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RE-ECHOES

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UPCOMING CAMP EVENTS . . . MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

LABOR DAY/FAMILY CAMPING WKND.....FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 TO MONDAY, SEPT. 5, 2011
SLC ROSH HASHANAH PROGRAM.....THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011
SLC HIKE-A-THON.....SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011
SLC SUPER-BOWL II.....SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011
110TH ANNIVERSARY GALA.....SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012
VOLUNTEER DAY.....SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012
SHABBAT AT CAMP.....SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

SUMMER 2012

SLC's 110th Birthday!

- Celebrations Throughout The Summer
- Giveaways For Every Camper
 - Fireworks Spectacular
 - Special Surprise Guests
- Cakes Like You've Never Seen Before
 - And So Much More!!!

110x
The Fun!

Don't Let Your Loved Ones Miss Out
On The Summer To Remember . . .

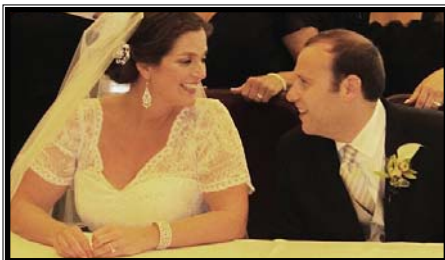
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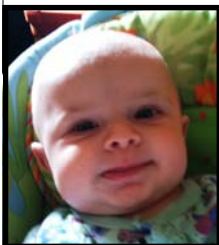


Alumni Happenings



☆ Mazel Tov to David Levine and Melissa Brodsky (pictured left) who were married 5/22/11 at the Newark Club in Newark, NJ.

☆ Mazel Tov to Sam Kaufman, son of Whammy and Karri, who recently worked as a principal on the set of Adam Sandler's movie "I Hate You Dad." The movie comes out in June 2012. He also worked on the set of the Tom Hanks/Sandra Bullock movie "Extremely



Loud and Uncomfortably Close."

☆ Mazel Tov to Greg Jaffe on his receiving his MBA from Union Graduate College.

☆ Mazel Tov to Jennifer, Jeff, and big sister Allegra on the birth Lillian Sara Toback (pictured left), born Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 9:51pm, weighing 7 lb, 3 oz & measuring 20 inches long.

☆ Mazel Tov to Jerry Person on the marriage of his twin daughters, and on becoming a grandpa! Erica Person was married on November 13, 2010 and Jennifer Person was married on January 1, 2011. Erica gave birth to Lauren Madison on April 29. She weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz. & measured 20 inches long.

☆ Our condolences to the Cheryl, Steven, Mallory and Chelsea Lefland on the loss of Cheryl's mother, Goldie.

☆ Our condolences to Judy (Freiser) & Steven Sails on the loss of Judy's father.

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*The Alumni Association,
established in 1961 for the
Betterment of Camp*

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

3-10-12

**NEW YORK
MARRIOTT
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1535 Broadway, NYC | 8p-12a

**Surprise Lake Camp
Celebrates Its
110th Anniversary!**

Join us as we honor three individuals who
have served SLC with special distinction.

<p>Milton Herson</p> <p>Winter Camper 1937-1940 Board Member 1982-Present</p>	<p>Joel "Whammy" Kaufman</p> <p>Camper 1972-1973 Staff Member 1974-Present</p>	<p>Joy Henshel</p> <p>Board Member 1962-Present Past President</p>
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From the Kids . . .



Eight years ago my life completely changed. My mom told me during spring break of 2004 that I would be going to sleep away camp for two months. As an 8 year old, I was very nervous. I had made so many plans with my fourth grade friends for play dates and sleepovers. My mom told me that those activities paled in comparison to the experience I would have at camp. Her idea of Surprise Lake Camp was a big open field of Judaism.

My first day at Surprise Lake was extremely eye-opening. I wrote my mom a two page letter on the very first day telling her that SLC was very different than her vision. SLC doesn't preach Judaism, and how you learn here is up to you. Judaism at camp is lived, learned, and loved.

In 1998 my father passed away from a severe heart attack. My dad, Michael, was born and raised in the Jewish religion. When he passed away, my mom converted to Judaism. She sent me to SLC to learn more about my religion as a one time thing. I ended up loving this place more than I love my own home. Camp has actually turned in to my home, and now, during the winters, I feel away from home for ten months. It turns out that two months just isn't enough.

I hope to work in the city office one day (after I fulfill my big hopes and dreams to be a "TODAY" show anchorwoman). Camp is a part of me. I can say that not a day goes by that I don't talk about SLC, and how my life has changed. But it's not just camp life that changed me—it's the counselors, supervisors, and friends, too. My favorite quote is, "there's nothing like returning to a place that hasn't changed, only to find the ways in which you yourself have altered." That quote clearly has Surprise Lake Camp written all over it.

