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Want to share your simchahs, sorrows, or other news with us?

We want to hear about new babies, jobs, engagements, graduations, anniversaries, celebrations, reunions and more! Email alumni@surpriselake.org at any time to have your news included in a future issue of Reechoes.

In Memoriam

Our deepest condolences to alumnus and Board Member Linda Markowitz and her family, on the loss of her father, John Wishnick.
One of the aspects I love the most about serving as executive director of SLC is discovering the magic of SLC in unexpected places. I thought you would enjoy some of the stories I have encountered recently.

Just last month I attended the Grinspoon Foundation’s JCamp 180 Conference. This conference brings together professionals and lay leaders from more than 100 Jewish camps from across North America. As I attended sessions and walked the halls I was stopped by camp colleagues who spied my conference badge, “Surprise Lake!” I was struck by two things – first, the number of camping professionals who attended SLC as either campers or counselors and then decided to go into camping as a career themselves. This is a huge testament to the SLC experience. Second, the number of people who took me aside to ask me for advice about an initiative at SLC or share wonderful stories about SLC with me. Their message to me, over and over again, was of special a place SLC is and how lucky I was to have the chance to lead this storied institution. I had not expected to encounter such heartfelt sentiments from so many professionals from other summer camps. I know that our contingent at the Conference: Celia Baczkowski, David Rosner, Jenn Ambrose as well as lay leaders Peter Hirsch, Margery Arsham, Bob Altabet and Mark Levine had similar experiences.

This past summer we received a new camper inquiry from a family with two children. I began reading the email from the parent only to discover that this mother was not new to SLC – rather her father had attended Camp and so had she when she was a little girl. The family had not kept in touch with camp for some time but now that their children were approaching camp age the idea of reconnecting with Surprise Lake became a possibility. I spoke with the parents after the mother had a chance to view our new video. She shared with me that she was struck by how much things had changed and been preserved at the same time. Finding this balance between innovation and tradition has been something important at Surprise Lake Camp for generations.

It’s hard to believe that as I write this note to you there are less than 30 weeks left to Camp! I look forward to continuing to share more as I keep discovering SLC!
ANNOUNCEMENTS!

A huge mazel tov and thank you to Brad Leopold, who raised $520 for Surprise Lake Camp scholarships by organizing a yard sale. This project was done in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.

You went above and beyond to help create a wonderful celebration of our relationship which began 52 years ago (1965) at Surprise Lake.

At Surprise Lake Camp Jean & I fell in love with each other, with Jewish Community, the Jewish People, the Jewish Homeland and Jewish traditions: including kosher food, Shabbat and Israeli dancing.

When I asked Jean to marry me five years after meeting, I did it on the shores of Lake Surprise.

Thank you Surprise Lake Camp for enriching our lives and the lives of thousands of youngsters.

Phil (Pioneer) & Jean (Rogofsky) Schneider

Mazel Tov to Everyone On Your Simchahs

Mazel Tov to Everyone On Your Simchas

Mark Reagan & Steph Burnett, married September 8.
Megan Hall & Isaac Shapiro on their engagement.

Alana Spindler and Joshua Suchow, married November 17.


Twins Addison Rose and David Kent, born July 10, to Shayne Neuwirth and Scott Weiner.

Mia Emerson, born September 12, to Faith and Mike Kirkpatrick.

Twins Ellie Sloane and Joseph Leo, born October 2, to Amy & Lenny Grinberg.

Oscar Louis, born November 4, to Doron Klemer and Rachel Elstrott.
TAX REFORM AND SLC
TAX REFORM ON CHARITABLE GIVING TO SLC

by Jim Meyer

Many of us give to Surprise Lake Camp (SLC) because we care greatly about SLC’s welfare and future and we are charitably inclined. As a perk for our generosity, if we itemized deductions on our tax returns, we might receive a tax benefit for such charitable contributions. Traditionally, about 30% of taxpayers have itemized deductions because their total itemized deductions were more than the standard deduction, based on their filing status.

However, the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) eliminated or restricted many itemized deductions beginning in 2018, and raised the standard deduction. For taxpayers who used to itemize their deductions, the standard deduction may prove to be a better option for years beginning in 2018. As a result, there may no longer be a tax benefit for making charitable contributions for certain taxpayers.

