

# Yavneh Foundation Report **2023**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Shula Lazar

To our dear Yavneh Foundation members,

2023 is the end of an era for the Yavneh Foundation as we farewell our Foundation Chair Benji Jotkowitz. Benji has been part of the Foundation board since 2011, was Co-Chair with Rueben Zelwer since 2014 and has steered the Foundation ship solo since 2021. In this time, Benji has been instrumental in so many projects, both building and programs, at Yavneh.

Benji has worked tirelessly for the Yavneh Foundation, with no job too big or too small, and for me, no phone call too late. Benji will continue to serve the community as President of Mizrachi so we know that in this capacity, and as a current parent of Yavneh, we will always have a strong relationship with and the immense support of Benji.

We are excited to welcome Dion Epstein as Foundation chair and Karen Franks as vice chair. Dion and Karen are exactly what we aim for our graduates to be; hard working, committed to community, passionate Jews and Zionists, generous with all their heart, and a deep love for Yavneh. Just like Benji, Dion and Karen are both Yavneh alumni and Yavneh parents.

*Eleh Toldot Yavneh - These are the generations of Leibler Yavneh College.*

Parshat Toldot also begins with generations; the generations of Yitzchak.

ואלה תולדות יצחק בן־אברהם אברהם הוליד את־יצחק:

While *Toldot* is often translated as 'generations', the way it is used in Torah is to emphasise the essence of a person, and/or as a statement of a person's greatest, most impactful achievements.

This passuk tells us that the core of Yitzchak's being and purpose, and his most important achievement was that he was the son of Avraham. Yitzchak's greatness was that he continued Avraham's legacy.

Sometimes children of great people buckle under the weight of living in the shadow of an illustrious parent, but not so Yitzchak. He revelled in being the son of the great Avraham. Yitzchak's greatness was in continuing and building on the greatness of Avraham. The *toldot* of Yitzchak, the essence of his being, was in continuity.

And this too is the greatness and the impact of the Yavneh Foundation.

The Yavneh Foundation bequeaths to Yavneh so much that is new and exciting; new buildings and new programs. The Foundation helps us to grow and evolve. But the most important work that the Foundation does is in ensuring Jewish continuity, in enabling Yavneh to be Yitzchak. The Yavneh Foundation enables us to carry on the traditions of our ancestors, to be the link in the chain, the letter in the scroll of our Torah and of Zionism. Your generosity allows our school to continue Judaism into the future, by graduating young men and women who are practicing, passionate, inspired and inspiring Jews and Zionists.

Your support has an immense, positive impact not just on Yavneh, but on all of Am Yisrael.

And for this we are forever grateful.

With much appreciation and wishes for a Chanukah Sameach.





## FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM Benji Jotkowitz

It has been a very rewarding experience serving as a Yavneh Foundation board member since 2011 and its Chair since 2014. I have enjoyed dealing with you, our donors and give much thanks for your financial support and generosity over the years.

The giving of tzedakah is termed 'planting', as in the words of the prophet Hosea it states *"Sow charity for yourself and you will reap according to kindness"*.

This concept can be understood further with a well-known Talmudic story about planting. The scholar Choni HaMeagel was walking along the road when he saw a man planting a carob tree. *"After how many years will this tree give fruit?"* Choni asked. *"It will not give fruit until 70 years have passed,"* answered the man. *"Do you think you will live another 70 years in order to benefit from the fruit of this tree?"* Choni asked. The man responded: *"When I came into this world, it was full of carob trees. Just as my ancestors planted for me, I too am planting for my descendants."*

Like the man with the tree, we too must plan(t) for the future! At times the Yavneh Foundation will ask for your support to allow it to prepare for the future financially. Other times it will ask for your commitment to help with specific capital building projects, scholarships or teacher development programs.

