

The Mount Scopus College Foundation

History and Objectives

The Mount Scopus College Foundation was established in 1987 to support the Board of Governors and to be the body responsible for major fundraising for the College. Funds raised can be applied to buildings and refurbishment, grounds, tuition fee subsidies, undertaking debt reduction and funding educational programs.

Members of the Foundation include corporations, individuals and families who each have donated a minimum of \$20,000 over a maximum of 5 years since 1987.

Classifications of membership are dependent on gift level. They are Members, Fellows, Benefactors, Founders, Trustees and Life Trustees.

The Chairman of the Foundation, since inception, is Solomon Lew. Former Presidents included David Smorgon and Dug Pomeroy. The current President, Henry Lanzer, was appointed at the end of 1996. The goals of the Foundation are pursued by an Executive Committee supported by an Executive Officer - currently Marilyn Simon.

Background Summary

1988 - 1996

Works completed included the construction of another floor of science and art facilities onto the Basser Wing, with the assistance of the Alter, Hansky and Lubansky families.

Five 'state of the art' modular classrooms were purchased for the Smorgon Family Primary School.

Between 1990 and 1995, \$3,769,000 was distributed to the College for subsidised tuition fees.

As a result of the Gandel Family gift of \$1,500,000, major refurbishment and development was completed. It included the total upgrading of classrooms, rest rooms, and lockers; modernisation of science laboratories; expanding and upgrading computer facilities, computerisation of the libraries and improvements to the Rose Hall.

In appreciation the Campus at Burwood was dedicated as the Gandel Campus.

In 1995 an extension to the Rose Hall created the Susie and Eric Stock Drama Studio and extended Sport and PE facilities.

1996

The exterior of the buildings at the Gandel Campus were rendered and painted and the grounds at Gandel Besen House were enhanced.

A Masterplan for the future of the College was determined by the College leadership, staff and parents. It incorporated the structural improvements

vital for the School's development and growth in the diverse areas of Performing and Visual Arts, Sport, Jewish Studies, Humanities, and Science and Technology.

1997

The Foundation launched its 5 year - \$8,000,000 Capital Campaign to raise the funds for the Capital Works Projects - as determined by the Masterplan. The projects comprised a complete upgrading of all sporting facilities, the building of a 1000 seat Performing Arts Centre, the expanding and improving of bus and car parking and play areas and the creating of a new entrance to the College. The development of the Elizabeth and Nicholas Slezak Multi Media and Resource Centre was also included.

A modernised Cafeteria was completed at the Gandel Campus incorporating a new Kitchen, and attractive indoor and outdoor eating areas.

The George and Gita Smorgon Sports Complex was completed. The Complex incorporates the 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 and the Jack Skolnik Oval.

1998

The final plans for the Besen Family Performing Arts Centre, incorporating the Baron and Tashi Foyer and Plaza, and the Alter Family Auditorium, have been resolved with input from the user group and experts in the field.

In response to enrolment demand and demographic changes, plans have been created for the development and expansion of the Fink Karp Ivany Campus.

Mount Scopus College Foundation 1998 Executive

Chairman	Solomon Lew
President	Henry Lanzer
Vice President (Fundraising)	Roy Tashi
Vice President (Bequests and Endowments)	Jack Hansky Joey Borensztajn Michael Karp Earle Sacher Nathan Shafir Roslyn Smorgon
College President	Johnny Baker
Principal	Hilton Rubin
Executive Officer	Marilyn Simon

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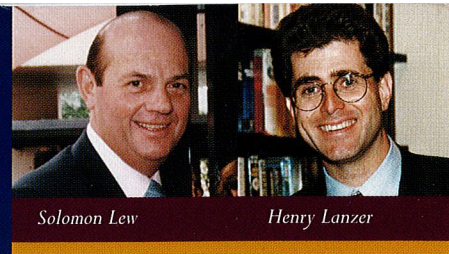


MOUNT SCOPUS MEMORIAL COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

*“The Strength and Courage to
Build our Foundation for the Future”*



From the Chairman and the President



Solomon Lew

Henry Lanzer

It is our pleasure to highlight the activities of the past year of the Mount Scopus College Foundation.

The current Capital Campaign - Total raised to date \$7,851,000

At the fore of the Foundation's present success must be the outstanding results of the current Capital Campaign. The completion of the 5 year - \$8,000,000 Campaign, launched in February, 1997, has been the first priority of the Foundation Executive for 1998. We have continued our process of systematically and professionally approaching current and prospective members and again have appreciated their support. More and more people - from every spectrum of Jewish belief - are realising the importance of a successful Mount Scopus College for the continuation of a strong and vital Melbourne Jewish Community.

