members

A warm welcome and thank you to our newest members:

#### Member

Lisa Farber and Justin Liberman Ros and Danny Gunn Lisa and Brett Lewis Miriam and Michael Suss

Fellow

Tali and Guy Biran

Thank you and congratulations to those whose ongoing generosity raised their level of membership:

#### To Fellow

Sally and David Casper Naomi and Jason Lenga

To Benefactor Judy and Mark Gandur

#### To Founder

Anonymous Julie and Joey Borensztajn Ruth and Larry Picker

## Scholarships and bursaries

The Foundation devotes its efforts to two main areas:

facilities to create the appropriate structure for learning, and bursaries to enable as many students as possible to benefit from the outstanding Jewish education at Mount Scopus College.

We acknowledge and appreciate those who have donated funds to establish scholarships for specific programs and bursaries for those in financial need.

In Year 10, students and their families benefit from the continuing support of the **Helen and Bori Liberman Family** who provide funds so that every student who wishes to participate in our Ulpan Israel Program may do so. This landmark program has provided untold benefit to the College and the wider Jewish community in terms of increased integration of Jewish identity in our students, coupled with lifelong support for Israel in our graduates.

Based on our success in reaching more students who require significant assistance to expedite entry to the school, we were awarded additional funding from the Victor Smorgon Scholarship Fund. We thank Monica and Peter Edwards and all the members of the Loti and Victor Smorgon family, for this landmark gift which underscores the value they place on Jewish education. Thanks also, to David Leeton for his assistance in facilitating this gift which makes a genuine difference to the support we can provide families. One of the ongoing benefits of the Victor Smorgon Scholarship Fund is the leadership by example it provides and we thank our other donors who have been inspired by the Fund to make their own contribution to our bursaries.

Recently, the College Executive decided to make all future scholarships needs-based, rather than academic. This supports our ethos of maximising entry points to Jewish education for all the children in our community. It is gratifying that all our families who had established academic scholarships, when contacted, were happy to support the move to help those in most need.

We thank **Issy and Tom Jacob** for the longevity of their support for students with the **Klara and Lazar Majer Bryczman Memorial Bursary** and the **Mimi and Guenter Jacob Memorial Bursary**. The **Narodowski Family**, in memory of their parents **Sam and Nina Narodowski**, provide deep and significant funding of the bursary program and make a material difference to the ability of the College to support families.

Our students and their families continue to benefit from the exceptional generosity of the Werdiger Family, the commitment of the Pratt Foundation and the continuing annual support of the Leon Liberman Memorial Bursaries. The Ruben Fried Scholarship makes it possible for a student from public school to join Scopus in Year 7.

Mount Scopus has always provided bursaries to enable students in need to attend the College. It is gifts like these that make a genuine difference to our ability to continue to do so in this generation, and for the future. We ask you to consider adding your support, whether in honour of a birthday, a family celebration, or a Bequest in your Will.



## **2018 Foundation Executive**

#### President

Vice Presidents







Stewart Baron

#### Members

David Gold



Paul Bassat



Joey Borensztajn (Life Executive)



Russell Casper



Esther Frenkiel OAM



Justin Liberman



Ruth Picker



Ricky Smorgon

**Executive Director** 



Ari Suss

College President



Amy Hershan



Rabbi James Kennard



Marlo Newton

#### Life Executives

Jack Hansky z"l Michael Karp Henry Lanzer AM Solomon Lew Marilyn Simon

### S'machot



#### **Celebrating something?**

It's a special mitzvah to share your celebration with others and we are so grateful when Scopus family and friends choose to ask guests for donations in lieu of gifts. Now it's even easier to support the College or the fund for bursaries by using our website to give your guests an online address to donate to your page and receive an immediate tax-deductible receipt. To see our current s'machot (celebrations) go to www.scopusfoundation.org.au/simcha/ or to set up your own page call Marlo Newton on 9834 0033.



#### Going to a function?

If you're attending a simcha and wish to donate to Scopus rather than give a gift, you can donate using the following page: scopusfoundation.org.au/make-a-donation and choose either the Building Fund or the Scholarship Fund.

Just put why you're donating in the notes section when you get to it and we'll: a) send you an automatic tax-deductible receipt, b) use your note to write to the person celebrating and let them know you donated on their behalf, and c) record your gift in your donation history.

