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Fifty Year Reunion

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Class of 1959

Written by Ittamar Avin

It happened – and it was brilliant!

Not that there weren't misgivings beforehand: what would we have to say to each other after so many years of separation? Wouldn't our interaction be tentative and awkward? Forced to share one another's company for three days, how would we avoid getting on each other's nerves?

In the event, none of our misgivings materialized while all our hopes were surpassed. It took next to no time to discover that we had plenty to say to one another; the intervening years seemed simply to melt away, and interaction, far from being tentative or awkward, was from the outset warm and natural. Nobody got on anybody else's nerves; and thanks in no small part to the role played by the wives, whose presence lent grace and ease to the occasion, the interpersonal chemistry was outstanding.

How did all this come about?

A couple of years ago, a few of our classmates now resident in Israel, together with Hillel Milun, in New York, started discussing the possibility of a 50th-anniversary reunion. It is not uncommon for ideas of this kind to begin and end as nostalgic waffle, but not this



1959 Class Photo (l – r) Back Row: Irving Aronson, Selwyn Selikowitz, Justen Passwell, Shulamith Dektor, Hillel Milun, Ittamar Avin, Alex Wolf, Mervyn Galansky. Second Row: Joe Horner, Isaac Lipshitz, Louis Kam, Errol Derman, Phyllis Chiat, Vincent Master, Bella Brom, Anita Witz, Fruma Berlinsky, Kay Sadowitz, Sammy Marcus. Teachers: Jack Sagel, Lilithy Herbstein, Libby Rock, Issy Cohen, Myer Katz, Mrs. Leeflang, Miss Basson, Ken Kaye

time. With Hillel in the lead, the project's protagonists punted it proactively ("If you will it..."), and after a fair amount of canvassing and back-and-forth negotiation, the decision was reached to hold the reunion in Israel, from Monday 23rd through Wednesday 25th November, 2009 (6-8 Kislev 5770).



Reunion 2009 (l-r) Back Row: Joe Horner, Charlie Neumann, Kay (Sadowitz) Sher, Bella (Brom) Mankowitz, Errol Derman, Hilly Milun, Ittamar Avin. Front Row: Mervyn Galansky, Isaac Lipshitz, Fruma (Berlinsky) Mitchell.

Fifty Year Reunion Cont.

From the outset, the organizers thought 'big' and creatively. Rather than go along with the conventional formula of a reunion dinner, with its limited scope for interaction before everyone disperses, barely touched by the evening's proceedings, they came up with an altogether more ambitious proposal – a reunion lasting several days, incorporating a programme of touring and sightseeing, and allowing enough time for the participants to interact, reconnect, and bond. In a word, the idea was to organize not just an event, but an experience – hopefully a good one, but there could be no guarantee.

Well, it turned out to be a wonderful experience which we, whom it enriched, will long remember – probably as long as we live.

Obviously, such a triumph could not have been achieved without meticulous planning, and it goes without saying that the planning of the reunion consumed much time and effort. But planning is not an end in itself; it exists in order to create the conditions for success. And what was so notable about the reunion's planning was its success in creating the conditions – the space – for human interaction to flourish and human relationships to deepen.

Bringing to bear an outsider's perspective on what he was witnessing, our excellent guide, ex-South African Barney Wainer, commented on how impressive it was to observe people who in some cases hadn't seen each other in fifty years shuffling them off so effortlessly and reconnecting with one another so naturally and warmly. And that held true even when the reconnection took place not "in the flesh", but virtually, through the technological miracle of Skype, thanks to which we saw, and conversed with, absent classmates as one by one they were wondrously plucked from cyberspace and summoned into our midst during the splendid reunion dinner on Tuesday evening.

There are reasons both general and specific that account for the naturalness and warmth with which we were able to re-establish contact (and deepen it) after so many years of separation from one another. On the general side, it is surely the case that friendships forged in the formative years, and particularly at school, under conditions of daily shared experience, will be informed by almost intuitive sympathies and understandings, by an easy rapport and by a natural intimacy and trust such as will not often characterize those contracted later in life. On top of that, and more specifically, it should be remembered that ours was a small class (at 19 matriculants, the last of the small Matric classes at HERZLIA), culturally homogeneous and geographically not too dispersed, so that we were at times also visitors in one another's homes after school hours. Consequently, in addition to getting to know one another, we also got to know one another's parents. And that adds to friendship a dimension of intimacy, solidarity and closeness that is unique, that in the nature of the case is almost impossible to reproduce in friendships formed later on. It was noticeable at the reunion how much of our talk was about our parents and how this talk drew us closer to one another, for when you speak to someone who remembers your parents, thereby granting importance to those who were so important to you, it is only natural to want to give that person a more intimate place in your heart than you would most other people.

A final observation: at the dinner on Tuesday evening, participants were invited to reflect on the fifty years of their lives since leaving school. As the contributions followed each other, a common thread

came into view: every participant, regardless of the career path he or she ultimately chose, revealed an aspiration to high levels of achievement that were to be gained, whether in the training phase or afterwards, through straightforward hard work. And here we see unveiled the mindset underpinning the reputation of South Africans, wherever they may be, for working hard and achieving results. So how shall we rate the achievements of the class of 1959 – trying as far as possible to see ourselves as others see us? Well, we could perhaps say that, all things considered, there is little of which to be ashamed. And to claim that much is to claim quite a lot.