**Your investment in the Yavneh Foundation is an investment in the future of our children, our school and our community.**

On reviewing the Torah reading during Chanukah, it reveals that in the story of the dedication of the Mishkan we read about the same gift being given by each Nasi. Why doesn't the Torah just make one list and say, *"They all gave the same thing"*? The answer is beautiful and directly relates to the Chanukah story. When we read about each person who brought a gift to the Mishkan, we are reaffirming the Jewish ideal that each individual matters. We need to recognise the individuals who make up the community.

On Chanukah, we celebrate as a nation, but it is also a time to think about the individuals who make up that nation. We know that a flame never goes out when it lights another candle – it only gives, and makes the flame brighter. The same is true for people. When individuals contribute to a community, the light only grows. When we read about how individuals brought gifts to the Mishkan we are acknowledging all the "flames" that light up the room.

I am thankful to Dion Epstein and Karen Franks for taking over the leadership of the Yavneh Foundation and wish them together with the Board much Hatzlacha for their important work ahead. Thank you to Executive Director – Tanya Shaltiel for all her hard work and dedication.

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Wishing you a Chanukah Sameach!





# MESSAGE FROM FOUNDATION CHAIR Dion Epstein

Dear Friends,

I would say we are living in unprecedented times, but the truth is there is a precedent for the predicament that the collective Jewish nation in Israel and the Diaspora are currently facing.

Exactly 100 years ago, Adolf Hitler led the Beer Hall Putsch with two thousand Nazis marching in Munich to seize power. While the coup failed, it brought Hitler to the attention of Germany and the world. 10 years later in 1933 he became Chancellor and seized power shortly thereafter. The devastating effects of allowing hatred, ignorance and propaganda to rapidly take root in a democratic society are deeply ingrained in our people and especially in our Melbourne community made up mainly of descendants of survivors.

Whilst the protests on our streets and the hate speech being disseminated is distressing, they are a wake-up call that we must fight hatred and ignorance with all our being. Our people stand for life and light, not death and darkness and it is apt that as we enter Channukah 5784, we vigorously strive to be an Or La'Goyim, a beacon of light for all that is good and moral in this world. Having been through existential challenges of my own recently, I am a firm believer that with a positive mindset, a focus on action, and faith in Hashem, all will be good in the end.

As Jeremy Leibler so aptly said at the recent Foundation event, which included a deeply meaningful look at our alumni in Israel, the best way for the community to fight the misinformation is to have a solid grounding in our history and traditions.

The Yavneh product is exceptionally unique in our community. Our educational model is built firmly around developing a knowledge and love of Torah and exploring the modern world and Zionism through a religious lens. Not only do we see Hashem's role in the miraculous story of the State of Israel's establishment and its growth into a technologically advanced society, but we also explore how it resolves Halachic challenges in this society. This includes technical and ethical questions around medicine, genetics, and the use of modern appliances to name a few, as well as moral dilemmas in war, such as that posed to Rav Yosef Tzvi Rimon recently about whether soldiers having a short leave of absence could drive on Shabbat to see loved ones before re-entering the life and death situation in Gaza.

Most of us are understandably focusing our philanthropy on supporting Israel in this crisis. At the same time, we are starting to band together as a community to confront antisemitism at home. Apart from our unity,

one positive that has come from this is that we have a more acute focus on the importance of being an informed Jew and being able to challenge factual inaccuracy and moral bankruptcy intelligently and confidently.

We are bleeding as a nation, but we have been bleeding young Jewish souls out of our education system for some time now, due to affordability and lifestyle choices, competition from other schools and the dilution of Torah as our blueprint for a Jewish life.

We must therefore arrest this and nurture brilliant minds, critical and creative thinkers, and leaders who are proud of their heritage like Avraham Avinu, Moshe Rabbenu, David Ha'Melech, Ezra & Nechemiah, Yehuda HaMaccabee, Menachem Begin and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, all of whom were steeped in knowledge and faith, unequivocal in their beliefs and willing to fight with all their oratory and physical capacities for a strong Jewish Nation.

At a time when many in the community are re-assessing causes they have supported that have proved themselves to be no friends of the Jews in our time of need, I ask that you be unequivocal in your continued and increasing vigour to support the most important asset we can invest in – the Jewish Neshama and the Jewish mind.