A warm thank you to those who have shared their simcha with Scopus over the past twelve months:

Barmitzvah
Special Birthday
Barmitzvah
Special Birthday



## Looking after the whole student at Mount Scopus College

How do we, as a school, nurture strong and resilient young adults, with self-confidence, compassion and menschlichkeit? At Mount Scopus, we do it by focusing on wellbeing.

Our aspiration is for students to develop as people who take increasing responsibility for their own physical wellbeing, their own learning and their own relationships with others.

An education at Scopus is understood to be about much more than passing exams and we are committed to positively developing all facets of our students' personalities and to help them navigate the path to adulthood.

As educators, we care about our students' emotional and physical wellbeing. We want them to be thoughtful, strong and caring members of our society, showing gratitude for their gifts and compassion for others.

This year, we signalled a major shift in focus on wellbeing by hiring a Director of Wellbeing, Matti Borowski, for the Secondary School. He is responsible for health, social education and all issues of student wellbeing. By creating this senior role, the College acknowledges the key place wellbeing has in our students' ability to thrive at Mount Scopus and the growing body of evidence supporting the need for holistic learning. Greg Hannon continues responsibility for primary-aged students and staff. Our wellbeing curriculum is framed by strong Jewish values and ancient wisdom, such as mitzvot (what we are created to do) and middot (what we are created to hold dear). It is also influenced by the tenets of Positive Psychology, which means we believe that we can make positive changes in our behaviour that lead to changes in mindset.

Scopus draws together all the strands needed to ensure that we look at each student as a whole. A primary child might have explicit sessions on social skills, then the opportunity to get exercise through physical education classes, followed by a stint in the kitchen garden looking at healthy eating.

If relationships break down the College uses an explicit framework of practices based on 'restorative justice' philosophy that builds and strengthens relationships and social connections promoting accountability and responsibility and to repair harm when relationships break down through wrongdoing, mistakes and misunderstanding.

The entire Primary community, students, teachers and parents, enjoyed a Resilience Project program in February which showed us how best to create resiliency in young people. "Better is one slow to anger than a strong man, and one who rules over his spirit than a conqueror of a city." (Proverbs 16:32)

"When keeping the body in health and vigour, one walks in the way of God."

Maimonides, Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Deot 4:1











#### **Teenagers and Wellness**

In the Lew Family Secondary School, we build on our traditional Bayit (homeroom) model, with a focus on various themes in different year levels.

In Year 7 Nefesh (soul) focuses on overall wellbeing, for example, while in Year 8 Derech (path) classes work on social cohesion and acceptance. By Year 9 Achshav (now), a full year's program of speakers, dedicated lessons, activities and community service focuses on inquiry based learning through the personal project, City Cite, safe partying, First Aid and other workshops. Senior students face increased academic pressure but Years 10, 11, and 12 sessions, run by the student development team, base themselves upon three core principles: Knowledge, Values and Skills. This involves critical thinking and ethical questions. As a lighter break from stress in Year 12, students participate in exploring "What we don't get taught at school".

The students themselves select or direct the topics. Some of the lively and engaging sessions have included changing a car tyre, selecting a phone plan and voting. The Year 12 Captains also play a role, hosting Wellness Wednesday recess activities such as mindful colouring and yoga.

Wellbeing programs at Mount Scopus College are enhanced by donations from members of the Foundation.



## Yvonne and Leon Fink Memorial Award for Commitment to Jewish Education

We gratefully acknowledge our supporters who reach the \$250,000 level, that of Founder, with the prestigious Yvonne and Leon Fink Memorial Award for Commitment to Jewish Education.