After the heartwarming experience of the reunion, we must all be wondering why we didn't have one earlier. For its vitalizing chemistry enriched us all, and perhaps changed us a little bit too – in ways not easily described, yet "felt in the blood and felt along the heart." As we return to our various domiciles and are reclaimed there by the humdrum world of getting and spending, the challenge will be to find ways of preserving something of the glow of our three memorable days together.

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1959 PRESENT AT THE REUNION
Ittamar Avin (RSA), Errol Derman (Israel), Mervyn Galansky (Israel), Joseph Horner (UK), Isaac Lipshitz (Israel), Bella [Brom] Mankowitz (Israel), Hillel Milun (USA), Fruma [Berlinsky] Mitchell (UK), Kay [Sadowitz] Sher (RSA)

The reunion was attended by 19 people, inclusive of spouses and some "fellow travellers".

REGRETFULLY UNABLE TO ATTEND
Phyllis [Chait] Alperstein (USA), Irving Aronson (UK), Shulamith Decktor (USA), Vincent Master (USA), Selwyn Selikowitz (Australia)

UNCONTACTABLE
Louis Kam (USA)

DECEASED
Sammy Marcus, Justen Passwell, Anita Witz, Alex Wolff



T-Shirt Photo (l-r) Back Row: Mervyn Galansky, Isaac Lipshitz, Joe Horner, Ittamar Avin. Front Row: Errol Derman, Kay (Sadowitz) Sher, Fruma (Berlinsky) Mitchell, Hilly Milun

Editor's Note: By Diana Henning



Here at the office things are abuzz with activity as we near the end of the year. In the marketing department especially, lots has been happening. A brand-new style guide has been designed. This will be used by all staff members across the HERZLIA spectrum and will create a sense of uniformity and consistency. And for the 70th anniversary celebrations we now sport a trendy

and exciting new logo. HERZLIA continues to be a sought after school in Cape Town as it offers a top academic education while at the same time catering for our special needs children. So in demand is our education that four new classrooms had to be built in order to accommodate our intake of pre-primary pupils.

Once our pupils leave school they make an impression in all walks of life. Every day we at the alumni office receive stories of our old boys who consistently make noteworthy contributions. In this edition of HERZLIA HEADLINES we again bring you a spread detailing news of our members from around the world. Our matrics are in the midst of their exams. We wish them well in all their endeavours and hope that their dreams and desires are fulfilled.

Thanks to those of you who have responded so generously to our membership appeal. The subscription is just R150 a year. In return we offer you a bi-annual newsletter; regular electronic newsletters, reunion support, a dynamic website and the benefit of an up-to-date database.

Subscriptions

Thank you for paying your subscription. Your contribution – R150 a year (or foreign equivalent) - helps tremendously towards financing our running costs. For those who have not yet paid, please visit our website for details of how to pay your subscription.

Want to renew contact?

If you have lost contact with an alumnus or would like to renew a friendship, contact the office – we may be able to assist. We can also supply you with class listings should you wish to organise a reunion or an informal get-together. This year the classes of 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979 and 1974 celebrated milestone reunions.

E-mails please!

As always we ask you to kindly forward us the e-mails of friends and family who attended HERZLIA. The more e-mails we have on record, the more regularly we can communicate with you. Please don't forget to let us know whenever you change your e-mail or postal address.

HAA Website

The HERZLIA alumni website is updated regularly. Log on to find long-lost friends. We are always on the lookout for news and clear pics so please e-mail us now on . Unfortunately, due to the amount of spam which our alumni receive, we have been forced to remove alumni e-mails from our website.

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UNITED HERZLIA SCHOOLS / HERZLIA FOUNDATION launches its 70th Anniversary Campaign

2010 is an important year for Cape Town: not only are we hosting the World Cup but it is also the year in which HERZLIA turns 70. This jewel in the crown of the Cape Town Jewish Community that started from humble beginnings in Hope Street has, since 1940, seen more than 5 700 pupils graduate.

"We want to celebrate everything that is HERZLIA. The contribution of our alumni and teachers, to Cape Town, South Africa and in fact the world, is remarkable. Wherever Herzlians are, they have become involved in their community. To sum it up – Jewish Education on the Southern tip of Africa has benefited the world. Our alumni are doctors, published authors, photographers, painters, judges, musicians, artists, rabbis, human rights activists, scientists – in fact we have made a contribution to all spheres of life for HERZLIA is far more than merely an educational institution of the highest standard – it is actually a way of life", says Eddy Oblowitz, the current chairman of the HERZLIA Foundation.

HERZLIA has travelled some rocky roads and only through the continued dedication and generosity of many of our community members is HERZLIA on a relatively sound financial footing. However, we still place a continuing heavy burden and reliance on the United Communal Fund for funding. The time has come to 'future-proof' HERZLIA for the next 70 years and beyond.

To this end, Marco van Embden has agreed to serve as Project Director for our 2010 campaign. Our aim is to raise the capital value of the HERZLIA FOUNDATION from its current R70 million to R120 million over a 5-year period. Marco is a well-known personality in Cape Town Jewry and comes with a wealth of leadership experience and communal service. In fact, he served as the chairman of the UHS from 1997 – 1999 and was deeply involved in the 60th anniversary Millennium Campaign that laid the basis for growth of the HERZLIA FOUNDATION to the level it is today. Marco's experience, underpinned by his intimate knowledge of communal workings and having a personal connection to HERZLIA spanning

from the 60's to date, makes him an exceptional incumbent.