Despite our small school size, our contribution to the broader Jewish community, to Australian society and to Israel punches well above our weight.

This in my opinion is one of the best ways of supporting Israel, as has been demonstrated by our alumni. Those that stay in Melbourne or elsewhere in the Diaspora are loud advocates of Israel and dedicated to community service, leadership, their Jewish identity and Jewish continuity. For those choosing to make Aliya (we have one of the highest rates of any school in the world), we see them serving in the IDF, working across all aspects of the modern Israeli society and as with all our graduates, they are imbued with a passion and commitment for our Jewish heritage and Gemillut Chesed which they take into their homes and workplaces.

Last year the VCE study Centre was opened, thanks to the generous support of donors, Foundation members and Avi Gilboa in particular. It enabled a specialised and focused study environment for VCE students to nurture critical thinkers, a lifelong thirst for knowledge and to maximise each student's potential. Next year we will embark on a seminal project that targets the other end of the Yavneh journey – the Early Learning Centre. A purpose-built facility housed on the Elsternwick campus will be built providing

a modern, warm, and stimulating sensory environment, with smaller teacher-student ratios and an invigorated learning program grounded in a love for Hebrew and Judaism.

Case studies have shown that investment in early learning centres are a good determinant for both the quality and quantity of students entering the primary school. Kinder students and parents will soak in the unique atmosphere of the "big school". Now more than ever we must prepare the foundations for a lifelong love of learning, both Secular and Jewish. With the realisation of this project, we will be exceptionally well placed to provide the launching pad for the journey within school, just as we have tried to do with the VCE study centre providing the launching pad into life beyond school.

We thank all our Foundation members for their support to date, for your continued support, and we encourage you to reach out to your networks to invite others to support our school. Despite our small school size, our contribution to the broader Jewish community, to Australian society and to Israel punches well above our weight.

I want to thank Benji Jotkowitz, the outgoing Chair, for over a decade of remarkable community service in building the Foundation to the strong membership it currently has and its immense contribution to Yavneh's infrastructure, programs and scholarships. We wish him luck in his new role as Mizrahi President and look forward to working together closely and collaboratively to drive forward in our shared vision.

I'd also like to thank the Executive Director - Tanya Shaltiel, and the entire Foundation Board for their energy and passion for the school and its values and their commitment towards achieving outstanding outcomes. I am very grateful to be working alongside them.

Am Yisrael Chai and wishing everyone a much-needed break.



## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Tanya Shaltiel

During this difficult and dark time for Am Yisrael, we are filled with immense gratitude and pride at the way in which our Yavneh family has rallied together in solidarity with and support of our brothers and sisters in Israel with incredible expressions of unity and compassion. We have come together as a community, extending our hands and shoulders to provide support and comfort to one another.



We have filled our Tefillot with deep Kavannah and said Tehillim with frequency and earnestness; we have given Tzedakah generously and in abundance, we have written uplifting letters to our brave Chayalim, we have taken it upon ourselves to do extra Mitzvot, we hold discussions at lunchtime each day and we have shown each other love and support without any limits. Our Year 12s chose to mark their last day at school by electing to donate any funds the school had earmarked for celebrations to a charity in Israel.

### **This is Yavneh.**

This is how our amazing students have responded to the horror unleashed on Eretz Yisrael on Simchat Torah. Faced with terrible shock and grief, they have responded with kindness, with Tefillah and unwavering Jewish pride.

During this time, we are once again reminded of the importance of our recent Building Strong Foundations Appeal which continues to enable us to further develop and bring engaging, transformational, informal Jewish Life experiences to all our students. Now, more than ever, these programs have been extended by our J-life team and our students' deep connection with and love for Medinat Yisrael is unshakable.