So many significant moments in my life took place in SLC . . . learning how to be a better swimmer, meeting my best friends, and most importantly, my Bat Mitzvah. A Bar or Bat Mitzvah is one of the most important days of any kid's life, but I feel that having it in camp makes it more special. My mom received a call three weeks before the date indicating that I wanted my Bat Mitzvah at camp. I live in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, so my mom was very hesitant to say yes, because she really wanted to be present on my special day. Camp told my mom we could set up a Skype account and that my family could watch my Bat Mitzvah live. My mom agreed, and even though it was a last minute decision, we pulled it off. The day of my Bat Mitzvah came quickly, and when I arrived at the Eddie Cantor Theatre, I was amazed and thrilled to see 13 of my family members sitting on the benches. Camp (and my mom) will really go the longest distance for their kids.

All in all, camp will forever be a huge part of my life, and I plan on becoming a part of any association I can. I will never forget this place, and I plan on sending my kids here in the future.

Sincerely, Marissa Marx

SLC Welcomes Ethiopian Israelis



Thanks to the generosity of Board Member, Stan Josephson, and UJA-Federation of NY, SLC will host four Ethiopian Israelis during 2nd Session.

These four lucky campers received a sendoff at City Hall in Rechovot, attended by the Deputy Mayor and professionals from the Birth to Bagrut program.

It was a very special ceremony, and everyone is excited about this upcoming experience.

WANTED!

Camp is always looking for donated items. Money not spent on goods is spent on scholarships so children can come and enjoy the sunshine at camp! As always, your donations are tax deductible. We are currently looking for the following:

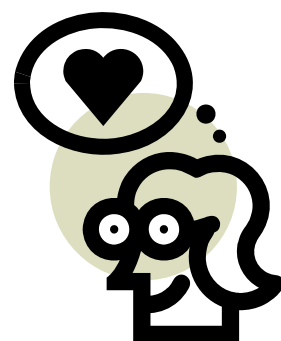
Snow Plow	Small Refrigerators
Digital Cameras	Laser Printers
Dump Truck	Box Springs
Bed Frames	Cars or Vans in Good Condition
Flat Screen Monitors	
Pop-up Canopy Tents (like those used by many families on Visiting Days)	

TOP ~~TEN~~ ELEVEN REASONS TO GIVE TO THE ALUMNI DRIVE

1. When you give, it sets an example for other people to give.
2. It is a way to give back to a place that was there for you only because others that came before were philanthropic.
1. Fully tax deductible.
2. If the alumni who know Surprise Lake Camp better than anyone don't give, who will?
3. Every dollar raised by the Alumni Drive is used for camper scholarships.
4. We give over \$850,000 a year in scholarships.
5. We don't want to ever turn away a child who wants to come to Surprise Lake Camp because his or her parents cannot afford it.
6. Camp helps children to know the joy of laughter and sunshine, friendships and personal growth, Jewish pride, and lifelong memories.
7. To be a member of and feel kinship with the community of supporters who are helping to keep Surprise Lake Camp strong.
8. So that if there is a future Neil Diamond, Jerry Stiller, Larry King or Eddie Cantor or out there, he or she doesn't miss their chance to get their start at Surprise Lake Camp



Because you **LOVE** Surprise Lake Camp,
and it is important to nurture
the things we **LOVE**



2011 Alumni Drive and Dues Form

The Campers in need of scholarship assistance are AT CAMP NOW.

Won't you feel great knowing you helped bring them here?
Please make your donation today. Every dollar helps us provide
scholarships to families who could otherwise not afford camp.



PLEASE RETURN TO:
Surprise Lake Camp

Winter Address

Sept 1— June 15
307 Seventh Avenue
Suite 900
New York, NY 10001
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Summer Address

June 16— Aug 31
Lake Surprise Rd
Cold Spring, NY 10516
845.265.3616

alumni@surpriselake.org

Please help us to confirm our records by completing the following:

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthdate: _____ Occupation: _____ Dates/Years at Camp: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Alumni Drive: 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.

Scholarship Fund: This money goes toward an endowment to provide for future scholarships. (Gifts will be credited to the Henny Cohen Scholarship Fund unless you direct that they be put into another scholarship fund.)

Alumni Dues: Used to pay for Alumni reunions, scholarships sponsored by the Alumni Association, and other functions that support camp. Membership entitles Alumni to be kept informed of alumni events, receive quarterly Re-Echoes and receive a discount at Alumni activities for which a fee is charged. All members will receive a membership card and calendar of events.

Jeff B. Herman Memorial Fund: Pays for camp's annual award given to the most outstanding male and female athletes on Teenside and helps to fund camper scholarships. Jeff Herman was a beloved Surprise Lake Camper who became a New York City policeman and was tragically killed in the line of duty.