Marco has already set the parameters for the campaign. The 2010 celebrations will be held over the course of the entire year. We are adopting a two-pronged approach – our 70th celebrations, which will take place at all levels within the school system and our community at large, and a fund-raising campaign which will include our alumni worldwide.

Tracy Klass from the HERZLIA FOUNDATION has made the following details known: Our celebrations will take place throughout 2010, culminating in a HERZLIA Celebration Week from the 2 – 9th August. Some of the events planned for that week are an alumni golf day and Shabbat services led and hosted by our pupils. The week culminates in a gala dinner dance on Sunday 8th August (diarise now), amongst other special activities. We would love as many of our alumni as possible to celebrate with us by coming to Cape Town for that long weekend.

We will encourage our overseas alumni to hold reunions in their cities. We will assist by sending them archive photos, schools magazines and even a video clip or two. They also can host virtual 70th reunions on Facebook.

Of course a very exciting aspect will be the school celebrations. Geoff Cohen and the principals are planning a range of exciting activities – some of these will be a interschool soccer tournament, a HERZLIA 70th Anniversary Argus Cycle Tour, and a celebration of HERZLIA talent, past and present at the Night of the 70 Stars.

We invite the community to come together, to celebrate and acknowledge the role HERZLIA has played in all our lives. Children, parents, grandparents AND ALUMNI ALL OVER THE WORLD - we all have much to celebrate and of which to be proud.



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Alumni Reunions

HERZLIA Matric Reunion

Class of 1999 Written by Natasha Joseph

Almost a decade after they downed their pens and handed in their final exam papers, HERZLIA's class of 1999 held its ten-year reunion – on three continents, all within one day of each other!

The largest reunion was held at Cape Town's Gold Museum restaurant and attracted about 70 old Herzlians including partners, most of whom declared that they didn't feel old enough to have been out of school for ten years. The combination of good food, fine wine, African-style entertainment and great company soon worked its magic. In the era of Facebook, the usual reunion questions – “What are you doing these days? Where do you live? With whom are you still in touch?” – are a little redundant, but the class of '99 found plenty to talk about, and a lot to laugh about. A group of teachers, along with Herzlia's current principal Marianne Marks, attended and got a chance to catch up with some of the people they had taught in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

Meanwhile, across the pond, a group of 12 from the class of 1999 gathered at the Lion pub in West Hampstead and held a reunion of their own, with Nikki van Diermen making a 'guest appearance' whilst on her work travels from Cape Town.

As far as Sydney, Australia, a reunion of three commenced with a trip down memory lane as they watched a matric video, followed by dinner at a Thai restaurant where catching up on the last ten years was the order of the night.

All three events were enormously successful, and thanks are due to Nicole Brodovcky (Cape Town), Talya (Effune) Ressel (London) and Ryan Jacobs and Robyn (Jocum) Samir (Sydney) who organised each reunion.



Seen at the London reunion (above) are: Michelle Stein, Nicole Van Diermen (Cohen), Leigh Wienburg, Craig Saven, Talya Ressel (Effune), Hayley Katzen, Debbie Winkler, Leonard Cirota, Lauren Bloom (Zuckerman), Michelle Soriano, Daniella Silver (Levin) and Lisa Migdal (Rudnick).



Sydney Reunion: Brandon Srot, Robyn Samir and Ryan Jacobs.



Seen at the Cape Town reunion (above) were the following teachers: Avril Roy, Marianne Marks, Dianne Dos Santos, Paula Tucker, Raymond and Sarah Doubell.



Class of 1999 get together in Cape Town (above).

Graduation / Visitors / Obituaries

Graduate News

We wish all our alumni a hearty mazeltov on achieving their tertiary qualifications. If you have graduated from tech or varsity recently please inform us so that we can publish your name. We also welcome clear photos, email oldherz@herzlia.com



MALCOLM FRONEMAN (above) recently graduated with a Masters of Science degree from the EDHEC Business School in France.

REVIVA HASSON has been awarded a Master's Degree in Economics.

JEREMY RAIZON (2001) was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to continue his law studies at any tertiary institution of his choice in the USA.

CHEN FUTERAN (2005) is currently studying for her medical degree at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and not at Tel-Aviv University as stated in the last HERZLIA HEADLINES.

MARK SHAPIRO (1997) has commenced his Masters in Disaster Management at Copenhagen University. "The Master of Disaster Management programme is aimed at providing the appropriate skills for disaster management at a national and international level in areas of natural and man-made disaster, climate change, and terrorism."

MIRIAM LAZEAR has graduated with a B.Com (Accounting and Finance) from the University of Witwatersrand.

Visitors

During the past few months we welcomed a number of alumni and guests who came to visit their alma mater and reconnect with their past.

LESLIE PINN (1966) visited from Australia. Leslie taught at HERZLIA for five years. He is currently stationed at the Communications Centre for the Police Department in Perth.

AVRIL AND BARRY SAVEN (1974) popped in for a tour while on a visit from Los Angeles, United States.

ELI ABRAMOWITZ (1977) visited the school after an absence of 35 years. He is based in San Diego and at the ripe age of 50, is studying to become a lawyer. Eli kindly donated a floating trophy in the subject of Jewish Studies.

Obituaries

We extend sincere condolences to all those who have lost loved ones during the year.

