Our major off-season projects are almost complete! Thank you once again to The Henshel Family, Stan Josephson, and Cindy Shmerler for giving us a swimming pool, a renovated Little Playhouse, and new seats at the Eddie Cantor Theater!
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Our sincerest condolences to the Melzer Family on the loss of Shirley Melzer. Shirley was the widow of Asher Melzer, who was the Director of Surprise Lake Camp from March, 1954 to October, 1973.

Our deepest condolences to the Greenblatt Family on the loss of Bob’s father, Ben.

Our deepest condolences to Abbe Wittenberg, Rob Schneider, and Fredi, on the loss of Abe’s mother, Ricki.

Our deepest condolences to Board Member Amy Goldberg on the loss of her husband, Ernie Michel.

In Memoriam

Invite Us to Speak About SLC!
Over the winter months we travel to communities to speak with families about our incredible program. We’d love to come to your living room, school, JCC, or synagogue to explain why SLC creates magical, transformational summers for our campers. Email sheryl@surpriselake.org to set up a time or call 212.924.3131
Hello SLC Alumni!!!

Once again we find ourselves enjoying the spring issue of Re-Echoes!! Autumn and winter have come and gone, and the 2016 camp season is almost upon us.

Let’s take a moment to recap what has happened since last summer. The SLC Alumni Association finished another year of successful events and swag sales, and contributed $27,978 towards camp’s annual Alumni Drive, which finished with a total of $197,933. We held Camp Casino, the SLCAA Raffle, the Super Bowl Pool, the NCAA March Madness Pool, Fall Hike Day, CYC for SLC, and the Winter Party. And now, we have launched the online SLC Alumni Store, which enables you to shop for your favorite camp merchandise all year long, from the comfort of your couch! To shop, simply visit www.surpriselake.org/alumnistore.

Our alumni membership grew this year, as 12 people became Lifetime Members of the Alumni Association, bringing our total to 463! Along with our annual members, we now have over 520 people enjoying the benefits of the SLCAA! It would be wonderful to see these numbers continue to grow, so if you are not already a member, please join today. Your dues are an integral part of running a successful Alumni Association.

So, “what do I have to look forward to this summer,” you may ask? Well, topping the list might be a little thing you may have heard about called a swimming pool. That’s right... SLC history will be made when the campers and staff of 2016 will enjoy the wonders of an in-ground swimming pool! This is something that you will want to see in person, so be sure to join us on Alumni Day on July 10, 2016.

This will also be a notable summer because it will Jordan Dale’s last summer as Executive Director. As you have probably heard by now, Jordan will be retiring after 30 years as the leader and visionary of SLC. On behalf of the officers, Board of Directors and members of the SLCAA, I would like to thank Jordan for his dedication and leadership throughout his tenure and for helping to make SLC the strong, vibrant place that it is today. On Sunday, September 18, 2016, SLC will be hosting a send-off celebration at camp in Jordan’s honor. I hope that SLC alumni will come out in full force to say thank you and wish him well.

The spring issue of Re-Echoes is the issue in which I always make my appeal to everyone to get involved. SLC is all about tradition, so here it is again... GIVE BACK TO THE PLACE WE LOVE! Join the SLCAA. Come to one of our fundraising events. Donate your time by volunteering. We can always use help at camp and in NYC. Donate your ideas. We are always looking ways to improve and expand. Donate your money. Contribute to the Annual Scholarship Drive. Every gift helps.

Be well, my SLC family and, as always, see you up at SLC!

Joe Goldberg
President, SLCAA
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We remain grateful to camp’s former Directors who have helped us achieve greatness and have brought us to where we are today:

Max Oppenheimer * August, 1919 to March, 1954
Asher Melzer * March, 1954 to October, 1973
Jerry Mark * September, 1973 to December, 1984
Carol Seigel * February, 1985 to July, 1986

Mazel Tov to Caroline Levine (Work Program 2015) on receiving the prestigious honor of finishing 3rd place in the nation (out of 9,000 applicants!) in the DuPont Science Essay Challenge. The awards ceremony was held at the end of April in Orlando.
At a recent camping conference, I heard a thought-provoking statement. “The age of helicopter parents is coming to an end. Today’s parents are their kids’ best friends, and they are seeking co-experiences they can have together with them.”