At this time last year, the Foundation had received term pledges of \$7,000,000. We are pleased to report that over the last twelve months a further \$850,000 has been pledged making a **total of \$7,851,000**. Of this amount, \$2,861,000 has been collected. More approaches are in progress.

The first of the determined capital works projects, the **George and Gita Smorgon Sports Complex**, was officially dedicated by the Hon. Alan Stockdale on 7 December, 1997, prior to the Primary School Sports Day. To witness the complete upgrading of all the sporting facilities at the Gandel Campus in 9 months and to know that the cost of \$1,300,000 had been raised and collected is outstanding. The Complex incorporates the 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 and the Jack Skolnik Oval. It has been welcomed enthusiastically by the whole school community and will also provide an outstanding venue for the Junior Maccabi Carnival in January, 1999. We take this opportunity to again express our gratitude to all our donors who have made this possible. If you have not yet seen this facility, please avail yourself of the opportunity to inspect the visible evidence of your support, and feel justly proud.

Whilst the Foundation Executive has concentrated on raising the funds for our second project, the **Besen Family Performing Arts Centre**, the College staff, Finance and Resource Committee and the architects have been finalising the plans. It was critical that the future needs of the College in this fast developing area of School life were identified and met, and combined with 'state of the art' design and technology. The plans have now received Council approval and have been subject to the tender exercise. The process has been very thorough and time consuming and we appreciate the efforts of

Charles Slucki, Director of Performing Arts, Tony Foster, Chief Financial Officer and Les Jolley from the College; Paul Ramler, College Treasurer, and Phil Weinman, Chairman Building Committee Bruce Joske and Phil Lewis, and Alan Synman of Synman, Justin and Bialek. We look forward to sharing the plans with everyone, to the commencement of works, and to inviting you to a Ground Breaking Ceremony shortly. The Besen Family Performing Arts Centre will be a most exciting addition, not just to the College, but to the entire Melbourne Jewish Community. The project also includes an Amphitheatre, landscaped play areas, upgraded car and bus parking and the new entrance to the College.



Students, staff and families enjoy the new facilities of the George and Gita Smorgon Sports Complex

The **Besen Family Performing Arts Centre** will incorporate the **Baron and Tashi Foyer and Plaza**, and the **Alter Family Auditorium**. The **Susie and Eric Stock School of Drama** will be expanded to meet the increasing demand for this subject. The complex will be in constant daily use for teaching, productions, rehearsal, events and functions. The whole College looks forward to its completion in 1999.

The **Elizabeth and Nicholas Slezak Multi Media and Resource Centre** is the project that will follow. The user group for this facility is now coming together to determine future student and staff needs and to create a comprehensive brief for the architects.

Fundraising Strategic Review

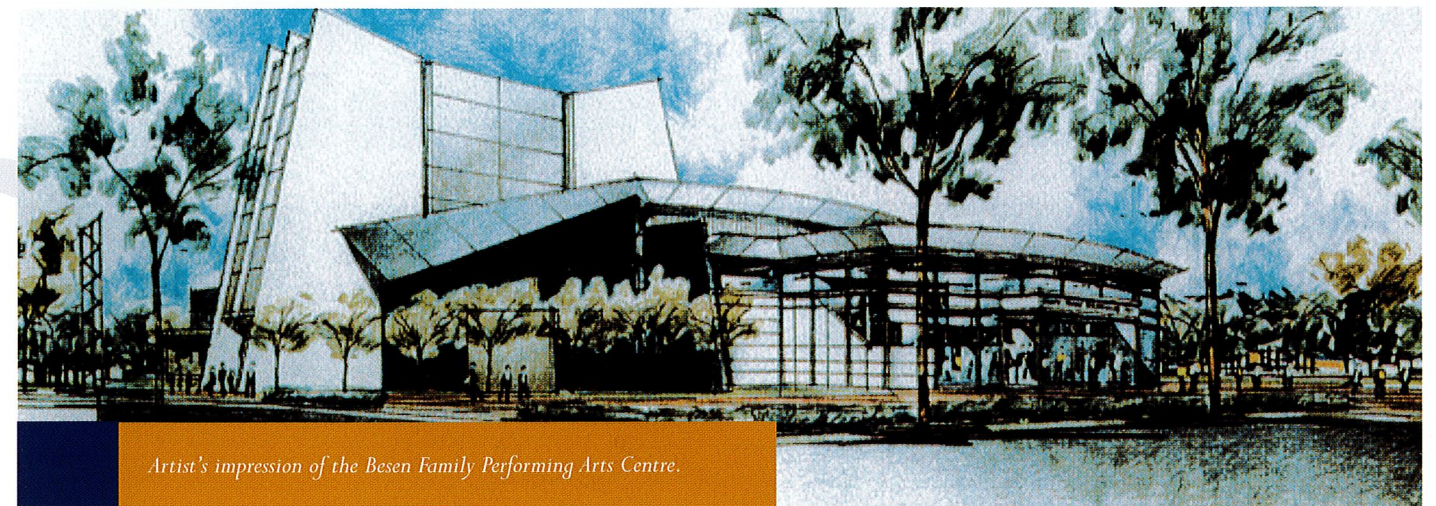
Although we have virtually attained the original target of this Capital Campaign, we believe that the Foundation must now put the requirement for additional funding onto its agenda.

