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The excitement is contagious as SLC staff enjoy a walk on the frozen lake during a recent reunion. Photo by Whammy.

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any errors.



# 2013 Calendar of Events

**March**

**March 26: 1st Annual  
SLC Passover Seder (2nd Night)**

**April**

**Various Volunteer Day Projects  
(see article on page 9)**

**May**

**Various Volunteer Day Projects**

**May 18: SLC Shabbat Service &  
Bar Mitzvah of Max Kaufman**

**May 18-19: SLC Alumni Overnight**

**July**

**July 28: Alumni Day & Swimathon**

**August/September**

**Aug. 30-Sept. 2: Family Camping Weekend**

**Sept. 5: SLC Rosh Hashanah Service**

**Sept. 22: SLC Sukkot Program**

**October**

**October 20: Friends & Family Hike Day**

**Teenside campers showing off their pita making  
skills on Yom Yisrael (Israel Day) in 2012**





# Welcome To The SLC Family!



**CALVIN KELLY**



**PAUL RESCH**



**OLIVIA BOYD**



**DALTON DUXBURY**



**HUNTER ZAM**



**M. TRATNER**



**Congratulations to BOTH of camp's caretakers, Gene Kelly & Steve Frey who became grandfathers earlier this year! They, along with their wives "Space" and Siri, are very excited to babysit!**

- \* Calvin Kelly was born on February 16, 2013 at 8:30pm to Eugene & Lindsey Kelly.
- \* Paul Harry Stephen Resch was born on January 15, 2013 to Paul and Erica Resch.
- \* Congratulations to Julia (Pisetsky) & Michael Boyd on the birth of Olivia Lexi on January 11, 2013 at 8:54pm. She measured 21 inches and weighed 8lbs. 11oz.
- \* Congratulations to Deborah (Solnik) and Dan Duxbury on the birth of Dalton Chase on July 30, 2012.
- \* Mazel Tov to Rachel & Sean Zam on the birth of Hunter Philip, born January 5, 2013 at 2:37am. He measured 20 inches and weighed 8lbs. 5oz.
- \* Mazel Tov to Susan, Matthew , & Big Brother Ian on the birth of M. Benjamin Tratner on March 4, 2013 at 11:46pm. He measured 20.6 inches and weighed 6lbs. 11oz. His full first name was not available at the time of printing.



# Other Alumni News...



Mazel Tov to SLC campers Julia Levine and Caroline Levine on their February 9th Bat Mitzvah. Even a historic snowstorm couldn't keep these SLCers from celebrating in style! Aside from Caroline and Julia, pictured from left to right are Joe Goldberg, Mark Levine, Chuck Jainchill, Andy Meyer, Jeff Spiegel, Alan Levine, Stew Lantner and Adam Friedman.



Mazel Tov to Szymon Stankowsky on his March 2nd Bar Mitzvah. Szymon lives in Warsaw, Poland. Thanks to the continuing generosity of special donors, Szymon has been attending 2nd session at SLC for the past 3 summers. If you are interested in learning more about sponsoring a Polish camper, please contact David at 212-924-3131 or [david@surpriselake.org](mailto:david@surpriselake.org).

Thank you to Jacob Albrecht for raising money for SLC scholarships in November. He writes "Movember is usually a time for celebration of facial hair, when brave young men grow their beards or mustaches in order to raise funds for causes, namely prostate cancer. I wanted to participate in in Movember 2012, but I wanted to donate to a cause I felt I was closer to me ... So I chose Surprise Lake. While I did not raise as much as I could have hoped (darn you Hurricane Sandy!), I am very grateful to those who donated money to my cause, and I encourage other men to partake in Movember 2013, whether it be for cancer, for camp, or for any other cause which is important to you."