We hope the overriding motivation for you to give to Surprise Lake Camp is to help others, give back to a place that holds a special place in your heart and your childhood, and for which you want to provide that same experience and memories for future campers. Surprise Lake Camp remains a critical institution in Jewish life, teaching values, shaping future leaders, creating independent and confident young men and woman and providing a magical summer experiences to all children, regardless of their family’s ability to pay. If, for the sake of your best financial interest choose the standard deduction, we urge you to please continue to donate and give generously, for the sake of the children!

At the same time there are some other options which non-itemizers can explore. As always, we recommend you speak with your financial advisor for guidance with your charitable giving.

There is something called bunching which simply means in a given year you increase your gifts to be able to itemize deductions and then in subsequent years incorporate the standard deductions. As an example, a married couple who gives $5,000 a year to SLC might give, assuming they have the ability, $25,000 in ’18. As far as the IRS is concerned, it is a deduction (subject to AGI) and does not include other deductions. SLC is told this is a gift to cover an annual gift for ’18 through ‘22. This might provide a tax benefit for you for the 2018 year depending upon the level of the contribution and whether or not you would itemize your deductions in the year you remit the large donation. There are numerous ways to do this but I am sure you get the idea.

You could use a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) – For the DAF you can use a commercially available charitable fund or a Community Foundation. You donate a sum of money to the fund which may depending upon whether or not you would itemize your deductions in the year in which you contributed to the DAF. Once the DAF is established you can instruct the fund as to which charity you wish to support. The fund takes care of all the paper work and the investments.

If you are over 70 ½ and therefore taking Required Minimum Distribution(s) (RMD) many accountants are suggesting that you do your gifts (if you are not going to itemize) from your IRA(s). As long as it is a direct transfer from your IRA custodian to SLC (yes, they can be wired) there is no tax on the distribution. You do not get a tax deduction, the distribution counts toward your RMD, and you may give up to $100,000 in a given year.

There are also a variety of trusts that can be set up and with the interest rates still low (7520 rate), the guaranteed CLAT (Charitable Lead Annuity Trust) is a wonderful vehicle to take care of commitments to SLC and leave funds to your family.

Again, we urge you to speak with your financial advisor for guidance on these matters.
I am fortunate to have been a part of extraordinary communities in my life, but it was my experiences at Surprise Lake Camp that most significantly shaped my character. It is to the SLC community that I feel most compelled to dedicate my time, energy, and funds.

As a second generation camper, I spent ten summers at SLC from age 10-19. I befriended others from outside the suburban bubble where I grew up and met people from all over the world. More importantly, my time as a counselor was the most rewarding experience of my life because I was directly responsible for the well-being and personal growth of dozens of campers. Working with these children instilled me with leadership skills and problem solving capabilities that I apply in my everyday life.

Every camper, regardless of their family’s financial situation, should have the opportunity to attend camp and grow as a person. SLC is able to make this happen because of the scholarship funds provided by devoted alumni. This is why I am active in the community today, attending alumni association board meetings, planning fundraising events, donating to the scholarship fund, and, importantly (decided a few years ago in my late 20s), to become a member of the 1902 Society. SLC has given me so much; I feel it is my lifelong duty and pleasure to reciprocate.
DEDICATED TO OUR 2017 SUPPORTERS

The following pages are dedicated to the many friends who have supported Surprise Lake Camp during the 2017 fiscal year. Camp is blessed to have so many special people who care out its mission. Please know that Camp is very grateful for all the generosity we receive, and we hope that one day we will have a chance to thank everyone…in person, in print or both!

What the difference between an Annual Campaign and a Capital Campaign?

Annual Campaigns, such as the Annual Scholarship Drive and the Board Campaign, are designed to provide scholarships for current year campers. Capital Campaigns are conducted periodically to provide significant funds for major expenses such as the renovation of the Main Building, Health Center or Little Playhouse, as well as increase our scholarship endowment. The Annual Campaign helps us live, and the Capital and Endowment Funds help us grow.

The following individuals made gifts to one of several funds in our endowment, or made gifts to support a capital/building campaign.

