

Foundation Annual Report '08

Mount Scopus Memorial College



From the Chairman and the President

During the last twelve months we have seen continuing support for the Foundation and have warmly welcomed many new donors and pledge recommitments. We especially look forward to our AGM on 25 November where they will be acknowledged, and hope you will join us.

At last year's AGM we enjoyed a presentation demonstrating the **interactive whiteboard, the Smartboard**. At that time, we were delighted to announce the generous gift by the **George and Gita Smorgon Family** to assist the school with their purchase. As a result of this support primarily, all our students from Years 2 to 6 now enjoy a Smartboard in their classroom and there are also 37 in the secondary school.

We, together with the entire Scopus family, were deeply saddened in January by the untimely passing of Roslyn Smorgon AM, Foundation Executive member and Scopus stalwart. (You will find a tribute to Roslyn in the message from our Executive Director, Marilyn Simon). We know that Roslyn would have been very proud that the Smorgon Family gift, in which she was so actively involved, has already made such an impact.

This year we have focussed on a strategy for growing our Endowment Fund and have taken the decision to direct at least 10% of all new donations to this fund with the goal of building a significant corpus.

Recognising the importance of funds such as this, **Sonia and Don Marejn** have created an endowment, in memory of the Marejn and Szmukler Families, which will assist with need-based scholarships in perpetuity.

We truly appreciate the ongoing support of both the **Victor Smorgon Family** and the **Werdiger Family**, by way of contributions to assist students in need and to our scholarship fund.



Solomon Lew
Chairman



Henry Lanzer
President

The Helen and Bori Liberman Family have continued their support of our Israel Experience Program which has ensured enormous growth in the number of participants. Since 2006, 160 students will have benefited by their participation. For 48 of them, this experience was only made possible with the assistance of the Liberman Family. We thank all these visionary supporters for their generosity.

In addition to securing donations, the Foundation Executive has been involved in consultation with regard to the school's redevelopment plans and its funding. We also continue to invest in the school's future by supporting both the young alumni group and the Founders and Friends with their activities, and take this opportunity to thank all those involved.

We appreciate being able to publicly recognise the valued involvement and support of our Executive and express our sincere gratitude to Vice-Presidents Sam Alter and Stewart Baron together with Paul Bassat, Joey Borensztajn, Russell Casper, Jack Hansky, Michael Slonim, Roy Tashi and Executive Director, Marilyn Simon.

And on behalf of all, we sincerely thank Principal, Rabbi James Kennard, and all College staff together with College President, Lisa Kennett, the Executive and Councillors for their time, commitment and co-operation.

To you, our Foundation members, we say 'toda raba' for your generosity, warmth and care for Mount Scopus College and its students. **Your support truly makes a difference to the number of children who can experience a Jewish day school education and to what the College can provide. Consequently, your involvement directly affects the character and identity of our community.**

Thank you for taking the time to read the Foundation Annual Report. We know 2009 will be a challenging year – notwithstanding, we have every confidence, that together, we can provide the "Strength and Courage to Build our Foundation for the Future".

Solomon Lew
Chairman

Henry Lanzer
President



BACK ROW RABBI JAMES KENNARD, SAM ALTER, SOLOMON LEW, HENRY LANZER, STEWART BARON, PAUL BASSAT.

FRONT ROW ROY TASHI, JACK HANSKY, MARILYN SIMON, LISA KENNETT, MICHAEL SLONIM, RUSSELL CASPER, JOEY BORENSZTAJN.

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Michael Slonim

College President
Lisa Kennett

College Principal
Rabbi James Kennard

Executive Director
Marilyn Simon

We are Honoured

We were delighted that the enormous and longstanding service of Foundation Executive Life member, Dr Jack Hansky to 'medicine in the field of gastroenterology, particularly through research and clinical practice in the treatment of gastric bleeding, to medical education, and to the community' was publicly recognised with the awarding of an AM in June. We are proud – and grateful – that we are part of the community to which he has been, and still is, so committed!

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach.

The mission of Mount Scopus College is to provide each student with an education and an environment that

- promotes excellence in learning and academic achievement by means of inquiry and critical thinking and by creating a desire for lifelong learning
- develops the student's whole personality by offering a wide range of activities, inside and outside of the classroom
- provides Jewish learning, values, experiences, within a Modern Orthodox and Zionist framework, that enable each student to make an informed choice as to the meaning of their Jewish identity
- engenders values, knowledge and skills so that students can play their full part in their communities – as members of the College, as Jews, as Australians and as citizens of the World

Welcome to

New Members
Jenny and Nathan Better
Lisa and Michael Borowick
Amanda Briskin
Sally and David Casper
Melissa and Gavin Davis
Gross Waddell
Shelley Smulevich and Bill Hatzis
Philippa and Alan Sheppet
in memory of Reba Solomon
Rechelle Rousso and Aron Steg

Thank You

From Members to Fellows
Carol and Michael Casper
Sonia and Don Marejn
in memory of the Marejn and Szmukler Families
Majtlis Family
Debby and Harry Mrocki
Marilyn and Jeff Simon

From Fellows to Benefactors
Michael Ludski and Teska Carson
Ruth and Larry Picker

From Founder to Trustee
Helen and Bori Liberman Family

Invitation

Please join us at the AGM

Tuesday
25 November 2008
at 8.00 pm

- to formally welcome new members
- to acknowledge those whose 2008 gift has elevated them to the next membership level
- to enjoy the warm hospitality of Rosie and Solomon Lew

If you have not advised your attendance please respond ASAP to foundation@scopus.vic.edu.au or phone 9834 0122.