ERNEST SAMSON has passed away in Connecticut on October 5, 2009. Ernest is the son-in-law of the late MH Goldschmidt and served on the board of trustees for many years, affording HERZLIA the benefit of his experience and wisdom. On Sunday 17th May 1981, in front of a large crowd, Ernest, together with his wife Renee and MH Goldschmidt, turned the sod at the earth-turning ceremony held at the site where the new M H Goldschmidt Complex was to be built. That year, the total enrolments for the school was 2 294, the largest enrolment ever during the school's history. In 1982 he was present together with the mayor of Cape Town a former pupil of HERZLIA, Mr S Kreiner, when the new M H Goldschmidt Complex (HERZLIA Middle School) opened its doors to 600 standard six and seven pupils. The name of the street leading to the school (Mynor Avenue) was changed to M H Goldschmidt Ave in honour of his late father in law. Over 1 000 guests attended the opening of the school.

HERZLIA has enjoyed a wonderful and warm relationship with the Goldschmidt and Samson families for the last 60 years. HERZLIA and the Cape Town Jewish community have consistently been enriched by the dedication and generosity of the Gerber / Goldschmidt family to all Jewish causes. HERZLIA has constantly faced challenges; social, economic and academic. Through the generosity of Ernest and that of his wife Renee, HERZLIA has been able to rise to the challenges and HERZLIA today remains the "Jewel in the Crown" of Jewish community life in Cape Town. United HERZLIA schools is grateful for his support and friendship. He will always be remembered.

BATYA OZINSKY (nee Berger, 1957) passed away in Israel in January this year. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

MENDEL KAPLAN It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Mendel Kaplan on Thursday 19 November, 2009. *"Mendel was a giant among men, a blessed tzaddik, a man for whom the future growth and success of the Jewish community in South Africa, in Israel and indeed internationally, was enormously significant. His acts of kindness, charity and warmth will remain forever etched in the memories of all those he assisted and whose lives he touched. His concern and love for the State of Israel gave him international status within the Jewish community. The enormity of his loss cannot be measured, neither in words nor in deeds."* (Sourced from a press release by Bev Goldman – Head Media, Public Relations and Education – the South African Zionist Federation).

UNITED HERZLIA SCHOOLS extend their deepest sympathies to his wife Jill, his children and all the members of his family. He will always be remembered. May he be blessed among all the mourners of Zion.

SIMON GOLDBERG passed away peacefully on 25 November, 2009. Simon was a beloved teacher of Herzlians worldwide for five decades and a shining example of a wonderful, honourable and inspirational role model. His legacy will live on forever in the hearts of all his pupils, colleagues and family.

Alumni News

Alumni Survey

On the pages that follow we bring you more from our alumni who continue to make a contribution to their communities and the world at large. Our alumni are found in far reaching locations – from Azerbaijan to Fiji Island and from Papua New Guinea to the United Arab Emirates. Please note that the articles below are mere summaries of their noteworthy achievements. More detailed information about their careers can be found on their respective websites.

The Arts

David Solomon

David Solomon (1984) is a renowned sculptor, and has held several solo exhibitions in many venues worldwide. In 1993 he graduated with a Diploma in Ceramic Art and Sculpture at the David May School of Ceramic Design in Cape Town.

"My work is mostly sculptural work, hand-built, non-functional abstract and is designed as 'cutting edge'. My passion is clay, using earthenware, stoneware, as well as raku and black and pit firing. My building technique is with slabs, coils and moulds. I also use slips, underglazes, and oxides. I also at times add other creative materials such as glass, wood, iron, stone and metal.



Photo: Australia Sails by David Solomon

Being raised in South Africa, I bring in my unique cultural influence by using earthy colours and mix different coloured clay bodies together, giving my work a raw, grounded, textured feeling of Africa.

My inspiration is captured through my eyes. I update my designs for an ever-changing society with urban and rural settings. Most of my work is spontaneous and evolves from my strong feelings of my faith, beliefs, world affairs and modern technology. Since I have based myself in Australia, I am emboldened and influenced by Sydney's beauty. My current and future works will explode with the energy of Sydney's colour, life and powerful emotions with bright gay colours.

I cater for a large scale of people and have commissioned for varying pieces. I also sell privately. My sculptures range from small to a metre high."

David's unique style has been recognised by several awards. In October this year, David was the curator of a large exhibition at which he exhibited his work plus the work of six artists including the work of Nadine Saacks (Sossen, class of 1994). For more information about David's work go to www.sculptorssociety.com

Debbie Bagg

Debbie Bagg (Gruss, 1986) graduated with a BA in Psychology and Hebrew, later travelling to Europe and Israel. In 2008 she returned to Cape Town with her family after an absence of 19 years. Debbie and her husband Steven, together with their children, have led an exciting life, living and working at picturesque resorts where Debbie established some innovative entertainment programs.

Debbie writes: "We lived at Sun City for nine wonderful years. I started a kid's program named Kamp Kwena! We built an amazing kid's fort at the waterworld and we entertained thousands of kids each year with educational and entertaining activities. Head Office loved the concept and implemented it at many other resorts. It was a first in the country! We were lucky to have house seats to all the concerts and viewed high profile artists such as Sting, Tina Turner, Brian Adams, Meatloaf, Enrique Iglesias and the list goes on and on. I helped plan and co-ordinate the welcome for Michael Jackson with over 500 local nursery school kids lining the roads of the palace. Quality time was spent golfing, playing tennis, horse riding and game drives every week. Kayla was born in 1998 and Jemma in 2000. Sun City was their playground and what an awesome childhood they had there."

In 2008 the Baggs moved to Cape Town where the children now attend Weizmann. Debbie continues: "we are loving life in Cape Town and can't seem to find enough time on the weekends for hikes, beaches and visits to all the wonderful surrounding areas and scenery which we find on our doorstep."