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Swim-a-thon

Thank you to the swimmers below who helped raise over $15,000 for scholarship endowment from over 225 donors.

- Ilana A behaving
- Alison Emmel
- Jay Greenbaum
- Susie Jainchill
- Lisa Mark
- Craig Miller
- Josh Scoll
- Charlie Wasserman
- Jonny Wasserman
- Caren Zalin
- Marti Zalin
- Barbara Zbar
- Elise Zbar

Tribute Fund

- Scott Abrams
- Lisa Albukerk
- Celia Baczkowski
- Aleksandr Baranov
- Tracie & Mark Basch
- Evelyn & Nick Beilenson
- Pearl & Harry Belkowitz
- Blanche Berk
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### Full Summer at Camp: $9,000 and up
- SLC Alumni Association
- Kathy Fine
- Lee Kaplan
- Roz & Jerry Meyer
- NM Morris Foundation
- Lisa & Adam Stulberger

### One Session at Camp: $5,000-8,999
- Neil Diamond
- Roberta & Peter Hirsch
- Stan Josephson

### Two Weeks at Camp: $2,500-4,999
- Marlene & Stanley Besen
- Keith Cohen
- Ronnie & Bob Greenblatt
- Bruce Haber
- Harold Grinspoon Foundation-JCamp 180
- Michael Herson
- Chuck Jainchill
- Richard & Amanda Lansky
- Ruth Messinger
- Steven Moses
- Robin & Danny Muskin

### One Week at Camp: $1,260-2,499
- Bob Altabet
- Emily & Jeff Berk
- Howie Berk
- David Berkowitz
- Congregation Kol Ami
- Suzanne Moskowitz & Jordan Dale
- Ariel David
- David Fleischner
- Joe Goldberg
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- Fredda & Michael Klopfer
- Jared Kramer
- Carole Levy
- Denise Liebowitz
- Margaret & Lou Metzger
- Michael Metzger
- Andrew Miller
- Ina Muskin Massa

### Daily Sessions
- Michael Gurman
- Dayle Henshel
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### Five Days at Camp: $900-1,259
- Melanie Fleischmann
- Christina & Greg Fox
- Bernard & Leslie Friedman
- Amy Goldberg
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- Mel Kalichman
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- Simone & Joseph Kleinert
- Melissa Moskowitz
- Rina & Howard Pianko
- Bruce Rubinger
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- Mark Segal
- Carol Seigel

### Four Days at Camp: $720-$899
- Margery Arsham
- Tracie & Mark Basch
- Mona Fishman
- Fredda & Michael Klopfer
- Marc & Lisa Krigsman
- Robin and Peter Norwood
- Allison & Michael Tenenhaus
- Anne & Joel Zbar

### Three Days at Camp: $540-$719
- Susan Alintoff
- Celia Baczkowski
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- Anita Cruso
- Jay & Ellen Eneman
- David Friedman
- Michele Mark Levine
- Rochelle & Gary Lindner
- Roberta & Jim Meyer
- Marilyn Muskin
- Francine & David Penner
- Julia Seltzer
- Audrey & Mark Tenenhaus
- Julie & Neil Weintraub
- Howard Weissberger
- Jordana Zbar

### Two Days at Camp: $360-$539
- Anonymous
- Peter Baum
- Evelyn & Nick Beilenson
- Thomas Berner
- Scott Ehrlich
- Karen & Donald Fagelman
- Kenneth Fisher
- Lori & Seth Fishman

### One Day at Camp: $180-$359
- Steven Allen
- Sylvaine Baczkowski
- Jeff & Michelle Bader
- Sylve & Howard Bartel
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- Janae Bellaflore Levine
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Yes! I’ll Donate to Surprise Lake Camp

Use this form or give online at surpriselake.org/donate

Your Name
Name(s) as you’d like to appear in donor list

Address
Email

Preferred phone #
Date of Birth

Here’s My/Our Gift

$_________ Annual Scholarship Drive for this year’s campers
$_________ Scholarship Endowment Fund for future campers
$_________ Building Maintenance Fund
to sustain and improve camp facilities
$_________ Wherever my gift is needed most.

Have a different gift in mind? Please contact David Rosner at (845) 265-3616.