The first part of the statement, that the helicopter parent phenomenon is losing steam, is of course welcome news to child care professionals everywhere. Not that we don’t love these parents and their children! At least we know you care. Helicoptering is arguably better than what my parents did, which was put me on the bus never having seen camp, not place a single call to camp while I was there, and never visit camp throughout my entire camper career! The best though, as with most things in life, is a healthy balance between no involvement and helicoptering.

But the notion that parents are now seeking co-experiences with their kids is a new challenge, especially for camping, where at least part of the magic comes from having children be separated from their parents for a period of time so they can develop greater independence and learn self-esteem by overcoming challenges on their own.

Our team sat down to envision how we, as a traditional resident camp, might want to adjust in an era where co-experiences are being sought. And we had a revelation. We are already offering all kinds of co-experiences. Here is the list:

**Visiting Day.** Our parents don’t just visit. They can swim, boat, hike, shoot arrows, play with the animals, and shoot baskets TOGETHER with their kids (in addition to standard picnicking, visiting the bunk, and seeing the Mainside performance). We have been offering Visiting Day programs that parents can do together with their children for many years.

**Online Access to Camp in Session.** We post hundreds of photos daily over the summer, and we write weekly blogs for each age group. This gives our parents the opportunity to experience camp virtually along with their kids. We encourage everyone to enjoy this portal into camp. (But please don’t call if you don’t see your child’s picture every day—that is helicoptering!)

**Family Camping Weekend.** This takes place over Labor Day Weekend and is a chance for parents and their children to enjoy camp at the same time. There are activities the whole family can do together and there are activities that adults and children can do separately. This is the ultimate camping co-experience (and, by the way, it is a very popular program).
Off Season Jewish Programs. Families can share a classic SLC Jewish experience on Rosh Hashanah or spring Shabbat. The Rosh Hashanah program has been an overwhelming success, with 350 attendees each year. Our “synagogue,” which is outside surrounded by the beauty of nature, has a special spirituality, and our child-friendly, musical services are designed to be enjoyable and understandable for families from a wide range of backgrounds.

Family Hike Day. We offer hikes of varying difficulty. SLC is blessed to be surrounded by thousands of acres of picturesque state parklands. It is rewarding for parents and kids alike when our campers get a chance to show their families “their” trails and share their stories from their summer hikes.

Sukkot Fall Festival. Featuring a wide range of fun activities including games, singing, arts and crafts, and farming, this mega-fun day helps families fulfill the mitzvah of eating in a sukkah (more fun) while having a ton of fun (redundancy intended—this day is FUN!). It is rumored that Moses and Miriam will be making an appearance, and they welcome the chance to take photos together with your family.

Volunteer Day. Each spring a couple hundred SLCers flock to camp to undertake projects that improve and beautify. Many families work together; some work separately. But we all come together for a big BBQ lunch, and at the end of the day, there is a shared sense of having done something meaningful to benefit the camp community.

If you are a parent who typically seeks co-experiences with your children, or if you are a parent who likes the idea and would like to try it, then we encourage you to take advantage of these programs. And please tell your friends.

We would also love to hear what you think about camp offering co-experiences. Does this add value for you? Do you have any ideas for new co-experiences? Do you have thoughts about how to strike the right balance between camp as an oasis for children and camp as a venue for co-experiences? Send us an email at alumni@surpriselake.org.

Our kids are our greatest treasures. Savor every moment! We do.
We’ve Come A Long Way Baby!

Reflections by Jordan Dale

As I near the end of my Surprise Lake Camp career, I want to reflect on how far we’ve come in thirty years. Simply put, Surprise Lake Camp is not the same place I went to as a kid, and yet it is.