Anonymous	Sonia and Don Marejn
Lyndi and Rodney Adler	Dina and Mark Munzer Family
Helen and Maurice Alter Family	Narodowski Family
ANZ	Ruth and Larry Picker
Baron Family	Pomeroy Family
Bassat Family	Pratt Family
Eva and Marc Besen Family	Roslyn and Richard Rogers Family
Birch Family	Small Family
Julie and Joey Borensztajn	Gita and George Smorgon Family
Lauren and Bruce Fink	Loti and Victor Smorgon
Fink Karp Ivany Family	Smorgon Family
Gandel Family	Susie and Eric Stock Family
Goldman Sachs JBWere	Mira and George Szalmuk Family
Stera and Joseph Gutnick	The Slezak Trusts
Paula and Jack Hansky Family	Sylvia and Roy Tashi
Nicole and Silviu Itescu	Werdiger Family
Issy and Tom Jacob	
Suzanne and Michael Karp	
Dinah and Henry Krongold Family	
Janette and Henry Lanzer	
Rosie and Solomon Lew Family	
Helen and Bori Liberman Family	
Lee Liberman Family	
Lustig and Moar Family	

## A l'chaim to celebrate the elevation of Josh Frydenberg to Federal Treasurer

A celebratory crowd gathered to toast Josh Frydenberg's success as Federal Treasurer and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia. Josh is an alumnus of the Class of 1988, and paid tribute to Mount Scopus as establishing the values he holds dear and the friendships he treasures. A highlight was a video which showcased interviews with several of Josh's teachers, reflecting on his school days, and his current achievement. The former teachers who participated were Judith Field, Rabbi Ronnie Figdor, Carol Jensen, Dr Steven Lorch, Bernie O'Brien and Helen Tonkin.



Row 1: Josh Frydenberg, Leonie and Morris Joel, Rachel Irons, Elissa Joachim, Dan Feldman, Henry Lanzer, Jeff Simon, Nathan Shafir, Marilyn Simon, Janette Lanzer, Masha Gold, Sean and Bec Sacher Row 2: Sharon Lowe, Sara Gold, Lynne Samuel, Peter and Karen Kacser, Sharon Unger, Mimi Cohen, Belinda Lipshut, David Gold, Avi Cohen, Sam Alter Row 3: Andrew Bassat, Danny Gunn, Jason Lenga, Ralph and Ann Wollner, Esther and David Frenkiel, Susie Stock, Karen Stock-Schnall, Lisa Tenenbaum, Lisa Farber, Sharona Goodman Row 4: Amy Hershan, Justin Liberman, Rabbi James Kennard, Susan Boltin, Philip Weinman, Ricky Smorgon, Dion Hershan, David Gold, Lisa Farber, Josh Frydenberg, Justin Liberman Thanks to Jeff Joseph and Cha Cha Photography

Members share tales of their ties to Scopus and their motivation for support.

# Foundation

#### **Elaine Bloch-Jaffe**

Elaine Bloch-Jaffe began her association with us six decades ago, as a graduate kindergarten teacher at the Kew Campus of Mount Scopus College. At that time, in 1952, Abe Feiglin was Principal and Elaine was recently married to a young lawyer named Arnold Bloch. Elaine was no stranger to communal life, having travelled from her birthplace of Manchester to Australia in 1938 when her father Rabbi Freedman was invited to take up the pulpit of Melbourne Hebrew Congregation.

The Blochs became parents at Mount Scopus when their eldest, Susan (Boltin), began school in 1960. Five Bloch children attended altogether. By 1965, Arnold was President of the College and Elaine a regular hostess for visiting VIPs, shlichim and speakers. "So I was there through (Bursar) Cyril Ashton and (Foundation Executive Director) Jim Myers," Elaine relates, "and didn't we have some amazing events? I remember lots of auctions. At one, I bought a car! At another, one prize was twelve first class tickets to the USA. A donor bought it and gave a ticket each to everyone on his table!"

Whether it was collecting goods for the Annual Bazaar, or "roneo-ing" the weekly newspaper, Elaine was involved. "We were considered very advanced to have a roneo machine but we still had to collate each issue," she recalls. Arnold Bloch was made a Life Governor of Mount Scopus in recognition of his work, and Beit Aharon, the Arnold Bloch shule at Gandel Besen House, is named for him. After Arnold's untimely death at only 56, Elaine was invited more and more into the spotlight, taking on speaking engagements beginning with a speech at her eldest granddaughter's Batmitzvah. Two of her children and several grandchildren have settled in Israel but there have been Mount Scopus graduates in each generation, and with 40 great-grandchildren to date, the dynasty is going strong.

Elaine was a 'foundation' Foundation member from the very beginning and remains a staunch supporter of the College.

Plenty of women might be slowing down at this stage of life but Elaine is convinced "it doesn't matter what your age is, there is always some way you can contribute."

