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Save the Date

april

April 28: Volunteer Day

may

May 18: Spring Shabbat Program

May TBD: Alumni Party

july

July 28: Alumni Day

august

August 4: 1902 Society BBQ

with Intergenerational activities

WANT TO SHARE YOUR SIMCHAS, 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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

by Bradley Solmsen

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 Baczowski, 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 Simchas



Danielle and Hagit Rifinski,
married March 16.
(Danielle picture with father, Zvikia)



Allie Ball and Jordan Golan,
married July 15.



Lori Zedeck and Jason Hoffman,
married November 10.

Mazel Tov to Everyone On Your Simchas



Alana Spindler and Joshua Suchow,
married November 17.

👰 Mark Reagan & Steph Burnett,
married September 8.

👰 Megan Hall & Isaac Shapiro
on their engagement.



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

Zoie, born March
16, 2017, to Jackie
Ann and Artie Zilz.



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

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



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 confidence 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.



“WHY I JOINED THE 1902 SOCIETY”

by Bret Tenenhaus



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.

1902 Society Fund

Estelle Meyer

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund

David Ackerman

Roberta & Peter Hirsch

Elaine & Paul Suchow

Shuying Wang & Paul Mermelstein

Building Fund

Andrew Bata

Pearl & Harry Belkowitz

Elena Dale

Suzanne Moskowitz & Jordan Dale

Dove Ballon and Alvin Dale

Brendan Donohue

Susie Jainchill & Tsahi Gelardin

Michelle Goldstein

Linda & Ben Gordon

Dayle Henshel

Joy Henshel

Patti Henshel

Stanley Josephson

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Alan Kleiman

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Dena & Elly Levine

Judith & Michael Margulies

F. Peter Rose

Ben Segan

Cindy Shmerler Levy

Aliza Kline & Bradley Solmsen

Gary Spielvogel

Denis Sternberg

Sheri & Josh Sussman

Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

SLC Alumni Association

Carol Grief Saltz Scholarship Fund

Alan Saltz

Irwin Flick Fleischner/Mooween Camp Scholarship Fund

Dick Davis

Daniel Krieger

Roger Sachs

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SLC Alumni Association

Margery Arsham

Sharon Ball

Howie Berk

Scott Brody

Elena Dale

Joe Goldberg

Esther Gonzalez

Amy Goodman

Jay Greenbaum

Marc Honigfield

Thomas Johnson

Faith Kirkpatrick

Michele Mark Levine

Laura & Carter Mansbach

Dina Marenstein

Charles Michaelson

Dina Mishra

Jared Pollet

Jessica Pollner

Michele & David Rosner

Jeffrey Spiegel

Tony Stein

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Shelley & David Tager

Mark Transport

Susan & Matthew Tratner

Thomas Weiner

Michael Witman

Harry Vogel Aquatic Fund

Amy & Bruce Jaffe

Mel Kalichman

Lisa & Marc Krigsman

Shuying Wang & Paul Mermelstein

Mindy & Marty Zalin

Barbara & Michael Zbar

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Jason Hoffman

Karen & Stewart Lantner

Murray Lantner

Maureen & Howard Lantner

Betsy Lantner & Barry Mitchel

Bradley Tarrash

Rita & John Tarrash

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Helena Prigal

Ilana Sussman

Jordan Dale Scholarship Fund

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Ele Klein

Avri Klemer

Rebecca Safeer

Barbara & Mike Zbar

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Michele Albo

Marie Boylan

Randi Brill

Maureen Bryne

Sidney Cohen

Suzanne Moskowitz & Jordan Dale

Ralph Forgacs

Pamela Fowler

Maxine Healy

Michele Jacobson

Jamie & Jeffrey Karasyk

Karri & Joel Kaufman

Barbara & Ty Klein

Maureen & Howard Lantner

Richard Levine

Rose & Aaron Nitkin

Lori Rothman

Salvador & Judith Rozenberg

Robert Schneiderman

Andrew Schuster

Nancy & Lee Sidor

Denis Sternberg

Myra & Bobbi Susman

Bobbi & Harry Vogel

Shuying Wang & Paul Mermelstein

Linda Wolstein

Mindy & Marty Zalin

Barbara & Mike Zbar

Caren Zalin & Scott Grossman

Lenore Hershey Scholarship Fund