It is not the same place because the facilities and the program are head and shoulders above what they were. Old timers may picture an SLC that really looked pretty sparse. Not the case today. Here are some of the things that are different:

1. There is electricity in all of the camper cabins and far more exterior area lighting as well; long gone are the days when the only source of light after dark was our flashlights!
2. The counselors live in the same cabins as the campers (except in Work Program). In the old days it was separate camper cabins and staff cabins—that was fun, but the supervision is far better today.
3. On Mainside, the interiors of the cabins are paneled and have a nice finished look, and all of the cabins have toilets, eliminating that lonely walk to the washhouse in the middle of the night.
4. Every camper washhouse has been rebuilt, not just renovated, but rebuilt from scratch. Gang showers replaced by private stalls and curtains. Skylights no less!
5. And the water doesn’t run out. I have vivid memories of rationed water during dry periods or heavy use periods. Today, unless a pump or tank breaks down, and often even if one does, everyone gets their showers when they want them.
6. The tents we used to live in (and that I loved!) have been replaced with cabins, all of them. Fewer bugs, drier when it rains, warmer when temperatures dip.
7. The waterfronts have been redone. Real beach sand, attractive stone retaining walls, handsome awnings for shade, grassy assembly areas. And a popular lakeside fire pit on Mainside!
8. We have lots of program facilities we didn’t have thirty years ago. Here's a list, from A to Z:
   a. Gaga pits on Mainside and Teenside.
   b. Archery ranges on Mainside and Teenside.
   c. Teenside tennis courts (The Jerry Mark Court).
   d. Mainside and Teenside hockey rinks.
   e. Mainside and Teenside Beach Volleyball courts.
   f. Mainside soccer field (the Milton Herson Field).
   g. Theater projection booth.
   h. Community built Noah's Ark playground.
   i. Adventure program: climbing tower, high ropes, and low ropes.
   j. Tents for our overnights.
   k. Water trampolines (aka Berger Bounce).
   l. The Blue Monster, our answer to the Green Monster at Fenway Park.
   m. The Israeli Shack (dedicated to Asher Melzer).
   n. The golf program—putting green, driving cages, and a sand trap.
   o. Movie room at the canteen with a big flat screen.
   p. Video and photographs programs.
   q. Aqua Cycles (Missy’s Toy)—another one will be added for 2016.
   r. Kayaks—colorful, popular, fast! (Also two large war canoes).
   s. Windsurfers—they’ve been around quite a while now, but there were none thirty years ago!
   t. Stand Up Paddleboards—again, more coming for 2016.
u. Field bathrooms for both Mainside and Teenside.
v. Painted outdoor courts instead of raw asphalt, and fiberglass backboards instead of homemade metal mesh.
w. Our buses: I never went on a trip out of camp in my four years as a camper. Today we do so many that it made sense to buy our own buses. Painted blue, of course, for SLC!
x. The farm—clearly the biggest program hit of last summer.
y. Oh, and I almost forgot: The Belle Abramson Gymnasium—10,000 square feet of real basketball hardwood, with scoreboard, locker rooms, you name it.
z. Oh, and new for 2016: The Joy and Harry Henshel Swimming Pool! Soon to become one of camp’s biggest showcase facilities, along with the gym and the Eddie Cantor Theater.

9. The SLC Museum proudly presents our 114 years of history, making us the oldest Jewish camp in the world that still operates on its original site.

10. Daily photo postings. This was simply unimaginable when I started. That every day all summer long dozens if not hundreds of photos would be posted, making the camp experience accessible to those back home in an intimate and profound way.

11. An introductory program called Get Your Feet Wet for first timers. One of SLC’s greatest innovations, virtually every camp has one today. But they can’t call them Get Your Feet Wet—this is a legally protected service mark, the intellectual property of SLC.

12. Three renovated camper lodges that are upscale and winterized!

13. Shabbat services. Once they were a hit or miss phenomenon based on who was running them from season to season or even week to week. Now they sparkle and are filled with music, meaning, and spirit.

14. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program—we average twenty a summer!