Educators

Belinda Coptich (nee Geffen, class of 1976) writes:

"Further to your e-mail, I can inform you that, at the grand old age of 50, I have recently graduated with a PhD in Education, examining the Jewish Identities of youth movement kids.

'Roots and Routes: Identity Development in a Jewish Youth Movement Context' was the title of my thesis. Not bad for the girl who failed Std. 6! I went on aliyah in 1973 but would have matriculated in 1976. For the past seven years I have been working as Director of Northern Development for the Movement For Reform Judaism in the UK, based in Manchester. However, I have now returned to my former career as a biology teacher. I have attached a photo of myself at my graduation.'

Alumni News

Scientists

Tamir Gonen

Dr Tamir Gonen is Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Washington and an Early Career Scientist at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. From an early age Tamir discovered that his strength lay in science and biochemistry.

Tamir has made his mark in the world of science and has received numerous prestigious awards and authored several noteworthy publications, too many to mention in this short article. For a full list of Tamir's achievements please go to <http://cryoem.washington.edu/pages/TamirGonen>

"Today, Gonen's research centers on the exploration of membranes, the two layers of lipids that encapsulate cells. In particular, he is interested in the proteins embedded in membranes that form gateways, channelling everything from chemical signals and nutrients to wastes and pathogens. A cell's surface is studded with a dense and diverse array of such structures, each specialized to perform a particular job. "Every cell in the human body is separated from its environment by a membrane," Gonen explains. "And everything that happens between a cell and the outside world happens through these gateways or channels." Understanding how membrane channels work provides insights into cell function as well as into human disease." Information sourced from http://www.hhmi.biz/research/ecs/gonen_bio.html

Nastassia Jaffa

Natassia Jaffa matriculated from HERZLIA in 2001. In 2005 she graduated with a B.Sc from the University of Cape Town with chemistry and biochemistry as her majors. Following this she attained her B.Sci (Hons) in Molecular and Cell Biology. Her mini-thesis was entitled: "An Economic HPV-11 Vaccine Strategy Applicable to Other HPV Types"

Over the last five years, Natassia has held many interesting positions at various companies. From October 2008 to March 2009 she was employed by Nutrition Lab Technologies as a Sales Representative and Area Distributor (Cape Town). Her task was to negotiate with retail senior managers/pharmacists to enter into sales agreements, and display extensive product knowledge with scientific interpretations. In April 2009 she was appointed personal assistant to senior project manager, Mr. Charles Faull at a racehorse consultancy firm (racing, purchasing and breeding). She communicated technological information between project members/managers and the software developers, initiated novel project ideas, drafted project proposals for future project developments and assisted with administrative tasks and other project duties.

Nastassia is a conscientious academic with a passion for science, in particular, microbiology, virology, vaccine research, and science communication. A future career aspiration of hers is to one day specialise in one or more of these fields, while contributing to the public understanding of viruses and vaccines through scientific journalism.



Photo: Belinda Coptich



Photo: Tamir Gonen



Photo: Nastassia Jaffa

Alumni News

Engineers

Alan Keschner (1977) graduated with a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from UCT (with honours) in 1981. In 1983 he obtained a post-graduate diploma in Industrial Administration and two years later, a Masters Degree in Industrial Administration. He also holds various executive programme certificates.

The following is a brief synopsis of the many positions that Alan has held during his interesting career. In 1984 Alan joined Kentron (part of the Armscor group) as a mechanical engineer, where he was responsible for the design of airframes and structural strength calculations as well as the design and commissioning of test equipment. Since then he has held many prestigious positions and worked at high profile companies such as Hewlett Packard, where he worked as an applications engineer and for the Hudaco Group, where he served as divisional managing director. He was employed by IMS Industrial Products as General Manager of the Industrial Products Division.

In 1988 he established his own company, ProSolv Systems, which was involved in marketing, selling, writing and implementing software packages, as well as consulting to various clients, predominantly in the field of manufacturing. He is currently engaged in a number of distressed business recovery projects and interim management assignments, predominantly for banking entities.

Alan has lectured at technikons in Cape Town and the Witwaterand and has also delivered various papers on manufacturing control. He has travelled widely to all corners of the globe. The principal purpose of the trips was to procure new business, gain new suppliers (most products were imported) and negotiate contracts and technology agreements at all levels.

Alan also has a keen interest in Commercial law. He has specialised in reviewing and amending supply and joint venture contracts. This interest has extended to Acts of Parliament and he assists other companies with implementation of the ISO9000 Quality, ISO 14000 Environmental, OHSAS 18000 Health and Safety requirements, Competition law and the LRA. In his spare time Alan enjoys motorcycling, football, travel, golf and DIY.

Medical

Raymond Stein

Raymond Stein (1962) fills us in: "A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to have coffee with Averil Shulman (nee Lewin). It was such a delightful experience to look at a copy of our class photo and talk about people we both know and their present whereabouts.

Now a bit about my life: As some may already know, I graduated from the University of Cape Town medical school in December 1968, stayed in Cape Town for my internship, and then lived in

Durban for one year, working at Addington Hospital in South Beach. My surf board was still dripping with water, when I departed for England on September 22, 1971. I lived in London for three years, before immigrating to Canada in 1975. Then followed another five years of rough hospital work and hard studying, after which I graduated as a specialist in Internal Medicine, Allergy and Clinical Immunology, having been in practice in downtown Toronto for the past 29 years, affiliated with the University of Toronto (U of T) teaching hospitals.