A Bequest is the Gift of Visionaries.

A Bequest in your Will is one of the simplest ways to make a gift and perhaps at a level not possible during your lifetime.

A Bequest in your Will to Mount Scopus College is one way to ensure a Jewish future.

Will your Bequest make a difference?

Most definitely. Every Bequest, large or small, will make a unique contribution to the school and our students, and ultimately, to our community.

How will your Bequest be used?

Unless directed otherwise, your Bequest will be added to an endowment fund managed by the Mount Scopus College Foundation which provides for

- subsidised tuition fees for students who would otherwise be excluded
- scholarships
- additional programs
- development of facilities

How do you make a Bequest to Scopus?

After considering the needs of your family we encourage you to provide for our future by making the College a beneficiary of your Will. Adding a codicil to an existing Will may be an inexpensive option. We suggest you consult your solicitor or trustee or ask for a recommendation.

What form may your Bequest take?

- a specific sum of money
- a percentage of your Estate or the residue of your Estate
- a specific asset, such as property or shares
- articles of value, such as art work

Should you tell Scopus you are making a Bequest?

It is up to you but by informing us, we can thank you and recognise your gift during your lifetime.

All Bequests are acknowledged on our newly created Bequest Honour Board.

We express our heartfelt appreciation to the people from whose Estate the College has benefited and to those who have recently included Mount Scopus College as a beneficiary in their Will.

Bequests`08

This year the College has been honoured and blessed by two significant Bequests.

In the Will of the late Rose Rosanove we learnt of her desire to provide needs-based scholarships and we will be able to fund annual bursaries in perpetuity from the income received from the sum invested. We will proudly award the Rose Rosanove Bursaries from the beginning of 2009.

The late Harry Betan bequeathed his legacy in memory of the Family Betansky of London, which is how we will acknowledge his gift on our Bequest Honour Board. The College will also direct these funds to helping students in need.

We also acknowledge the bequest of Ethel Kraus whose name will appear on our newly created Bequest Honour Board. This record of benefactors will serve to remind us, on a daily basis, that their memory is a indeed a blessing and an inspiration.

Sadly, we could not thank Rose, Harry or Ethel personally as we did not know of their intentions previously. By informing us of a legacy in your Will, you allow us to thank you and show our appreciation during your lifetime.

If you wish to consider making Mount Scopus College a beneficiary of your Estate in any way, please call Marilyn Simon who will welcome your enquiry in the strictest confidence and can provide the appropriate wording for insertion in your Will. Please call 9834 0124.



From the
Executive
Director

Foundation
Mount Scopus Memorial College

In memory of Roslyn Smorgon AM

As we plan Scopus' 60th anniversary we reflect on the positive impact of generations of supporters – leaders, volunteers and donors – who have contributed to its success. One person who epitomised all three categories was Roslyn Smorgon. Much has already been spoken about Roslyn, her tremendous contribution and the influence of her far reaching Scopus 'career'. In this publication I wish to reflect upon her commitment to the Mount Scopus College Foundation.

Roslyn's personal involvement began officially in 1996 when she accepted the role of Chairing the Campaign Dinner – although I am sure her influence had been felt many years before when husband, David, became the Foundation's inaugural President in 1987. In the lead up to the 1997 event, she guided, encouraged, led and generally rolled up her sleeves. The Ros with whom I had worked alongside in voluntary roles was no different to the Ros working with me in my newly assumed role as Executive Officer. It was during this time that she developed the Foundation motto "Strength and Courage to Build the Foundation for the Future".

Roslyn served the Foundation for the next 10 years in her inimitable style and was integral to all its achievements. We were privileged that she found the "strength and courage" to continue as a an active member of the Executive for longer than we thought it would be possible. Though no longer able to host meetings, she called with advice and wished to know the latest developments – even by SMS. She was, of course, instrumental in the generous George and Gita Smorgon family gift late last year that has enabled us to purchase many of our Smartboards.

At the Foundation table we miss her passion, experience, wisdom and the sheer ability to just get things done. Personally – along with so many others – I miss her friendship and caring and my thoughts go to her very often.