Yavneh prides itself on the high number of graduates who make Aliya. Each and every one are in our daily Tefillot, together with all of the people of Israel. We are also so grateful and daven for all our courageous Chayalim, especially those who once walked the halls of Yavneh. Our Chayalim are putting their lives on the line to protect our Homeland and we pray with all our hearts for their safety. May Hashem protect all our loved ones in Eretz Yisrael and all of Am Yisrael.

The Yavneh Foundation intended to launch our annual appeal to raise much needed funds for programs and projects at the school. However, given the financial urgency to support Israel, we delayed our appeal to focus on the immediate financial needs of our Chayalim and families in Israel.

We take this opportunity to thank ESS Security together with CSG and PSG volunteers for their countless hours and dedication in protecting our school and community.

# Thank you

Parashat Terumah describes the building of the Mishkan in the desert. We learn about the importance of giving and the power of collective action. One interesting aspect of this Parasha is the fundraising campaign that Moshe conducted to collect the necessary materials for its construction. The Torah tells us that every person who had a generous heart brought their contributions. The gifts included a wide variety of materials, such as gold, silver, copper, precious stones, and fine fabrics. Interestingly, the Torah specifies that these materials were donated "by everyone whose heart was so moved". This implies that the donations were not collected through coercion or pressure, but rather through voluntary and heartfelt giving.

What can we learn from this about fundraising? First and foremost, we see that a successful fundraising campaign is not about forcing people to give, but rather about inspiring them to give. In the case of the Mishkan, people were moved to give by their love for Hashem and their desire to contribute to a communal project that would benefit the entire Jewish people.

Furthermore, the emphasis on the "generous heart" suggests that giving should not be viewed as a burden or obligation, but as a privilege and a joy. In our own Yavneh community, we can apply these principles by making sure that our fundraising efforts are focused on inspiring people to give from the heart. This means emphasising the positive impact that their contributions will have and creating a sense of shared responsibility and collective action. By doing so, we can build a culture of giving that is grounded in generosity and gratitude, and that reflects the values of our tradition.

This beautiful concept has been truly demonstrated by all our donors who have joined the Yavneh Foundation, renewed their membership and made contributions for the benefit of our students. We are energised with the vigor with which each and every contribution to ongoing programs and projects.

On behalf of the College, we would like to again express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support. The continued financial support of our Foundation Members is essential in driving our community forward, ensuring its strength, resilience and vibrancy for generations to come.

My sincerest thanks to our outgoing Foundation chair, Benji Jotkowitz. We are truly grateful for the success of the Yavneh Foundation under Benji's leadership. His passion and dedication to fundraising led to many new Foundation members, building of projects and naming of programs at both the ELC and Elsternwick campus. Benji has had a huge, positive impact on our school, and we look forward to continued partnership with him as President of Mizrahi. To carry on Benji's work, we are excited to welcome Dion Epstein as our new Foundation Chair, and Karen Franks as Deputy Chair of the Yavneh Foundation and together with fellow Foundation Board members, Nicole Kohn, Shula Lazar and Daniel Solomon, we look forward to working together.

The essence of working in a Jewish communal organisation such as Yavneh means that we constantly live and breathe the modern orthodox and Zionist world and are reminded of the importance of this Hashkafa daily. With this ethos, we thank our Principal, Shula Lazar, Daniel Solomon, David Fisher and College Co-Chairs, Gerard Max and Ari Schachna together with our College Board for ensuring our students receive an education with the love of learning and pursuit of academic excellence in both Jewish and General Studies. We are grateful for their commitment and support who are all focused on bringing together the many strands that make the Yavneh Foundation and the College what it is.

The Yavneh Foundation contributes to the fulfilment of your vision to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people by educating it's youth. As with many independent schools in Australia, school fees alone cannot cover all costs. It is you, our donors who enable us to move ahead and develop essential and innovative educational facilities for our current and future Yavneh students. And we need you! We need you as our active daily partners. It is only through our continued partnerships with parents, grandparents and friends that future generations of students will continue to have access to the best opportunities at Leibler Yavneh College. On behalf of the children at Yavneh today, and the Yavneh generations of tomorrow, I thank you for your ongoing support of our school.