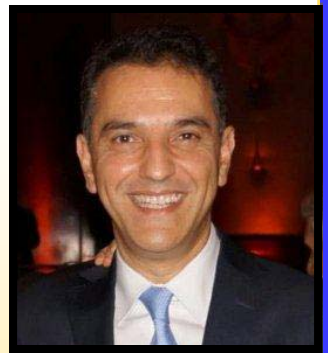


## *In Memoriam*

**Our deepest condolences to Chuck, Susie, & Melissa Jainchill and their families on the loss of their Dad, Jerome.**

**Our deepest condolences to Joey Novick and his family on the loss of his mother, Pearl.**

# THE RE-DESIGN OF RE-ECHOES



We hope you've noticed! Our Reechoes newsletter has a new look! We now have a full color publication with a brand new design. More pictures, more information, and more fun! All this is due to the concern and generosity of an alumnus named Robert French (pictured above). Robert visited us at camp last summer and suggested we bring this publication to a new level—and offered to fund the color printing! Now *that* was an offer we couldn't refuse! We want to publicly thank Robert for his generosity, and hope that his contribution and insight will inspire others.

## SLC Super-Bowl III Candids

The 3rd Annual SLC Super-Bowl was held on Saturday night, January 26, 2013 at Frames Bowling Lounge in NYC. The event brought together friends

and families for a fun and energetic night of bowling & silent auction in support of SLC scholarships. The event raised over \$25,000! To view more photos, please visit <http://photos.whammywow.com/2013slcsuperbowl>.



## 1902 Society Reaches 200 Members!

We are thrilled to report that this special group now has 200 members! By joining the 1902 Society, you will insure that the scholarship tradition that has made SLC so incredibly impactful on young lives will endure for deserving young people for many years to come. A small percentage of your estate, or a fixed amount, directed to SLC will have no real impact on your immediate dependents, but the collective impact of hundreds of alumni making gifts of one or two percent will be profound indeed for the future children of Surprise Lake Camp.



### WHY I JOINED THE 1902 SOCIETY . . .

I want to leave a better future for the generations of children that will follow me. Giving to Surprise Lake Camp guarantees my wish will be fulfilled.

-Mitchell H. Brenner

To learn more about the 1902 Society or to complete a Letter of Intent, please call Celia at 212-924-3131 or email [celia@surpriselake.org](mailto:celia@surpriselake.org). You may also download a Letter of Intent on our website at [www.surpriselake.org/1902society/](http://www.surpriselake.org/1902society/)

**TURN THE PAGE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS!**



# 1902 Society



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

# CURRENT MEMBERS OF The 1902 Society

Anonymous (5)  
Paola & Ronnie Adragna/Gilbert  
Michele Albo  
Marcia & Bob Altabet  
Faith Altschuler  
Walter Arnstein  
Margery Arsham  
Margie & Bob Atwater  
Celia Baczkowski  
Sylvaine Baczkowski  
Marilyn Bailis & Jerry Mark  
Allie Ball  
Amy Bechar  
Janeen Bellafiore  
Jennifer Herman Benalt & Adam Benalt  
Molly Benton  
Evie & Jon Berger  
Blanche & Edward Berk  
Howie Berk  
Jeff Berk  
Jennifer & Matthew Berk  
Michael Berk  
Andie Biederman  
Jake Biederman  
Brian Blaubeux  
Martin Blum  
Nelson Braff  
Amy Bram  
Elyse Braun  
Mitchell Brenner  
Ezra Cahn  
Justin K. Cantor  
Meridee Simon Cole  
Larry Cooperstein  
Anita Cruso  
Jane Hershey Cuzzo  
Elena & David Dale  
Jordan Dale  
Wendy & James Dinn  
Michele Mars DiRuggiero  
Laurie Dobkin-Helm  
Noam Dolgin  
Matt Dorter  
Jill Dosik  
Michael Fandal  
Lori Heitzner Fishman  
Seth Fishman  
David Fleischner  
Paulette Ann Forgacs  
Ralph Forgacs  
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Ken Freedman  
Marissa Garfinkel  
Rose & Harris Ghersin  
Scott Gilden  
Jordan Golan