So, it is very much as a tribute that the Foundation Executive commits to working for Scopus, to ensure that it be given the resources to achieve its goals in which Roslyn believed so strongly. Please allow me to express my gratitude, both personally and on behalf of the College, for the commitment, care and dedication of Solomon Lew, Henry Lanzer and each one of the Foundation Executive. I also thank Rosie and Sol Lew, Jeff Simon, Paula and Jack Hansky, Arnold Bloch Leibler and Century Plaza for hosting our meetings. And thank you to all my Colleagues at Scopus for your assistance, enthusiasm and cooperation.

The Scopus our students enjoy is made possible by the work of the Foundation and by the generosity of benefactors. To our donors goes my sincere and warm appreciation. In honour of Roslyn, and generations of Scopus supporters, please continue to display the "Strength and Courage to Build our Foundation for the Future". There will always be opportunities to match your area of interest with the school's needs. Please call me to discuss yours.

Marilyn Simon



May their memory
be a blessing

The Foundation notes with sadness the
passing this year of members:

Roslyn Smorgon AM
Diana Elton
Sol Greiman
Chaim Chrapot
Tom Foulkes

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.

↓
5 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, and extended PE/sport facilities housing the Shafir Family Fitness Centre.

1997

Launch of the '5 year – \$8,000,000' Capital Campaign by the Hon. Peter Costello, Federal Treasurer.

↓
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
Scoreboard dedicated by Louis Weingarten
Soccer Oval dedicated in 2006 by Sue and Michael Karp



2002

School visit and Foundation Gala Dinner with President Bill Clinton.



2001

GANDEL CAMPUS
STATION STREET ENTRANCE
BUS AND CAR PARK



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
Paul and Jack Hansky Box Office
Dina and Mark Munzer Lounge
Pomeroy Family Bars
Ramler Control Box Rothschild Family Space
Sheeziel and Tashi Sponsors Lounge
Sculpture by Andrew Rogers

↓
Rededication of expanded Fink Karp Ivany Campus.



1999

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



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 & Norman Rockman Library
Sophie and Norman Kave Lounge
Seminar rooms dedicated by Gregory Rosshandler, Marlen and Leon Carp & Helen and Bernard Carp
Screen and Image dedicated by Karen Stock-Schnall



2008

Smartboards enter the classrooms

All classrooms for Years 2 – 6 and 37 secondary school locations are fitted with interactive whiteboards.



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and sincerely thank
all members of the
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Foundation
Financial
Summary
as at 16 October 2008

PLEDGE INCOME STATUS

Total Campaign pledges since 1997	
(including Bequests, specific projects and endowments)	\$23,816,637
Total collected	\$21,729,582
(final payments will be received up to 2012)	
Total pledges since 1987	\$32,367,206

CASH AND INVESTED FUNDS

Endowment Fund	\$878,682
Foundation (general)	\$2,658,058
Funds with College	\$1,109,500

DISTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENTS since 1997

George and Gita Smorgon Sports Complex	\$1,430,000
Besen Family Performing Arts Centre Project	
(including new entry, bus and car park, soccer oval etc)	\$6,791,000
Szalmuk Family Early Learning Centre	\$890,000
Bursztyn Synagogue	\$45,000
Interest on ANZ loan (2001)	\$287,000
Mount Scopus College	\$1,800,000
Slezak Multimedia and Technology Centre	\$4,000,000

Recipients of the
Leon Fink Memorial Award
for Commitment to Jewish Education

- Anonymous

Lyndi and Rodney Adler

Helen and Maurice Alter Family

ANZ

Baron Family

Eva and Marc Besen Family

Birch Family

Lauren and Bruce Fink

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Suzanne & Michael Karp

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Rosie and Solomon Lew Family
- Helen and Bori Liberman Family

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Smorgon Family

Susie and Eric Stock Family

Mira and George Szalmuk Family

The Slezak Trusts

Sylvia and Roy Tashi

Werdiger Family

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Foundation

Mount Scopus Memorial College

Why was the Mount Scopus College Foundation established?

It was created in 1987 to be responsible for major fundraising to advance the College. Through the generosity of its members, the Foundation has raised in excess of \$32,000,000. Funds can be applied to capital works, endowment, fee subsidies, debt reduction and programs.

Who can be members?

It is open to everyone – corporations, individuals and families. Classifications of membership are dependent on gift level. Entry level requires a pledge of \$20,000 which may be paid over an agreed term.

How is it managed?

The goals of the Foundation are pursued by an Executive Committee in close consultation with the Principal, College President and their Executive. The Chairman of the Foundation, since inception, is Solomon Lew and President, Henry Lanzer, was appointed in 1996. Marilyn Simon, the Executive Director, assumed the role in 1996.

Is your donation tax deductible?

The Mount Scopus College Foundation, the Mount Scopus College Scholarship Fund and the Mount Scopus College School Building Fund are all tax deductible entities. Residents of the United States may give to Scopus and receive an IRS deduction by giving through the British Schools and Universities Foundation, Inc (BSUF). Please go to www.bsuf.org or contact Marilyn Simon for more information.

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

To become a Mount Scopus College Foundation member or to discuss making any gift, bequest or scholarship endowment, please contact

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