# Foundation Welcome

The Yavneh Foundation hosted our first event with Principal, Shula Lazar in conversation with Rabbi Danny Mirvis.

They discussed “Modern Orthodoxy, Religious Zionism and Securing the Jewish Future”. It was an inspiring evening with a wonderful and thought-provoking discussion. It also showcased some of our talented students singing songs from the musical, Les Miserables.

By example and teaching, Rabbi Mirvis has shown all of us and in particular our students the importance of Judaism and modern orthodoxy. Many of our graduates are now reinvesting that passion and enthusiasm, working both in the ELC and the Elsternwick campuses in JLife, homework club, Tefillah, Education Support and more. Watching their return to the Yavneh Family is truly gratifying.

Rabbi Mirvis and Morah Shula, both give us Chizzuk with their wisdom, knowledge and leadership. Our students have Morah Shula, their beloved Principal who has clips around her lanyard for the boys Kippot, teaches maths, knows each student by name, lives and breathes Modern Orthodox Zionist values imbuing passion, excitement and warmth. We are truly blessed to have them showing the importance of learning and being leaders in our community both here and in Israel.

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The conversation between Rabbi Mirvis and Morah Shula, was a special opportunity to hear from two exceptional leaders.

Rabbi Mirvis may have left our shores but he has certainly not left our minds. Five years of inspirational leadership guiding us with his Torah knowledge and always with compassion.

It was a great pleasure to have Rabbi Mirvis back and we continue to benefit from his leadership role in the World Mizrahi movement. We continue to work closely with the Mizrahi movement on some of the excellent educational programs being developed, and partner together to truly create a learning centre of excellence.

Thank you to Mizrahi Australia for bringing Rabbi Mirvis out here to recharge us.





# Cocktail Evening

We were delighted to welcome a full house to our cocktail evening at the home of Yona and Dion Epstein in celebration of Leibler Yavneh College.



The evening was truly a celebration! Our College Captains, Principal Shula Lazar, Rabbi Dr Alan Kimche, talented secondary student musicians and Vonnie Coopersmith Public Speaking Competition senior winner, Goldie Feinberg, enthralled us with their moving words and performances.

We were also privileged to hear from our esteemed alumna of Yavneh, the Honourable Justice Lisa Hesse, Judge of the Federal Court of Australia. Justice Hesse shared her happy memories from her school years at Yavneh, including the unwavering support of her dedicated teachers who focussed on bringing out the best of their students. Justice Hesse credited her Tanach and Gemara studies with instilling many of the skills and lessons she continues to use each day in her impressive professional life. We celebrate and take great pride in Justice Hesse's remarkable contribution to Australian society.

We thank our College Captains, Amelie Cher, Lee Slade, Yona Franks and Adam Geller for emceeing the evening and embodying Yavneh's values of mencheit and community contribution. The Captains acknowledged their sincerest appreciation to our donors for the significant improvements they have witnessed over their years at Yavneh:

“ We stand before you not only as students but as grateful beneficiaries of the remarkable support we have received over the 15 years we have been at Yavneh, from junior kinder, up until year 12. Being at Yavneh for so many years, we have witnessed the numerous ways the school has been improved, which could not have been done without your ongoing support. As your college captains, we want to express how important your contributions have been to our schooling.

Your generosity emphasises the values of humility, unity, and communal well-being. These principles resonate as by generously investing in the school, the Foundation exemplifies humility by recognising that it takes a collective effort to make the school a better place. The Foundation's contributions promote unity among students, teachers, and parents, as the entire community rallies around the shared goal of educational excellence. By focusing on the well-being of the students and providing resources for academic and extracurricular programs, the Foundation creates an environment conducive to growth, development, and overall success. The Yavneh Foundation's generosity fosters a sense of belonging and pride, making the school a better place for all who are part of its community.