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Jason A. Hoffman  
Nancy & Alan Hoffman  
Rachel Israel  
Seymour Israel  
Sharon & Jeff Jacobs  
Amy & Bruce Jaffe  
Chuck Jainchill  
Susie Jainchill & Tsahi Gelardin  
Danielle Johnson  
Stan Josephson  
Michael Kall  
Linda Kane  
Heidi & Bruce Katz  
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Sheryl Kirschenbaum  
Alan Kleiman  
Ele Klein  
Andrew Kominik  
Andrew Korn  
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Maureen & Howard Lantner  
Moran & Murray Lantner  
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Dena & Elly Levine  
Mark Levine  
Fred Levy  
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Linda Markowitz  
Caryl & Mike Melasky  
Paul Mermelstein  
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Emilie & Andrew Meyer  
Estelle Meyer  
Jerry Meyer  
Jim Meyer  
Jodie Meyer & Steven Tuber  
Lee Meyer  
Jonathan Miller  
Susan Feldman-Miller  
Barb & Steve Mink  
Jill (Simon) & John Miskanic  
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Bret Tenenhaus  
Mike Tenenhaus  
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Elise & Corey Zbar  
Jordana Zbar

**Last year, Buelah  
Fox and Irving  
Harris reached  
beyond their own  
lives to enrich the  
future.**

**They left the  
world a little  
better than they  
found it.  
May their  
memories be a  
blessing.**

# Surprise Lake Camp: Available Year-Round!

- ♦ Weddings
- ♦ Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- ♦ Romantic Getaways
- ♦ Bachelor/Bachelorette Wknds
- ♦ Family Getaways
- ♦ College/University Wknds
- ♦ Boy/Girl Scout Retreats
- ♦ Youth Group Retreats
- ♦ Company Picnics
- ♦ Synagogue/Church Groups
- ♦ Wellness/Meditation/Yoga Retreats
- ♦ Sport Competitions
- ♦ Corporate Training
- ♦ Parties
- ♦ Reunions

**The possibilities  
are endless!**

Did you know that Surprise Lake Camp used to operate as a Winter Camp? Underprivileged boys from the Lower East Side used to attend SLC as a boarding school—they slept, ate and went to school at camp, all during the fall, winter and spring! Although Winter Camp ended in 1948 (our Board Member, Stan Josephson, likes to say he was the last Winter Camper!), you can still enjoy camp in the non-summer months!

Camp is now focusing on the development of the Surprise Lake Camp Retreat Center! Thanks to a grant from UJA-Federation, we obtained a consultant to give us feedback on our current operation and make suggestions for improvement and growth. One of the recommendations is that we put a heavy emphasis on customer service and customer satisfaction. As a result of this, long time SLC staffer Celia Baczowski has been named Director of Retreats and will be the point person for camp rentals. She, along with the site staff, will be responsible for creating a successful and profitable retreat program.

So if you think camp is beautiful in the summer, try seeing it in the winter, spring, and fall! If you miss being in camp and wish you could spend a weekend there with your camp friends like when you were young, you can! [The Surprise Lake Camp Retreat Center is the perfect place for your next retreat, meeting, picnic, party, reunion or special event!](#)

We are open for groups of all sizes from April 15 to October 15 (except while camp is in session). During the winter, we can accommodate groups of 40 or less. Come for a day, spend a weekend, or stay even longer! Call Celia at 212-924-3131 or email [celia@surpriselake.org](mailto:celia@surpriselake.org) for more information. We can't wait to host you!



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## By Jared Kramer

The way my whistle echos in the valley  
The way my body feels after a day at the lake  
I feel so awake  
The crack of a baseball bat and that of a fire  
Is my desire  
10516 water is the best  
Fresh after a peaceful night's rest  
Sleeping on a bed made of wood  
Who would have thought it would feel so good?  
Olympic plaques that age like a fine wine  
Watch over you while you dine  
100 plus years of Jewish camp  
Launching kayaks off the boat ramp  
Guitars playing, kids are screaming  
I feel so alive I must be dreaming  
Nestled neath the shady tree  
The memories we make are so carefree  
Overnights in the woods with your group  
Sure beats sitting on the stoop  
Blue and white is what we bleed  
Ice cream during camp shows is great indeed  
Harry Vogel aka the man in the red jeep  
He is ageless and his speedo we must keep  
Jordan Dale runs the show  
He's the last to wave his hand when the busses  
go  
Gene and Steve keep camp neat  
They always have boots on their feet  
Sheryl always has a perfect smile  
She's an exotic creation maybe from the Nile  
Celia B always has candy  
Shes terrific, fine and dandy  
Sylvie, the lady behind the scenes,  
Has SLC running in her genes  
Avri keeps camps books  
And keeps his long hair for good looks  
Andrew is new to the team  
He says working for SLC is his dream  
When I see Lake Surprise flow  
I feel a sparkly glow  
A toast of Friday night grape juice to 100 more  
years of camp  
Time for bed now, I'm turning off my lamp.