15. Off season Jewish holiday celebrations: Rosh Hashanah draws 350 people!!

16. The Main Building is impressive again—no longer showing its hundred years of age after a quarter million dollar facelift (thank you Jewish Communal Fund and the Family of Asher Melzer).

17. Food service is healthier and higher quality, with daily breakfast bars and salad bars, barbecue grills, and vegetarian options, none of which we had thirty years ago. And let’s not forget real plates and silverware—gone are the days of paper and plastic.

18. We no longer sleep on saggy camp cots. We have sturdy wooden beds with upgraded mattresses.

19. Major renovations of Mainside Arts and Crafts and The Health Center were completed in the past couple of years—both of them very impressive. Thanks Roz and Jerry Meyer, and thanks Stan Josephson!

You get the idea—it goes on and on. SLC’s program and facilities have been vastly improved. Spread the word, because one of the things we battle in our marketing is that many people think of us as a scholarship camp with modest facilities based on decades old impressions. Today, our facility and program are private camp quality.

The incredible progress of SLC is worthy of headlines. It is a testament to the entire camp community. Our Board and alumni have given and given and given again. UJA-Federation of New York has partnered in countless projects. The administrative staff, program staff, and site staff have all done heroic work.

And yet despite all the progress with program and facilities, some things at camp remain the same. First and foremost, we remain committed to our historic scholarship mission. While many of our campers could afford to go to any camp in the country, we also give over $1 million in assistance to those who couldn’t afford our full fee. This commitment to providing Jewish camping regardless of ability to pay infuses SLC with a very special spirit which I believe makes it a better experience for ALL of our campers and staff. We walk the walk, both in our registration department and in our program.

And there are other essentials that haven’t changed. Like the sense of spirit and adventure. The commitment to creative programming, to challenging
the imagination. The singing. The friendships. The sense of self-esteem that derives from taking on challenges and succeeding. And of course the natural beauty—the sun sparkling on the lake, the iconic ridge that runs from Bald Spot past Hudson Overlook to Breakneck, the rich, deep green below clear blue skies. We can still walk right out of camp onto miles and miles of beautiful trails.

To those who have helped SLC stay strong and grow, I cannot thank you enough. To those who haven’t been around for a while, come up and take a look—I think you’ll be impressed.

We are thrilled to present the inaugural class for the Surprise Lake Camp Alumni All-Stars. While we consider ALL of our alumni All-Stars, this exemplary group met the following five criteria for being All-Stars for 2015. We congratulate them and welcome them! They have all:

- Paid Alumni Association dues, either annual or lifetime
- Made an annual gift to our Alumni Drive (or Board Campaign) to support current year scholarships
- Attended or supported at least one Alumni Association event (i.e. Casino Night, alumni parties, Hike Day, etc.,)
- Contributed to a capital project or endowment campaign (Health Center, Scholarship Endowment, etc.)
- Joined the 1902 Society (we now have 250 members – you’d be surprised how easy and impactful this is!)

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If you believe your name was inadvertently omitted from this inaugural list, please be sure to let us know. When you see someone you know on the list, please thank them! To be included in future All-Star classes, please note that the Alumni Drive gift minimum is $18 and Capital/Endowment gift minimum is $500. There is still plenty of time to become an Alumni All Star for 2016. Someday we hope that the list will be too long to fit on a single page!
Good News for those older alumni who want to use their IRA assets for charity. In December of 2015 the Qualified Charitable IRA Distribution provision was made permanent. What does this mean? For a donor who is over the age of 70 ½ and has the means to part with some or all of his or her IRA assets up to $100,000, the IRA distribution can be a tax efficient way to benefit an eligible charity such as SLC. This distribution to an eligible charity incurs no income tax as long as it is distributed directly from the IRA to the charitable organization. Of course, because there is no income tax incurred on the transfer, there is also no charitable deduction allowed for it. This benefit may also be used to satisfy the required minimum distribution from an IRA for individuals over ages 70 ½, again as long as it is distributed directly to the eligible charitable organization. Just reminding you that SLC is such an eligible charitable organization and we are always grateful for the philanthropic support of our alumni and friends.