Jane Cuozzo

Rhoda Kaplan Fund

Sarita Keyser

Andrew Miller

Tracy Miller

Swim-a-thon

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

Ilana Atwater

Alison Emmel

Jay Greenbaum

Susie Jainchill

Lisa Mark

Craig Miller

Josh Scoll

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Marty Zalin

Barbara Zbar

Elise Zbar

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Ed Suchow
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David Wolpin
Richard Zbar
Winter Camp Scholarship Fund
Molly Benton
Carol & Lawrence Benton

OUR 2017 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE SUPPORTERS

The gifts listed below were made between February 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. This listing includes alumni and friends who made gifts to our Annual Scholarship Drive as well as Board members who made gifts to the Annual Board Campaign, combined totaling over \$330,000! We are grateful to the SLC community for your love and generosity.

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
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Suzanne Moskowitz & Jordan Dale
Ariel David
David Fleischner
Joe Goldberg
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Linda & Ben Gordon
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Patti Henshel
Joy Henshel
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5 Days at Camp: \$900-\$1,259

Melanie Fleischmann
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4 Days at Camp: \$720-\$899

Margery Arsham
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Mona Fishman
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Marc & Lisa Krigsman
Robin and Peter Norwood
Allison & Michael Tenenhaus
Anne & Joel Zbar

3 Days at Camp: \$540-\$719

Susan Alintoff
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Steven Bleiberg
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Jay & Ellen Eneman
David Friedman
Michele Mark Levine
Rochelle & Gary Lindner
Roberta & Jim Meyer
Marylyn Muskin
Francine & David Penner
Julia Seltzer
Audrey & Mark Tenenhaus
Julie & Neil Weintraub
Howard Weissberger
Jordana Zbar

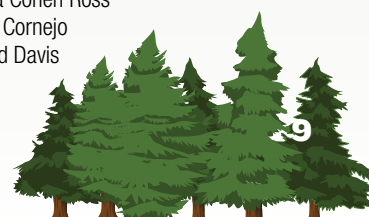
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Anonymous
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Karen & Donald Fagelman
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Lori & Seth Fishman

Abraham Greenberg
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Robert Schechter
Jerry Statman
Ilana Sussman
Marlene & Barry Vegter
Charles Wasserman
Michael Witman

1 Day at Camp: \$180-\$359

Steven Allen
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Jeff & Michelle Bader
Sylvie & Howard Bartel
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Janeen Bellafiore Levine
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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:

1 Day **\$180**
2 Days **\$360**
4 Days **\$720**
One Week **\$1,260+**
Two Weeks **\$2,500+**
One Session **\$5,000+**
Full Summer **\$9,000+**

I'd like to make:

- ☐ Full gift now
☐ Monthly gifts of \$ _____ each month for # _____ of months for a total gift of \$ _____
Credit card required. SLC will charge only the first monthly gift upon receipt of this form.

I'll pay by:

- ☐ Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Disc. Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____
☐ Enclosed check: Payable to Surprise Lake Camp. Mail to 520 8th Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018

So that SLC can apply my entire gift toward Camp, I'd like to:

- ☐ Cover the credit card company's transaction fee: Please add 2% to my gift.
☐ Save paper & postage: Please email my acknowledgement letter.

Please also:

- ☐ Add my SLC Alumni Association Membership Dues: ☐ Annual: \$36 ☐ Lifetime: \$250
If paying by check, please remember to add in this amount!
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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 would we be staying. But even after all the planning, the food was too much and the time, not enough.

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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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