Left to right: Doron Boltin, Elaine Bloch-Jaffe, Na'ama Boltin, Talia Boltin



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#### Leonard Hamersfeld

Leonard Hamersfeld joined Mount Scopus in secondary school in 1980, and his wife Tanya as a new parent. For Leonard, joining the Foundation was a natural outcome of enjoying the benefits of the College as a teenager. "I think about how hard it must have been to build the school from scratch originally," he says, "and how our parents and families in the early days must have really rallied to create this amazing place." While Tanya did not grow up in Melbourne, her family had an equally strong commitment to philanthropy. Now that the Hamersfelds are parents themselves, they are excited to contribute towards the next phase of development.

"The Foundation is mostly responsible for all the new buildings, and classrooms and so on. Tanya and I couldn't think of a more important charity to offer some small assistance, than the school that our own kids attend. We hope that they will be able to reap the rewards for the next nine years as they go into high school, and, of course, that any contribution we might be able to make assists many other families and future generations." Perhaps because both Tanya and Leonard work in design, making beautiful and desirable objects, they write of Scopus "We see it as a work in progress."

With three children now in the Smorgon Family Primary School, the Hamersfelds will be part of our Scopus family for some time to come. As Leonard remarks: "There have been Hamersfelds almost continually at Scopus since my Dad started in the 50s. We are hoping we will be there for many more years."

Right: Bernie Hamersfeld 1950

## The Momentum of Memory

I was writing a condolence note, recently, and included the words "May her memory be a blessing," almost by rote. Knowing the person who had recently passed away, and that she told me of a planned bequest to Scopus, the phrase leapt out at me anew.

What do we really mean when we wish that?

Linguists would translate the Hebrew zichrono or zichrona livracha most probably as the phrase we would say in English "of blessed memory" but that seems too passive for the imperative and Jewishness of this wish. On deeper reflection, there is something more than a suggestion, closer to an imperative: "May her memory be a blessing" – that her memory SHOULD be or WILL be a blessing.

When we remember someone we loved, or respected, the good deeds or kindness they showed when alive continue to maintain momentum and to spread positive effects, even though they have gone.

When we quote someone, we honour them as having communicated something worthwhile and their words and ideas become part of who we are.

When we support a cause they believed in, their actions are inspiring us to continue their work. How many times do we say, "I do this because my father taught me..."? Our memory of them is not static; it moves with us, keeping us company, and occasionally prodding us along, creating a positive momentum to carry with us.

So, when we write "May her memory be a blessing", let us by all means offer comfort to a mourner who might, in time, find that memory brings more joy than sorrow, but let's also listen to stories of what they cared about, what they chose to spend their time working on, and keep that momentum going.

You can leave a bequest to us in the form of a sum of money, a percentage of your Estate, or a specific asset. It will be invested in our Endowment Fund which will go towards bringing down the cost of education for all students and honoured by inclusion on our Honour Board in perpetuity.

To remember someone you looked up to with a donation, or to make a bequest yourself, please call Marlo Newton on 9834 0033.

#### Let's look after all our kids

Did you know a **bequest** to Mount Scopus College Foundation may take the form of a sum of money, a percentage of your Estate, property or shares?

To chat confidentially about your wishes please call Marlo Newton, Foundation Fundraising Manager on 9834 0129 or email for more information mnewton@scopus.vic.edu.au

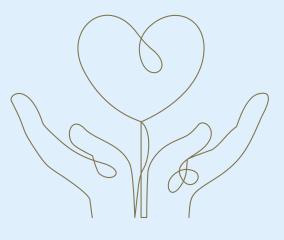
Find us at our newly launched website www.scopusfoundation.org.au/plan-your-will/



Mount Scopus Memorial College



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#### May their memory be a blessing

We note with sadness the passing of Foundation members over the past year:

#### Morris Majtlis

Maurice Alter

Sylvia Gelman AM MBE

Tova Tauber

#### We honour their memory

We express our heartfelt appreciation to those from whose Estate our students have benefited:

Harry Betan in memory of the Family Betansky in London
Anna Brown
Doreen and Jack Carman
John Fox
Harriet Gordon
Sister Joyce Hehir; Trustee
Jack Goldberg
Mendel Herszfeld
Helene and Paul Kohn
Helen and Richard Kohn
Hilda and Israel Kozlowski
Hirsh Light
Sonia and Don Marejn