As students, we are privileged to benefit from your unwavering commitment, and we are deeply appreciative to have a Foundation and executive board who are driven to continuously elevate Leibler Yavneh College to its utmost potential. ”







## Foundation Series

### Conversation with Head of Science, Hillel Solomon and Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Professor Sam Lebens

We were delighted to welcome a full house to hear a conversation between our Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Professor Sam Lebens and Yavneh's Head of Science, Hillel Solomon at the home of Naomi and Alan Moss. The dialogue was rich, engaging and thought provoking – revealing the compatibility between contemporary philosophy and science with authentic Jewish tradition. Rabbi Professor Lebens and Hillel explored the foundations and boundaries of Jewish belief, the integration of faith with a scientific worldview and the effective exploration of these ideas in an educational context. It was a wonderful showcase of the Torah and Maddah ethos to which Yavneh aspires.



Hillel Solomon said of the event “*Rabbi Professor Lebens is a profound thinker who authentically engages with both Jewish and secular philosophy. Our discussion spanned from Crescas to Wittgenstein and from differing interpretations of revelation to Occam’s Razor. As the Head of Science at Yavneh, I was particularly interested in his perspective on the coexistence of science and faith. Rabbi Lebens presented a compelling argument not only for the compatibility of scientific pursuit with Jewish faith, but also for the potential for faith in G-d to provide a foundational justification for the scientific enterprise, which can sometimes be lacking. When asked about fostering deep engagement with these matters in our students, Rabbi Lebens endorsed a comprehensive teaching approach that encompasses the history and philosophy of science.*”

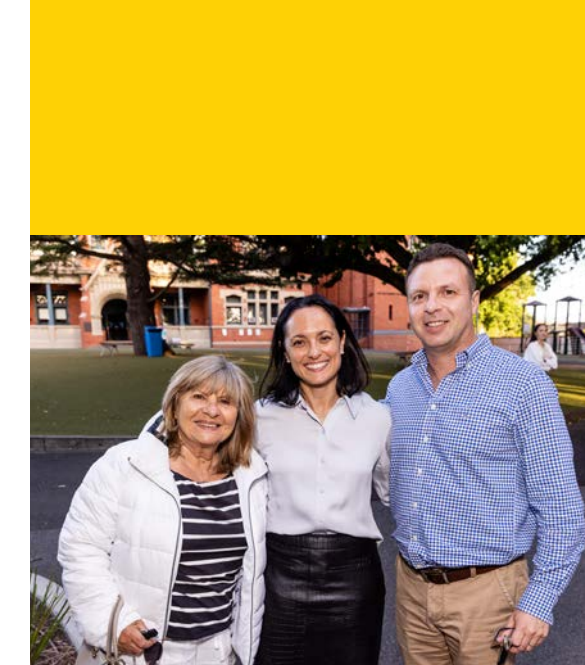
The highly rewarding Scholar in Residence program was made possible by the generous donors to the Building Strong Foundations campaign in 2021. After the success of this inaugural program, Yavneh is looking forward to inviting more exceptional scholars to our school, becoming a hub for the meaningful exploration of important issues in modern Jewish life.



# Foundation Series

The Yavneh Foundation was delighted to welcome a full audience at our Foundation Series event.

The evening was truly moving. Our College Captains for 2024, Yehuda Moss and Jake Hendler, Rabbi Dr Alan Kimche, Rabbi Chaim Cowen, Shula Lazar, Eilat Rachmani (nee Flamm) and Dion Epstein captivated us with their Tefillot and inspirational words. The conversation between Tammie Slade and Jeremy Leibler was candid and enlightening.



We thank Tammie for facilitating an engaging conversation and for asking thought provoking questions to allow us to reflect and gain insight into the current situation both in Israel and Australia. Jeremy is a tremendous example of the positive impact that strong leaders can have through his powerful and effective advocacy for Israel and the Jewish community throughout this crisis. We feel honoured to have heard Jeremy share his personal encounters and get an understanding into his significant role as President of the Zionist Federation of Australia. We thank Jeremy for being the voice of our people to the government and the media.