The school is enjoying renewed popularity and there are student 'waiting' lists at many levels. Demand is extremely heavy at Gandel Besen House and Fink Karp Ivany Campus which augurs well for the future. In response to demand and changing demographics, 1999 will see the expansion and upgrading of Fink Karp Ivany, which will provide more places for junior students close to their homes.



Solomon Lew, Hon. Alan Stockdale, Gita and George Smorgon, Johnny Baker and Henry Lanzer at the Dedication

As the body responsible for the major fundraising for the College, we must extend our goals once again. We are fully aware that there is still much to accomplish and that it is necessary to elevate fundraising for the College in general. Regardless of the amount of money raised by fundraising, the College continues to provide subsidised fee tuition to the total of \$2 million annually for nearly one quarter of its students - as highlighted in this year's Annual Appeal literature.



Artist's impression of the Besen Family Performing Arts Centre.

A Strategic Review of the success of this current Capital Campaign has also served to highlight the areas in which we can improve if we are to continue to provide quality Jewish and Secular education for all our pupils; along with outstanding facilities. We also believe that Programs such as Ulpan should be available to every student and this will only eventuate by sponsorship or external funding.

The whole Community, not just the current parents, must take responsibility for the principle of a 'Jewish Education for all' and be prepared to add their commitment to our fundraising efforts.

It must be the combined responsibility of the College leadership and Foundation Executive to examine the potential of increased fundraising from areas including wills, bequests and endowments, and corporate sponsorship, as well as to maximise the results from existing avenues.

We must be willing to pursue new initiatives and to invest in structures and staff that will allow for the development of such programs. It is not beyond this Community to raise our annual budgeted fundraising target from \$350,000 to \$1 million.....beyond the amount already earmarked for Capital Works Projects.

Annual General Meeting

We look forward to welcoming you to the **10th Annual General Meeting and Cocktails** at the home of Rosie and Solomon Lew on Monday, 16 November, 1998. (Please reply to invitation enclosed with this Report)

At this meeting it will be a pleasure to bestow an additional "Leon Fink Memorial Award for Commitment to Jewish Education" to **Victor and Loti Smorgon** in recognition of their continuing support and gift to this Campaign. To acknowledge their generosity, the College will be dedicating the **Loti Smorgon School of Visual Arts**.

Certificates will also be presented to new members.

Please join us to show your appreciation.

Leon Fink Memorial Award Recipients

The Leon Fink Memorial Award for Commitment to Jewish Education is an award created in 1997 in honour of the late Leon Fink and his longstanding support and dedication to Mount Scopus Memorial College.

This award acknowledges the Mount Scopus College Foundation's major benefactors.

1997 Recipients

- ANZ
- Lynda and Rodney Adler
- Helen and Maurice Alter and Family
- Nathan Baron Family
- Eva and Marc Besen and Family
- Fink Karp Ivany Family
- Gandel Family
- Stera and Joseph Gutnick
- Paula and Jack Hansky Family
- Rosie and Solomon Lew
- Lustig and Moar Family
- Pratt Family
- The Slezak Trusts
- Gita and George Smorgon
- Susie and Eric Stock
- Sylvia and Roy Tashi

1998 Recipients (as at 7 October)

Loti and Victor Smorgon



Eva Besen, Stewart, Nathan and Rosetta Baron, and Yvonne Fink at the 1997 AGM

From the Executive Officer

1998 has been another rewarding year for the Mount Scopus College Foundation. The results speak for themselves. We have been fortunate to enjoy yet again the commitment and involvement of Solomon Lew as Chairman. And again our President, Henry Lanzer, has demonstrated exemplary leadership and absolute dedication. This has acted as motivation for the success of the entire 'team' and I thank each and every one of you, both personally, and on behalf of the College. Thank you also to Paula Hansky, Janette Lanzer and Rosie Lew for welcoming us into their homes for our meetings.