Hanna Moszkowska
Julia Feital Pearl
Geoffrey Rosanove
Rose Rosanove
Alwyn Ruta Samuel
Herta and Roman Scherer
Lola Silberthau
Elizabeth and Nicolas Slezak
Aaron Arthur Smith
Liza and Owsiej (Oscar) Sokolski
Aileen Rita and Walter Stern
Herbert Tisher
Ludwik Weisz

Vica and Mitia Yavitch

## Foundation Highlights and Achievements

#### 1987

 Mount Scopus College Foundation launched by Prime Minister Bob Hawke

#### 1988-1993

- New science and art facilities, dedicated by the Alter, Hansky and Lubansky families
- Five modular classrooms added to Smorgon Family Primary School
- \$3,769,000 disbursed to College for tuition fee assistance

#### 1994-1996

- The Gandel Family gift provided for extensive and widespread refurbishment, new biology and primary computer laboratories and upgrading of all technology. In appreciation, the Burwood Campus was dedicated as the Gandel Campus
- Dedication of the Susie and Eric Stock Drama Studio
- Extended PE/sport facilities housing the Shafir Family Fitness Centre

#### 1997

- '5 year \$ 8,000,000' Capital Campaign launched by Federal Treasurer Peter Costello
- Baker Family Cafeteria
- George and Gita Smorgon
  Sports Complex
- Rita and Sam Kras
  Basketball Centre
- Kras Payes Weinman Recreation Centre
- Jenny and Noel Levin Sports Pavilion
- Lustig and Moar Aquatic Centre
- Margie and Michael Small Tennis Centre
- Jack Skolnik Oval

#### 1999

 Foundation Jubilee Dinner with guest of honour, Prime Minister John Howard

#### 2000

 Besen Family Performing Arts Centre Alter Family Auditorium

Baron and Tashi Foyer and Plaza

Yvonne and Leon Fink Amphitheatre

Eva and Marc Besen School of Music

Susie and Eric Stock School of Drama

Sylvia Gelman Dressing Room Paula and Jack Hansky Box Office

Dina and Mark Munzer Lounge Pomeroy Family Bars

Ramler Control Box

Rothschild Family Space Sheezel and Tashi Sponsors Lounge

Sculpture by Andrew Rogers

- Renewal and expansion of Fink Karp Ivany Campus
- Renewal of Gandel Campus Station Street entrance, bus and car park

#### 2002

• School visit and Foundation Gala Dinner with President Bill Clinton

#### 2003

 Szalmuk Family Early Learning Centre Kindergarten classrooms dedicated by Myra and Godfrey Cohen, Judy and Solly Joss, Musia and Arthur Shafir and in memory of David Klamberg and Max Pascoe

#### 2004

- School visit and Foundation Dinner with Professor Alan Dershowitz
- \$1,800,000 disbursed to the College

#### 2005

 Slezak Multimedia and Technology Centre Birch Family

School of Media Studies

Edit suite dedicated by Gary Berman Family

Lauren and Bruce Fink School of Information Technology

Resource centre dedicated by Julie and Joey Borensztajn

Classrooms dedicated by Linda and David Goldberg, Edith and Sol Greiman, Paula and Jack Hansky, Baba and Andor Schwartz, Debbie and Stephen Szental

Gersh Family Merkaz

Susie and Norman Rockman Library

Sophie and Norman Kave Lounge

Seminar rooms dedicated by Gregory Rosshandler, Marlen and Leon Carp and Helen and Bernard Carp

Screen and Image dedicated by Karen Stock-Schnall

#### 2006

 Soccer Oval dedicated by Sue and Michael Karp Family

 Helen and Bori Liberman Family commence their significant support for the Ulpan Progam

#### 2008

- Interactive Smartboards enter all classrooms supported by the George and Gita Smorgon family
- Dedication of Roslyn Smorgon Outreach Program

#### 2009

- A focused appeal, generously supported by the College's major benefactors, provided the ability to minimise fee increases and to offer additional bursaries
- Kitchen Garden Project opens