Jeremy reiterated the message for our Yavneh community of the importance of Jewish knowledge and values. Our Yavneh students are blessed to know who they are, where they come from, understand the Tanach and have the confidence to be proud Jews and speak out with conviction and strength.

We also featured experiences of Yavneh Alumni in Israel and heard the heroic story of Kibbutz Alumim movingly told by alumni and current parent, Eilat Rachmani (nee Flamm).

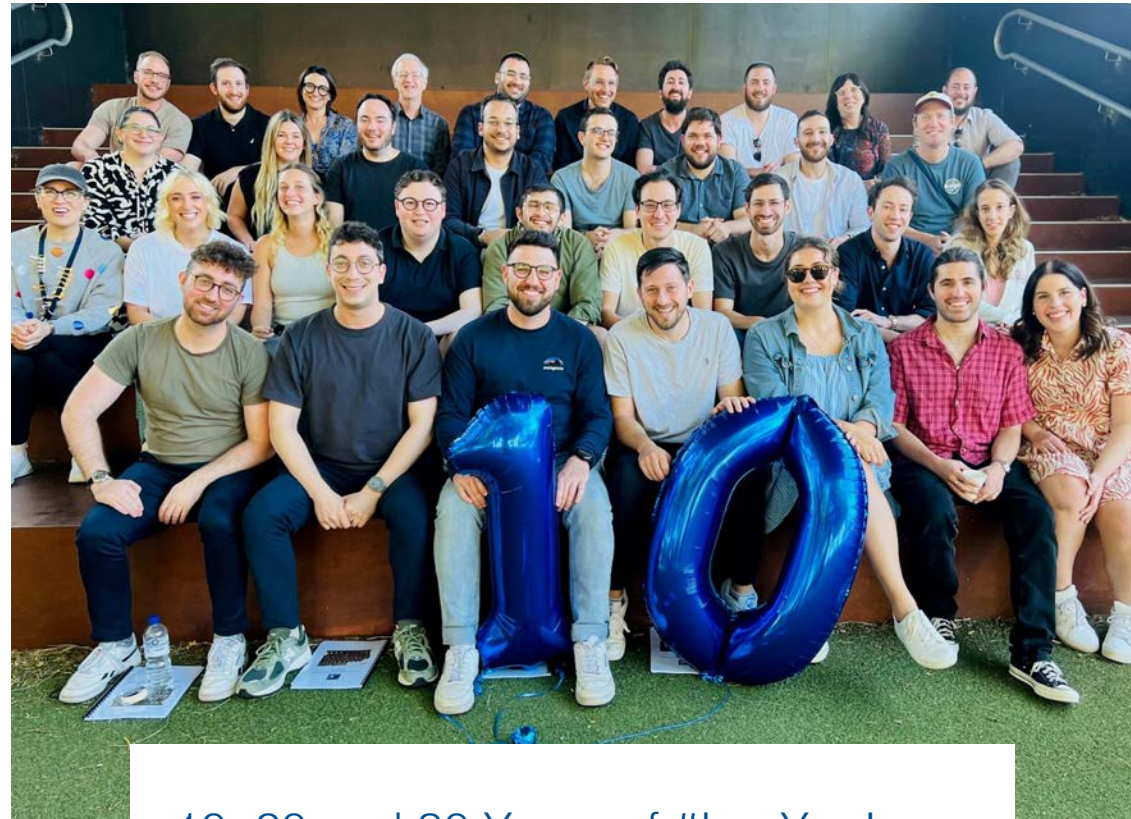
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May Hashem protect all our loved ones in Eretz Yisrael and all of Am Yisrael.





# School Reunions



## 10, 20 and 30 Years of #LuvYav!

At Yavneh, we truly treasure welcoming back our old collegians. The classes of 1993, 2003 and 2013 spent time reminiscing and reconnecting back on campus! It was fantastic to see so many familiar Yavneh Family faces comprising of both old collegians and past staff. It was exceptionally special to share stories, memories and photos. We look forward to welcoming all our collegians back on campus!