I have two sons, Daniel, age 25, a university graduate, working in banking and finance, and Gabriel, age 22, who is half-way through a university arts program. Two of my former classmates live here in Toronto: Charles Orolowitz and Dave Kapelus, who were also my rugby team-mates in high school. Nowadays, as far as I know, they play golf, but I play doubles tennis, occasionally 'try my luck' at golf, and ski in the winter (no shortage of snow in Canada!) Another passion of mine is marathon bicycle riding for MS /other causes. I look forward to corresponding with my former 1962 classmates".

Neil Burman

Neil is one of our 'golden oldies'. He attended HERZLIA from 1949-1952. He graduated as a medical doctor from UCT in 1966 and later qualified as a specialist physician in the UK. Currently he specialises in menopause and andropause (male menopause).

Neil is a Fellow of Kronos Research Foundation in Phoenix Arizona and a member of: Royal Society; Local International Societies for the Study of: Menopause and Aging Males, Hypertension and Sexual Health.

Neil is also a member of HealthSpan Research Foundation for Preventative Metabolic Medicine - Peninsula Prevention Service: Appropriate Replacement for Managed Aging.

For more information on this fascinating topic check out the website www.healthspanlife.wordpress.com



In the News Email us on oldherz@herzlia.com to inform us of any news.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

DR AMANDA WELTMAN (1996) is the winner of the 2009 Best Emerging Young Scientist Award. The award identifies and recognizes young scientists for their outstanding scientific contribution to the natural sciences or engineering.

PHILIP KRAWITZ (1967) is the recipient of a prestigious award - Kaapstad Sakekamer/Die Burger Sakeleier van die Jaar. Philip was presented with his award on Wednesday September 9, 2009 at the Cape Sun Hotel.

NICK HALLALE writes: I matriculated in 1991 and did a PhD degree in chemical engineering at UCT, and then went on to teach at the University of Manchester in England. I have just finished writing a book (300+ pages!!!) about a new health/diet system which I have developed over the years. It's a totally natural system, based on the ancient Greek Olympics. Go to the Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Apollo-Program-Getting-a-Body-Like-a-Greek-Statue/125390422959> Joining the page is totally free, and members will have access to lots of free material such as advance extracts from the book, health tips, articles, exercise videos and healthy slimming recipes.

ADAM GREENBLATT (1992) lives in London. He has recently established an internet business called JobFact www.jobfact.com/en. "The site allows people to compare their salaries and benefits in their current jobs to equivalent, or other jobs in other companies. The information in our database comes directly from employees so it's reliable and insightful. And...it's completely anonymous and totally free."

RYAN BERKOWITZ (2002) has been selected as captain of the South African Muaythai team which will be competing in the international championships in Thailand from 26 November to 5 December 2009. Earlier this year, Ryan became the SA Lightweight Amateur champion when he competed at the Grand West Arena. Guy Lazarus (2005) is also a member of the South African team.

ROBERT LEWENSON (1998) has recently taken over the chairmanship of YAD from Warren Kaimowitz (1991) who has headed YAD with dedication and determination for the past few years. Rob is employed as legal advisor to the Old Mutual Investment Group. He is a 2008 graduate of the UJC Leadership Development programme. In 2008 he attended the Keren Hayesod Yachdav mission in Israel. Photo: Robert Lewenson and Merle Stodel (2002).

PETER LURIE (1993) is happy to announce that he has won Best Income Protection Intermediary at this year's Health Insurance Awards held recently in London. The event celebrates the achievements of both insurers and intermediaries in style. More details on the event can be found at: <http://alturl.com/mrwo> Peter's company, Proactive Medical & Life Ltd, which specialises in protection insurance products, has only been in existence for a short while, and this award, in addition to being a finalist at the Cover Excellence Awards, is a great achievement in such a short time.



Photo (left l-r): Seen at the awards ceremony held at the Sandton Hilton in Johannesburg are Minister of Science, Naledi Pandor, Amanda Weltman, Minister of Education, Blade Nzimande.



Photo (left): Peter Lurie receives his award at the Health Insurance Awards held recently in London.



Photo (above): Philip Krawitz, Henry Jeffreys (Editor-in-Chief, Die Burger), Gert du Plessis (Chairman, Kaapstad Sakekamer), Michele Krawitz.

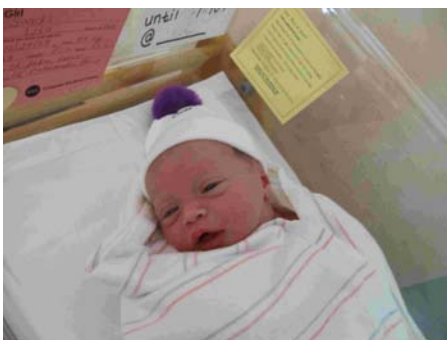
Births

To Kim & Rodney Bloom (1982), a daughter (SA)
 To Berenice (nee Garb) & Steven Ginsberg (1983), a son (UK)
 To Janine & Terence Lazard (1983), a daughter (SA)
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 To Nicole (nee Lentin) (1986) & Daryl Jackson (1983), a son (Australia)



Little fella Caden, son of David and Karen Rosenkowitz.