#### 2010

- Students enjoy a new Gandel Besen House
- Alter Family Plaza at Gandel Besen House
- Dedication of Helen Synman Archive Project

#### 2011

- New building for Smorgon Family Primary School at Gandel Campus
- The Kikar of Smorgon Family Primary School dedicated by the Roslyn and Richard Rogers Family
- New furniture, refurbishment and air-conditioning for Secondary School
- Integrated landscaping, new recreational and sporting areas at every campus

#### 2012

- The 'Alter Family School of Jewish Studies and Ivrit' was proudly dedicated in honour of the Alter Family's longstanding support and involvement at Scopus
- The Hamakom dedicated in memory of Dalia Pizmony
- Weinman Levy Oval at Gandel Besen House
- Prep Inquiry Area at Gandel Besen House dedicated by Ann and Arnold Singer
- Creation of the Leon Liberman Memorial Bursaries by the Lee Liberman Family

#### 2013

- Foundation Celebration Dinner with guest of honour Prime Minister Tony Abbott
- Chairman Solomon Lew retires after 26 years of inspirational leadership
- Lew Family Secondary School dedicated in recognition of the immeasurable contribution of the Lew Family

#### 2014

- Henry Lanzer retires after 18 years of distinguished and dedicated leadership as President
- David Gold assumes the role of President
- Development of the vision and strategy for a renewed secondary school environment

#### 2015

- Development of Corporate Sponsorship program
- 'Courage Then, Strength Now' exhibition presented by the Helen Synman Archive Project

#### 2016

- Finalisation of the Master Plan for the total renewal of our facilities
- A professionally managed endowment fund – our 'Future Fund' – is created, with a significant corpus and policies to aid its growth
- Dedications of Meydan Family Plaza and Small Family Resource Centre

#### 2017

- The College leadership continues the complex process of determining the plans for the renewal project which involves staff, pedagogical consultants, architects and project managers, in consultation with the Foundation Executive
- Acknowledgment of the support of Kate and Dean Mohr for the Outdoor Learning Space at Gandel Besen House
- The Foundation farewells Life Executive members, Roy Tashi OAM and Executive Director, Marilyn Simon

#### 2018

- Marlo Newton appointed as Executive Director of the Foundation
- Upgrade and refurbishment of the Besen Family Performing Arts Centre

#### We honour

Chairmen	Solomon Lew Tony Smorgon	1987–2013 2014–2016
Presidents	David Smorgon OAM Dug Pomeroy Henry Lanzer AM David Gold	1987–1992 1992–1996 1996–2014 2014–

## Mount Scopus College Foundation

The Mount Scopus College Foundation was set up in 1987 to support the work and goals of the School. Fee income goes to operating the school from year to year but the Foundation helps the College achieve its goals for development and sustainability.

Funds from the Foundation go towards:

**Programs** – such as the ground-breaking Ulpan program in Year 10 supported by the Helen and Bori Liberman Family

Bursaries - for the 20-25% of our student body in receipt of financial assistance

Facilities - like the forthcoming renewal of the Lew Family Secondary School at the **Gandel Campus** 

The Foundation is also committed to building our Endowment fund for the Future.

The Foundation is run by an Executive Committee, in consultation with the Principal and College President. It is supported by professional staff.

Since 1987, through the generosity of donors, bequestors and dedicated volunteers, more than \$54,000,000 has been raised.

#### **Foundation Membership**

Membership of the Mount Scopus College Foundation is determined by one's level of financial support. Donations are cumulative and enable one to progress through the levels.

Entry level membership is \$25,000, which may be paid for in instalments of \$6,250 a year.

Those who donate \$250,000 or more are honoured with the Yvonne and Leon Fink Memorial Award for Commitment to Jewish Education.

If you wish to honour someone with a named gift there are several opportunities to match your interests with the goals of the Foundation and the College.

#### Tax Deductibility

The Foundation and the Mount Scopus College Building and Scholarship Funds are each tax deductible entities.

#### Ready to join us? Or start the conversation?

Please call Marlo Newton on 9834 0033 or email mnewton@scopus.vic.edu.au





Our Foundation for Scopus Values since 1987









## **Back to the Future**

Executive Director's Report



The first time I was here, I spent thirteen years walking through the gates, past the blossoming trees, and via the Middle Office. Thirty years later, after 24 years in fundraising and education, I'm back, seeing my old school from a wonderful new perspective.