## Giving Day

The Yavneh Family has been incredible in its support of the many school and community initiatives for Israel. We continue to be upstanders and do whatever we can, while Israel continues to fight this war on the front line.

At our Israel Family Day on Melbourne Cup Day, we were thrilled to raise over \$15,000 for Emunah Australia.







# Opening of VCE Study Centre

**We were delighted to officially open the VCE Study Centre.**

This centre has been generously donated by Avi Gilboa and dedicated in memory of Avi's grandmother, Mrs Marie Gross z"l. Avi's ongoing commitment to Jewish education will forever leave an indelible mark on Yavneh and the lives of our students. His belief in our mission and investment in their future will continue to inspire generations to come.

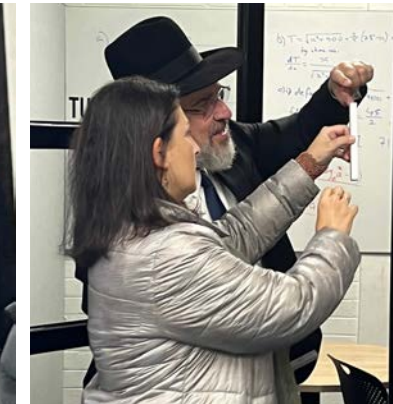
Our Year 11 and 12 students are the lucky beneficiaries and the reason for this incredible gift. As our College Captains said, "Having a designated place to learn and study has revolutionised the way we approach our academic pursuits. The VCE Study Centre provides an environment of focus, inspiration, and collaboration. Here, we find the perfect balance between silence and intellectual stimulation, enabling us to delve into our studies with renewed vision and enthusiasm. On behalf of all the students, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Avi, our matchers, Rosanna and Mark Leibler, Marlene and Abe Zelwer and Natacha and Paul Zuckerman, and all the contributors who have made this Study Centre possible. Your belief in our potential and dedication to our success is an inspiration to us all.

We promise to honour your support by making the most of this exceptional learning environment and striving for excellence in all that we do.

One of the most significant benefits of having this Study Centre is the sense of belonging it instills within us. As students, we thrive when we are surrounded by like-minded individuals who share our passion for learning. This space fosters a strong sense of camaraderie as we engage in discussions, exchange ideas and support each other through the challenges we face in our final years of school."

We are truly appreciative of all our generous donors for their contributions. Their unwavering support has helped us create an environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and the pursuit of knowledge.

At the opening, 10 beautiful Mezuzot were affixed in memory of Shimon Allen z'l who was a parent, grandparent and very special friend of the College. Each Mezuzah generously provided by the Allen Family will serve as a constant reminder of their kindness. May all the schools Mezuzot watch over, protect, and inspire generations of our students, just as Shimon did during his lifetime.





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The Foundation notes with sadness  
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*May their memory be a blessing*





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 Sonia & Malcolm (z"l) Slonim  
 Ilana Wald & Steven Casper  
 Simone & Jonathan Wenig  
 Chaya & Joseph West (z"l)  
 Lauren & Brian Wiener  
 Faye & Ben Zehnwirth

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 Alissa & Leon Burman  
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 Sharona & Gideon Josefsberg  
 Sharona & Benji Jotkowitz  
 Candice & Darren Katz  
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 Rolene & Danny Lamm  
 Pnina & David Lamm  
 Reeva & Joe Lederman  
 Naomi & Isi (z"l) Leibler  
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 Lisa & Justin Liberman  
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 Brigetta & Johnny (z"l) Paneth  
 Jennifer & Kovi Paneth  
 Tammy & Trevor Roth  
 Sylvi & Geoffrey Rothschild  
 Anne Ryan  
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 Suzanne & John Steiner  
 Adina & Ian Waller  
 Jennifer & Peter Wein

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 Melody & Steven Curtis  
 Andrea & Howard Finger  
 Belinda & David Fisher  
 Gina & Ian Fishman  
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 Ruth & Gary Frydman  
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 Gizella & Joe Mel  
 Shari & Mark Middeldorf  
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