To Debbie (nee Rocklin) (1984) & Roland Israel, a son (USA)
 To Gita (nee Kaplan) & Jonathan Osrin (1984), a son (SA)
 To Karen (nee Beerman) & Steven Nathan, a daughter (SA)
 To Kerry (nee Shear) & Anthony Marcow (1984), twin daughters (SA)
 To Lisa (nee Balter) & Grant Saacks (1985), a daughter (USA)
 To Ruthy & Anthony Ginsberg (1985), a son (USA)
 To Eleanor (nee Schneiderman) (1987) & Raoul Miller (1986), a son (SA)
 To Gael (nee Gibson) & Gary Sofer (1986), a son (Ireland)



Alexandra Berenice Saacks, daughter of Grant and Lisa.

To Mandy (nee Barnett) (1986) & Jan Verboom, a daughter (SA)
 To Monique (nee Sklar) (1988) & Barry Scher (1986), a daughter (Australia)
 To Natacha (nee Zive) (1990) & Julian Zetler (1986), a daughter (SA)
 To Shirley (nee Fox) (1986) & Tsafi Melamed, a daughter (Israel)
 To Terri (nee Sklar) (1991) & Yaron Frankental (1986), a son (SA)
 To Tracy (nee Tamaris) (1986) & David Alpert (1987), a son (UK)
 To Lisa (nee Tumbridge) & Marc Lichtenstein (1987), a daughter (Australia)
 To Lorraine (nee Myers) & Grant Berman (1987), a daughter (USA)
 To Lynda Dave (1987), a daughter (Australia)
 To Michelle (nee Jacobson) (1992) & Alon Sachs (1987), a son (SA)
 To Dana (nee Zaroozny) (1989) & Jerome Jacobson (1988), a daughter (SA)
 To Jacqui (nee Kassel) & Robert Schlosberg (1988), a daughter (SA)
 To Kim (nee Lipshitz) & Jonathan Gershuny (1988), a daughter (Australia)
 To Lara (nee Barnett) (1988) & Anthony Marks, a son (SA)
 To Tonja (nee Reid) & Dale Nachman (1988), a son (Australia)
 To Alison (nee Herman) (1989) & Lawrence Cass, a son (UK)
 To Charlene (nee Friedman) (1989) & David Orwin, a son (Australia)
 To Delia (nee Krawitz) (1989) & Shaun Levy, a daughter (Canada)
 To Karla & Yaron Allul (1989), a daughter (Australia)
 To Lara (nee Tapnack) & Evan Noik (1989), a son (SA)
 To Lisa & Barry Kagan (1989), a son (UK)
 To Nicola (nee Harris) (1989) & Richard Harris (1980), a son (SA)



Joey Raphael, held by his older brother, Benji. The boys are the sons of Peter and Lucy Lurie.

To Sheri (nee Lemish) (1994) & Jacques Breslaw (1989), a daughter (SA)
 To Tali (nee Levitan) (1989) & Judian Bruk (1989), a daughter (SA)
 To Taryn (nee Brien) (1993) & Kevin Boyd (1989), a daughter (Australia)
 To Vanessa (nee Bowman) (1989) & Marc Ackerman, a son (USA)
 To Brooke (nee Furst) & Evan Kaye (Kaimowitz) (1990), a son (USA)



Leah Rose Marcus, daughter of Matthew and Amanda.



Elisheva and Danit, twin daughters of Kerry and Anthony Marcow.

To Debbie (nee Hotz) (1990) & David Gor, a daughter (Australia)
 To Devorah (nee Sandorfy) & Guy Saban (1990), a son (Israel)
 To Janine (nee Lachman) (1990) & Miles Gad, a son (SA)
 To Marissa & Barry Kaganson (1990), a daughter (SA)
 To Samantha (nee Bremridge) (1990) & Arun Hozack, a son (Japan)
 To Janice (nee Washkansky) (1991) & David Norrie, a son (SA)
 To Nicola (nee Abrahams) & Stuart Landauer (1991), a daughter (UK)
 To Terri (nee Lewis) (1991) & Ian Wilkinson, a daughter (SA)

Births

To Claire (nee Gibbert) (1992) & Josh Abrams, a daughter (USA)
 To Claudia (nee Broll) (1992) & Simon Feilich, a daughter (Australia)
 To Debby (nee Jamieson) (1992) & Anton Modlinne (1992), a daughter (SA)
 To Haley (nee Toube) (1992) & Gavin Rogoff, a daughter (SA)
 To Jennifer & Matthew Shaer (1992), a daughter (UK)
 To Karen & David Rosenkowitz (1992), a son (Australia)
 To Lara (nee Glass) (1992) & Paul Domjan, a son (UK)
 To Michelle & Hilton Jocum (1992), a son (Australia)
 To Nikki & Danny Shorkend (1992), a daughter (SA)
 To Pam (nee Cohen) & David Grevler (1992), a son (Australia)
 To Anthea (nee Alpert) (1993) & Yaniv Kadman, a son (Israel)
 To Danielle (nee Horwitz) (1993) & Ryan Lang, a son (Australia)
 To Debbie (nee Onia) & Steve Arelisky, a daughter (SA)
 To Gina (nee Wilkin) (1993) & Karl Leinberger, a daughter (SA)
 To Lucy (nee Spector) & Peter Lurie (1993),

a son (UK)
 To Alison (nee Shapiro) (1994) & Marc Passman, a daughter (SA)
 To Candice (nee Leslie) (1994) & Anthony Liffman, a son (UK)
 To Daley (nee Muller) (1994) & Sam Goldenbaum, twin daughters (SA)
 To Dee (nee Phelps) (1994) & Alex Marcic, a daughter (UK)
 To Esther & Richard Handler (1994), a son (Israel)
 To Lana & Daniel Ziskind (1994), a daughter (UK)
 To Nikki (nee Hirschson) (1994) & Grant Levitas, a daughter (Australia)
 To Carly (nee Fine) (1998) & Steven Berold (1995), a daughter (UK)
 To Gabrielle (nee Sive) (1997) & Ronen Jackson (1995), a son (SA)
 To Lindy (nee Ress) (1995) & Gavin Wertheim, a daughter (Australia)
 To Orit (nee Laskov) (1995) & Michael Sachar (1995), a son (SA)
 To Amanda (nee Wood) & Matt Marcus (1996), a daughter (SA)
 To Bernadine (nee Lemish) (1996) & Neill Rogers, a daughter (SA)
 To Janine (nee Lidsky) & Michael Allen (1996), a son (SA)