Although the completion of this Capital Campaign has been our priority, we have also spent time planning for the future. We are mindful that the Foundation must continue its role as the body responsible for securing major financial support for the College. We have reviewed strategies to expand existing avenues of fundraising and have considered concepts to create new opportunities. I am currently investigating more professional methods to attract increased Corporate Sponsorship and developing an active Bequest and Endowment Program.

Foundation Financial Summary

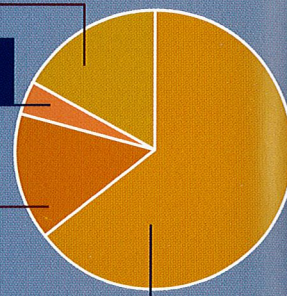
As at 8 October, 1998

**George and Gita Smorgon
Sports Complex \$1,312,000**

**Besen Family
Performing Arts Centre \$293,000**

**Funds on deposit
\$1,162,000**

**Outstanding Commitments
1998-2003 \$5,084,000**



Pledged to this Campaign	\$7,851,000
Collected	\$2,861,000

Total distributed:

George and Gita Smorgon Sports Complex	\$1,312,000
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Besen Family Performing Arts Centre (to date)	\$293,000
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Balance on hand

Pre current campaign	\$540,000
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Funds on deposit	\$1,162,000
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Outstanding commitments

1998 - 2003	\$5,084,000
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The next twelve months will certainly be exciting as the Foundation makes its contribution to the celebration of the College's Jubilee with a Gala Event; witnesses the construction of the Besen Family Performing Arts Centre; and embarks on the next phase of fundraising.

May I take this opportunity to thank everybody with whom I have worked - my Executive, colleagues, volunteers and our donors - for your valued support and friendship.

**Marilyn Simon
Executive Officer**



Bequests and Endowments

So far this year the College has gratefully received notification of four bequests. We are indebted to these people who have demonstrated their understanding of the centrality of Mount Scopus College for this Community by including the College as a beneficiary of their Estate.

We acknowledge and honour:

- Hilda and Izrael Kozłowski
- Hirsh Light
- Aaron Arthur Smith
- Vica and Mitia Yavitch

May their memory be a blessing and live on in our students.

In response to our fundraising analysis, Marilyn Simon has been actively reviewing our Bequest and Endowment Program. She has also been involved in helping donors individually to clarify and determine their needs and affairs in this regard. If you would like to know more about any of these issues, or need advice, Marilyn would welcome your confidential call on 9888 9044.

Jubilee Celebration

The College is preparing to celebrate its first fifty years with a comprehensive year long program of Jubilee events being co-ordinated by Helen Synman and Roslyn Smorgon. We are delighted that **John Gandel** has enthusiastically accepted the invitation to be the **Patron of the Jubilee**. It is fitting that someone who has been so committed to the College over a long period of time, and who is highly respected by the wider community, stand at the fore of this Celebration.

The Foundation has formally been in existence for eleven of these fifty years, but many of our donors and fundraising volunteers - or their parents - have been involved from the beginning!



The **Foundation Celebration of the Jubilee**, to be hosted by Rosie and Solomon Lew, will take place early in the new year and promises to be an outstanding and memorable gala event. Watch out for your invitation in January. If you feel there are others who should be included at this function with our major donors and supporters, please advise Marilyn Simon on 9888 9044.

With thanks....

Our progress over the past year has been satisfying, and we sincerely thank you all for your commitment and support.

The Foundation Executive has enjoyed the full support and co-operation of Hilton Rubin, Principal, and Johnny Baker, College President in pursuit of its goals. We also appreciate the commitment of the Board of Governors.

We thank sincerely each and every one of our team - the Foundation Executive - which comprises Johnny Baker, Joey Borensztajn, Jack Hansky, Michael Karp, Earle Sacher, Nathan Shafir, Ros Smorgon, Roy Tashi, and Marilyn Simon - our Foundation Executive Officer.

We conclude our report by extending our genuine thanks to our donors, and applaud them for recognising the importance of Mount Scopus College for Melbourne Jewry. We must all share the responsibility for our children's and grandchildren's Jewish future. For it is the graduates of Mount Scopus College, imbued with a strong Jewish identity and love for our heritage and traditions, who will make the most powerful contribution to this community and will continue to support Israel.

Thank you.

Solomon Lew
Chairman

Henry Lanzer
President