## Message From President of the Alumni Association



I hope this message finds you well and, like myself, looking forward to the warm weather and another great summer at SLC!

As I have mentioned in the past, The SLCAA does not take the winter off. We have been very busy planning events and fundraisers for the upcoming year. Throughout this issue of Re-Echoes, you will read about all the great programs and opportunities we offer alumni to get involved. I hope you can participate in at least one event!

We have just recently finished our 2012 Annual Alumni Drive, which raised \$158,000. \$30,000 of that came directly from the SLC Alumni Association! A very special thank you to everyone who donated or participated in some way. As always, without you guys, the SLCAA cannot do what we do!!

So, please enjoy this issue of Re-Echoes. As always, I look forward to seeing you all in camp this summer on Alumni Day or at an event! And, again, the SLCAA is always looking for help and ideas, so let me hear from you!

Joe Goldberg, President, SLCAA,  
goldnglich@aol.com

My name is Lenny Cohn and I went to Surprise Lake in 1954 and 1955.....anybody out there from that time? Please find me on Facebook (with the name below). I would love to connect!!!!

-Roni Kaplan Cohn



# CALLING CAMP COUPLES!

Surprise Lake Camp is creating a video montage of interviews with couples who met at camp and later married. This video will be uploaded to our website and YouTube page, and it will be used for historical and promotional purposes. We plan to interview during the 1902 Society BBQ on Sunday, July 7 and on Alumni Day on Sunday, July 28. If your location makes it impossible for you to be interviewed in person, you may also submit a video of your own to [alumni@surpriselake.org](mailto:alumni@surpriselake.org). Otherwise, we hope to see many of you through the camera lens at camp!



**Speaking of camp couples,** here is a photo of Judy (Freiser) & Steve Sails (center) who met at camp and later married! They came to visit us in 2012 along with Marc & Joy Teitelbaum (left). Marc was a staff member with Steve in the 1960's. On the right are staff members Carter Mansbach and Celia Baczkowski.



## New Format For Volunteer Day



This year, we are changing from the familiar format of having lots of projects happen on the same day and going instead with a series of projects over a number of different weekends. We are doing this to free up another weekend for rental groups, and to make participating more flexible for those who have had wanted to volunteer in the past, but who had conflicts with the single date we chose. We recognize that some of the joy that comes from being together with lots of volunteers on the same day will be lost, but we also expect that the experience of our volunteers will be more intimate and more productive. To volunteer, please visit

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We hope you will join us!

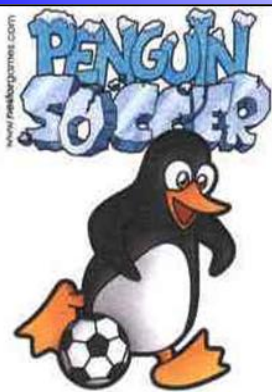
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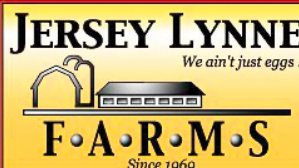


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# Where In The World?



## Where do campers live when they are not at Surprise Lake Camp?

Some kids see each other all year long, even sitting in the same class at school before sleeping in the same cabin at camp. Other kids come from all over and get to spend time with camp friends only during the summer.

**As of March 4, we have 664 campers registered for 2013.  
Here's where they are coming from:**

California: 2	North Carolina: 4	International
Connecticut: 14	New Jersey: 111	Campers
Delaware: 1	New York: 483	England: 1
Florida: 26	Pennsylvania: 4	Italy: 1
Illinois: 1	Virginia: 1	Poland: 2
Massachusetts: 7		
Michigan: 1		

**And more to come!**



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# *Love Is In The Air*



*Mazel Tov to Keith Miller  
and Nicole Fried on their  
November 25th wedding.*



*Mazel Tov to Jennifer  
Weitz and Benjamin Wind  
on their March 2nd  
wedding.*

*Mazel Tov to Ellen Hochberg and Israel (Izzy) Meth on their February 17th wedding.*