

Swimming with the sharks

ZOE KRON

CREATIVE, entrepreneurial and innovative Jewish teenager Daniel Baise appeared on Channel Ten's *Shark Tank* on Sunday night, where he pitched his prototype of a transparent touch-screen computer.

Although the panel of top businesspeople turned down the opportunity to invest in the 14-year-old's GTouch, they were so impressed with the year 9 Bialik student that they offered to send him with his mother to a high tech trade show in Las Vegas.

Baise told *The AJN* that he was in no way disappointed with the outcome: "I think what I ended up with was definitely better than what I asked for."

Having attended the trade show last month, he said, "I got to make contacts that I still keep in touch with about my products and their products. Just meeting new people is a great experience."

The GTouch, an interactive computer screen that can be activated on glass, was inspired by futuristic movies.

"My main inspiration was that I always liked computers and when I saw it starting to come up in movies like *Avatar*, I think I got the idea, and I always wanted to create something



Daniel Baise (right) shows his GTouch prototype to (from left) Steve Baxter, Andrew Banks and John McGrath.

like it, so I did," Baise explained.

His plans for GTouch are endless, with visions of the transparent technology presented on windows and walls using phones, tablets and laptops.

Baise acts as the resident tech whizkid at Bialik, nominating himself as liaison between its IT department and the student body, and assisting peers with 3D printing projects.

He has been passionate about business and technology from a young age and envisions his company booming by the time he finishes school.

"I'd want to have the company up and running with GTouch on the market. I'm trying to focus on that at the moment, and started by crowdfunding to get it going. Once I get the funding

from there, I can then see how much I can do to move forward," Baise said.

He thanked Bialik's principal Jeremy Stowe-Lindner for his guidance and support in the weeks leading up to appearing on *Shark Tank*.

Stowe-Lindner said, "We are thrilled with Daniel's characteristic innovation and courage. It was not a surprise to us that the Sharks were so impressed."

To learn more about GTouch, visit:
www.indiegogo.com/projects/gtouch-as-seen-on-shark-tank-australia.



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