To Liora (nee Singer) & Jonathan Leslie (1996), a daughter (SA)
 To Talia (nee Wiesenbacher) & Jason Gottschalk (1996), a son (SA)
 To Esti (nee Lazear) (1997) & Tamir Levy, a daughter (SA)
 To Simone & Brett Meyerowitz (1997), a son (UK)
 To Tanya (nee Band) (1997) & Gary Rogoff, a son (SA)
 To Judith (nee Rehse) & Hilton Giesenow (1998), a daughter (SA)
 To Kerri (nee Maron) (1998) & Dean Turner, a daughter (SA)
 To Nadia (nee Kraitzick) & Malcolm Siegel (1998), a daughter (UK)
 To Angela Anastosopoulos & Joshua Ginsburg (1999), a daughter (SA)
 To Sarah (nee Popack) (1999) & Shua Biston, a son (USA)
 To Aimee (nee Gottschalk) (2000) & Gareth Kobrin (2000), a son (UK)
 To Daniella & Avi Ziskind (2000), a son (SA)
 To Melissa (nee Boyd) (2000) & Pinchas Hack (2000), a son (SA)
 To Leanne (nee Rodgers) (2001) & Tomer Manshari, a son (Israel)
 To Melanie (nee Hasson) (2002) & Dan Saltzman, a daughter (SA)



Baby daughter of Simon and Claudia Feilich.



Jordana, daughter of Delia and Shaun Levy.



Gemma, daughter of Lindy and Gavin Wertheim.



Son of Ronen and Gabriella Jackson.



Joshua Lewin, son of Gregory and Robyn.



Offspring of Yaron and Karla Allul.

Engagements / Marriages

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Ilana Zar to Maurice Maisel (1988) (USA)
 Sharon Saul to Elan Miller (1990) (Australia)
 Jackie Joffe (1993) to Hadleigh Millman (UK)
 Nicole Kurland (1994) to Marc Penn (SA)
 Claudia Soriano (2001) to Daniel Slutzkin (1995) (UK)
 Jodi Wolmer to Lior Losinsky (1995) (UK)
 Lyn Hawkins to David Kawitzky (1995) (SA)
 Nirit Sumeruk (1995) to Brice Abbou (France)
 Elana Castle (1996) to Grant Smuts (Australia)
 Taryn Rosenthal (1996) to Floyd Davis (SA)
 Lauri Dixon to Treveor Spiro (1997) (USA)
 Lisa Buirski (1997) to Simon Shapiro (1997) (UK)
 Natalie Nurock to Greg Stern (1997) (SA)
 Phillipa Trotman to Clive Zagno (1997) (SA)
 Romi Kastan (1997) to Steven Taub (SA)
 Shereen Suckerman to Daniel Lurie (1997) (SA)
 Belinda Shapiro (1998) to Eddie Rabbie (SA)
 Yoni Miller (2002) to Steven Sher (1998) (SA)
 Abigail Smith (1999) to Ryan Epstein (1999) (SA)
 Jane Benjamin to Craig Blumberg (1999) (UK)
 Kirsten Mendelsohn (1999) to Simon Nainkin (SA)
 Lindi Casper (1999) to Adrian Kaplan (SA)
 Sarah Brett (2001) to Simon Stanford (SA)
 Zoe Cunio (2001) to Julian Sher (SA)
 Debbie Reuben (2002) to Avi Lange (SA)
 Ariella Sevitz (2006) to Yakov Pinsky (Israel)
 Samantha Reznik (2006) to Andrew Laing (SA)



Belinda Shapiro and Eddie Rabbie.



Kirsten Mendelsohn and Simon Nankin.



Lyn Hawkins and David Kawitzky.



Nirit Sumeruk and Brice Abbou.



Shelley and Elliot Coplin.



Rachel Ziskind-Sabo with husband Pini.



Ofer and Karen Vardimon.

Marriages

Tracy Reef (1990) to Steven Frank (SA)
 Lauren Derman (1991) to Damon Kalvari (SA)
 Natasha Miller to Herschel Gutman (1994) (Israel)
 Caroline Rabb to Rael Kaimowitz (1995) (SA)
 Lishai Oz (1995) to Dan Kaufer (UK)
 Nicole Franks to Grant Traub (1995)
 Rina Stepeniov to Daryn Dorfman (1995) (SA)
 Shelley Kurgan (1998) to Elliot Coplin (SA)
 Daniella Levin (1999) to Craig Silver (UK)
 Karen Felthun (1999) to Ofer Vardimon (Israel)
 Keryn Gordon (1999) to Adam Thal (SA)
 Rachel Ziskind (2005) to Pinchas Sabo (SA)



Leigh and Howard Levine.