Please Complete:

1 Day at camp: \$130	4 Days at camp: \$520	The Hinterlands Circle (2 Weeks): \$1,800 or more
2 Days at camp: \$260	5 Days at camp: \$650	The Hudson Overlook Circle (1 Session): \$3,600 or more
3 Days at camp: \$390	The Bald Spot Circle (1 Week): \$900 or more	The Breakneck Circle (Full Summer): \$7,000 or more

Annual Alumni Fundraising Drive—"Send a Child to Camp"\$ _____

Alumni Association Dues \$250 Lifetime, \$36 Annual...\$ _____

Scholarship Fund\$ _____

Jeff B. Herman Memorial Fund...\$ _____

Other Fund:\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed\$ _____

☐ Please bill my credit card: (No AMEX, please) Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Total Amount to Charge: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

☐ I'd like to make monthly contributions with my credit card. Preferred day of charge: _____ Month to begin: _____

Monthly Amount: \$ _____ Total Number of Months: _____ Total Donation Amount: \$ _____

☐ I prefer to save paper & postage. Please email me my/our acknowledgment letter. (please include email address above)

☐ I request that my gift be listed as "anonymous."

☐ I would like to speak with an Alumni Fundraiser and/or member of Surprise Lake Camp's professional staff about a special gift. Surprise Lake Camp accepts contributions in memory or in honor of someone, gifts of stock, matching gifts, and planned gifts (deferred giving). Additionally, camp's long-term Capital Improvement Plan includes many opportunities for endowing scholarships, staff positions, or programs, as well as naming gifts for buildings or recreational facilities. We also welcome major gifts to fund donor-initiated projects.

Make Your Gift Online!

[https://www.surpriselake.org/
about/donate.php](https://www.surpriselake.org/about/donate.php)

Photos from the 1902 Society BBQ

On Sunday, July 10, members of Surprise Lake Camp's 1902 Society were invited to camp for a special BBQ in their honor. Over 70 people attended and were treated to a delicious meal. This was not your traditional camp BBQ! Here are some photos from the wonderful day! For a complete list of members, please visit our website:

<http://www.surpriselake.org/1902society/>





1902 Society



*"Just as my parents planted for me,
so I plant for my children."*

Letter of Intent

We hope you will tell us when you have included Surprise Lake Camp in your estate plans. We would very much like the opportunity to say "thank you" for your generosity. Letting us know of your intentions also helps us to be better aware of your particular interests and will allow us to keep you informed of developments at SLC which may be relevant to your planned gift. Recognition of your gift may also inspire generosity in others.

In support of the work of Surprise Lake Camp, I/we want to provide for future generations and to ensure the continuity of the services it provides.

This Letter of Intent represents my/our commitment to Surprise Lake Camp. It does not represent a legal obligation on my/our part and may be changed at any time.

☐ I/We have already joined the 1902 Society by: (Please check the method(s) you have used)

- ☐ Making a bequest in my/our Will or Trust
- ☐ Investing in a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) with Surprise Lake Camp
- ☐ Naming Surprise Lake Camp as Beneficiary of a Charitable Remainder or Lead Trust
- ☐ Naming Surprise Lake Camp as a Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy
- ☐ Naming Surprise Lake Camp as Beneficiary under a Retirement Plan
- ☐ Directing my/our Foundation to make annual gifts beyond my/our lifetime(s)

☐ The amount of my/our planned gift is: \$_____ or _____% of my/our estate.

☐ I/We intend to include Surprise Lake Camp in my/our estate plans by the following date: _____

☐ I/We wish to be (a) member(s) of the 1902 Society but wish to remain anonymous
Name (s) as you would like it (them) to appear (for Anonymous, please check the box above):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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*It takes money and resources for the Alumni Association to mail you this newsletter.
Please let us know if you move, get multiple copies, or would like to be removed from our mailing list!*

It's Not Too Late To Sign Up For. . .

Get Your Feet Wetsm: August 24-August 28, 2011. A special introduction to sleepaway camp for children who just completed grades 1-5! Call Seth Stein, GYFW Supervisor at 917-922-9986 or email ssstein@ssteinlawfirm.com for more information.

Labor Day/Family Camping Weekend: September 2-5, 2011. SLC is the perfect setting for the final hurrah of the summer. It is a beautiful place to spend Labor Day Weekend at an affordable price, and only an hour from New York City. There are activities for children only, for adults only, and for the entire family. It's like 4 weeks of SLC squeezed into 3 days of fun! For more information, call 845-265-3616 or email celia@surpriselake.org.

Surprise Lake Camp Rosh Hashanah Service: Thursday, September 29, 2011. SLC is pleased to offer you the opportunity to celebrate Rosh Hashanah in the most beautiful synagogue we know - right here at camp! For more information, email celia@surpriselake.org

The SLC Super-Bowl: Saturday, November 5, 2011. Spend a fun filled evening bowling, snacking, and reminiscing, all while benefiting SLC scholarships. We are currently seeking bowlers, non-bowling guests, lane sponsors, and auction items. For more information, email alumni@surpriselake.org or register online at <http://slcsuper-bowl.eventbrite.com>.

The 6th Annual SLC Hike-A-Thon: Sunday, October 16, 2011. Join us for a beautiful autumn day as we hike to Breakneck Ridge or Bull Hill. For more info, please email Barbara Zbar at redrabz@aol.com or Joe Goldberg at goldnglich@aol.com or call 212-924-3131. (IN SUBJECT LINE OF EMAIL PUT HIKE-A-THON)