Every gift makes a difference. Send a child to camp for:

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I’d like to make:

- [ ] Full gift now
- [ ] Monthly gifts of $______ each month for #______ of months for a total gift of $______

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The Magic of SLC

The idea had definitely been tossed around once or twice before but I don’t think anyone really took me seriously. I guess after being apart from each other for about 35 or so years, most of them had forgotten how serious I really was. So it had to be the fall or winter of 2017 that the message went out to 10 of my camp friends. “Ladies, I really want to do this. I’m turning 50 this year and so are most of you. I want to spend a weekend at camp. We can make it like a big birthday party.” And so the seed was planted. Hundreds of messages to pick a date that worked for most of us. Spreadsheets and emails to figure out where and what we would eat, who would bring which snacks and drinks, when we were arriving, who was carpooling and how long we would be staying. But even after all the planning, the food was too much and the time, not enough.

Debbie Hoffer (Samori), Blaire Kagan (Anderson), Lauren Kahn (Torre), Ivy Lapidus (Deliteris), Lisa Lucania (Stulberger), Marni Robin (Brunstein), Jodi Sanders (Costenbader), Alisa Warren (Singer) and myself headed up to camp on a Saturday afternoon to spend 24 hours together eating, drinking, laughing, looking at photo albums, getting reacquainted and reminiscing about the fabulous years we spent at Surprise Lake Camp.

Most of us arrived around 2:00. We unloaded a weeks worth of snacks, drinks, lanyard, Madlibs, jacks and brunch food into J-Lodge. We made some drinks and we started walking and talking. Some of us saw the pool for the first time, and the bunks in Mountainview, which were not there when we were campers, although some of us lived there in Unit E when we graduated from Junior Side. We walked to Teenside and started to walk towards Cornish. Some of the more adventurous among us wanted to hike, but I think for most of us the walk to Teenside was sufficient. We walked, we talked and we laughed. Like 35 years had never passed us by. We filled each other in on what was going on in our lives; the names of our kids, how old they were, what schools they were going to, where we were living, what our husbands did for a living…it was quite the information overload but we wanted to know what we had all been up to since the last time we walked these roads together. We went back to the lodge, hung out, and got ready for our chef prepared dinner in the SLC Junior Dining Room with the moose. We chose to eat in the dining room rather than drive out for dinner, and the experience was priceless. We said the motzi, the prayer after the meal and had the complete SLC meal experience. It was a fabulous meal of steak and salmon, salad and sides. Celia and the staff went all out to ensure we had a memorable SLC weekend and we were all grateful for that, as we hope to return every year to relive our incredible SLC summers.

After dinner we went back to our bunk, looked at photo albums, ate, drank, laughed, and laughed some more. I’m sure at some point we fell asleep. It was a pretty chilly and rainy weekend unfortunately, so the campfire and the
s’mores never happened. In the morning we woke up and prepared quite the extensive brunch. Eggs, bagels, fruit, coffee, juice and whatever else we had brought. Needless to say we never even made a dent in all of the food and drinks that we had brought with us.

The rest of the day seemed to be rather gloomy with the weather not being as nice as we had hoped so we opted for an indoor activity, kind of like a “bunk-in.” We went to the records room [which Celia unlocked for us] above the dining room and read our camper reports. Wow!! Pure entertainment for all of us. And eye-opening! We read about who had “leadership skills,” who had a “poor appetite,” who was “sensitive to others and seems to be quite stable herself” and who “was not such a positive influence.” And so much more!

We all agreed that this was the best 24 hours that we had spent in a long time. As adults, we were able to have a sleepover, choosing to give up the luxury of our own beds and bathrooms and sleep in a cot and share a bathroom with 8 of our once-again closest friends. And there was nothing better. We had the right amount of laughter, much too much food, and not nearly enough time. We did promise each other that we would try to do this every year - and not let 35 or so years go by - and we have gotten together since then... I have a feeling that we have all found some new old friends. It’s truly amazing how after so many years it seemed as though we were able to pick up right where we left off...well, sort of, anyway.

I guess that’s the magic of SLC. And remember ladies... what happens in J-Lodge...

Until we Nestle again next year...

Barbra Solomon (Klein)

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