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Capital campaigns are conducted periodically to provide significant funds for major expenses such as the renovation of the Main Building, Arts & Crafts and the Health Center, as well as the scholarship endowment, etc. Annual campaigns, such as the Alumni Scholarship Drive and Board Campaign, are designed to provide scholarships for current year campers.

The Annual Campaign helps us live, the Capital Campaign helps 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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- Maria Seligson (in memory of Ken)

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Jordan’s Send-Off Celebration!
Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 10am-4pm
at Surprise Lake Camp, Cold Spring, NY

A fun, family-friendly party at camp to congratulate Jordan Dale on his retirement and thank him for his 30 years of service to Surprise Lake Camp.

The day will include hiking, basketball, swimming, arts & crafts, climbing tower, archery, and a delicious BBQ lunch. There will also be a brief ceremony at the Eddie Cantor Theater to formally wish farewell to Jordan and welcome incoming Executive Director, Bradley Solmsen.

Register Today – surpriselake.org/jordanssendoffcelebration
**JORDAN’S RETIREMENT GALA**

On Sunday March 13th, SLC family and friends gathered to honor Jordan Dale, who will be retiring in September after 30 years as the agency’s Executive Director. The event was held at the Museum of Jewish Heritage and included a performance by American Idol finalist and SLC alumna, JAX, a special video about Jordan, poignant toasts, and of course, Jordan’s own heartfelt and moving words. (Jordan’s speech can be viewed at bit.ly/jordanspeech)

Announced at the event was the newly established Jordan Dale Scholarship Fund. What better way to honor a man who has done so much to support camp’s historic scholarship mission? Jordan has left his imprint on almost every aspect of camp and we are grateful to everyone who supported both Jordan and the event. More photos can be viewed at bit.ly/jordangala (password is 1902).
We are sincerely grateful to the following people who made gifts/pledges to camp in honor of Jordan Dale

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WHY I JOINED THE 1902 SOCIETY

by Daniel Rosner

If you are reading this, it’s a good bet that Surprise Lake Camp is important to you. For me, it has literally been the most influential force of my life. Not only was it instrumental in developing my ability to live away from home at a fairly young age, but I started learning leadership skills by being a counselor for Mountainview boys. As if that was not enough, I met my wife at an SLC staff reunion party! So it’s safe to say, without SLC in my life, I wouldn’t have my wonderful family!

I still maintain contact with almost every friend I made at SLC when I was between the ages of 10 and 17. I went to college with one of them, and he was one of the best men at my wedding. As you can see from the picture, we still have reunions when those who have moved away come back to the NY area. Of all the organizations that I have ever belonged to, I value SLC most of all. It is the one place that I want to see go on forever. Joining the 1902 Society is a painless way to help ensure that the next generation, and the one after that, will have the same opportunities for friendship, fun, and relationships that will last their whole lifetimes.

Congratulations to Iris (LaPolla) & Frank Romano, and big sister Kayla, on the birth of Brielle. She was born on April 12 and weighed 5 lbs. 4 oz.
We are extremely grateful to the following individuals who have made provisions for Surprise Lake Camp in their estate planning.

As of April 12, 2016

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May their memory be a blessing.
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Gifts to the Alumni Drive are used to support this year’s scholarships. This is camp’s greatest current need. If you are supporting this annual drive, please consider making an additional gift to our scholarship fund to secure our ability to provide for future scholarships.

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☐ 2 Days at SLC: $330  ☐ One Week at SLC: $1,150 or more
☐ 3 Days at SLC: $495  ☐ Two Weeks at SLC: $2,300 or more
☐ 4 Days at SLC: $640  ☐ One Session at SLC: $4,600 or more

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Membership entitles Alumni to be kept informed of alumni events, receive a membership card, calendar of events, quarterly Re-Echoes newsletter, free admission to Alumni Day, a discount at the Alumni store, and a discount to all alumni events at which a fee is charged.

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This money goes toward an endowment to provide for future scholarships.

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