I'm grateful to David Gold and the whole Executive for their trust in me and for being so very supportive of our joint endeavours. I'm equally indebted to Rabbi Kennard, Amy

Hershan and the College senior leadership for their warm welcome and backing of the role the Foundation plays in our school.

It has been truly inspiring meeting with you and hearing your stories, especially your motivations for giving to the Foundation.

One woman shared with me, as we were discussing a bequest, that her husband had abandoned her with little money and three children, that Scopus refused her offer to withdraw, replying that more than she needed her kids to be there and, that Mount Scopus needed her children. She made her commitment to Scopus that day in her heart and is now able to make it tangible.

A man told me that as young parents they moved here from South Africa and found not only a school but friends who embraced them, and a community who celebrated with them, and consoled them when family was so far away. They are proud to add another chapter to the Scopus story.

A business maven flies around the world, has seen all kinds of Jewish schools and communities and knows Scopus to be among the very best.

If we haven't caught up yet, please call me or come by when you're in the neighbourhood. If nothing else, you'll get to share the same rush of joy I feel looking out on the quad at lunchtime, seeing the students playing or talking or studying, and knowing that our efforts help make it possible.

We have so much to be proud of and such a great track to follow.

It's good to be back.

Marlo L Newton, Executive Director

## Grandparents and Special Friends Club

The Grandparents and Special Friends are enjoying a second strong year of events, run by our Alumni and Families' Relations Manager Judy Prager.

Partnering with the Jewish Holocaust Centre, Mount Scopus observed the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht by hosting Dr Astrid Ley from the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum, Berlin. A packed audience of over 100 guests was entranced by the details of the commemoration in Germany, and by Matti Borowski of Scopus and Lisa Phillips of the Jewish Holocaust Centre, who spoke on how the Shoah is being taught to this generation of students.

We also trialled a 50+ reunion for those hundreds of Mount Scopus graduates between 1949 and 1967 who have already attended a 50 year reunion and would still like to get together.

Moderator Miriam Munz (Class of 1966) led a panel of speakers including Dr Howard Goldenberg (Class of 1963), Dr John Serry (Class of 1961), and Debbie Sheezel (Class of 1964) in reminiscing about the College in the 1950s and early 60s and how their education shaped their futures. Later in the year, the Club held a practical First Aid course to assist those caring for grandchildren. There was overwhelmingly positive feedback on receiving such a valuable learning experience from the session presented by Daniel Halprin, (Class of 2011) and many expressed interest in attending an accredited First Aid Course in the future.

Don't miss wonderful events already planned for next year, including **Back to Hebrew School for Saba and Safta** (and anyone else who could use a refresher) commencing Tuesday 26 February 2019!

The Helen Synman Archive continued its sterling efforts to preserve and display our rich heritage. An enquiry by a past student led to an astonishing reunion of a parochet (special curtain hanging in front of the Ark) with its surviving ex-Polish community in Israel.

To tour the Helen Synman Archive, email Frankie Pinch on archive1@scopus.vic.edu.au

To ensure you're on the list to be invited to a reunion or to receive Grandparents and Special Friends Club invitations please contact Judy Prager, Alumni and Families' Relations Manager: jprager@scopus.vic.edu.au or phone 9834 0256. Top left: Lisa Philips, Astrid Ley, Matti Borowski Bottom left, middle and right: Grandparents and Special Friends Days at FKI and GBH

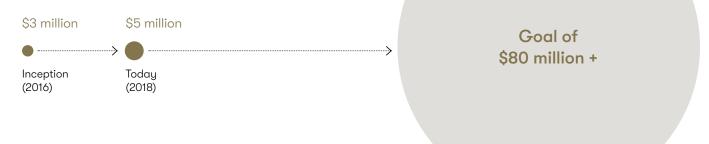


## Foundation Financial Snapshot

as at December 2018

	Dec 2016 - Nov 2017	Dec 2017 - Nov 2018
Total	\$ 53,500,000.00	\$ 54,938,926.00
New	\$ 1,347,000.00	\$ 552,941.00
Pledges collected	\$ 2,028,538.00	\$ 2,005,441.00
Distributions	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 888,383.00
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