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RE-ECHOES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Volunteer Day](#) – Sunday, May 3

[Spring Shabbat](#) – Saturday, May 16

[Alumni Spring Party](#) – Sat-Sun, May 30-31

[Teen Health Center Dedication](#) – Sunday, May 31

1902 Society Member Appreciation Shabbat – Saturday, July 18

1902 Society Member Appreciation Breakfast - Sunday, August 2

[Alumni Day](#) – Sunday, August 2

[Family Camping Weekend](#) – Fri-Mon, September 4 - 7

[Rosh Hashanah](#) – Saturday, September 19

[Friends & Family Hike Day](#) – Sunday, October 18

[Camp Casino](#) – Saturday, November 14

[Check the calendar of events on our website often for updates and additional events.](#)

Invite Us to Speak About SLC!

Over the winter and spring months we travel to communities to speak with families about our incredible summer programs. We'd love to come to your living room, school, JCC, or synagogue to explain how SLC creates magical, transformational summers for our campers. Email sheryl@surpriselake.org to set up a time or call 845-265-3616.

Moved or New Email Address?

Have you recently moved or prefer a new email address? Please email us any recent contact information changes at alumni@surpriselake.org so you can stay up-to-date with all things SLC!

SLC Tribute Fund



A gift that continues to give to others is truly the ultimate gift, and a donation through the SLC Tribute Fund will help us to continue our historic mission. We believe that an SLC experience should be accessible for every child, regardless of their family's ability to pay. The Tribute Fund supports the SLC Scholarship Endowment program.

By acknowledging a special person, a memorable occasion, an outstanding achievement, or honoring the memory of a loved one, you are supporting a commitment that has been core to our mission since 1902. In addition, an acknowledgment will be sent in your name. Please visit www.surpriselake.org/donate at any time to make a Tribute gift.

Executive Director's Message

119 and counting.

The summer of 2020 marks the 119th summer for SLC. I'd like to share some thoughts as we are putting plans together to make the summer the best yet. One of the things I am most struck by is both how much has changed and how much has remained a core value and priority. Even the things that are changing at Camp are in some ways staying the same.

We Are Committed to Improving Camp's Facilities

Right now we are wrapping up a full renovation of the Teen Health Center (in memory of Sheila Pollet – see the related full update on page 15), we are renovating the Mainside Dining Room, we are updating all four of the Mountainview bathrooms, and are replacing both Mainside and Teenside Gaga pits. We have more on our “punch list” as well and can't wait for you to see how great Camp looks when you visit this summer.



As we do all of this work, we are paying careful attention to honoring our past. As we renovate, we are paying attention to Camp's history with a desire to preserve it – for example, the columns of the Mainside Dining Room used to be paneled and that is something we are bringing back. As we improve our facilities, our commitment is for our space to look and feel familiar to every generation of SLC alumni – through a commitment to using materials, colors and designs that reinforce Camp's long commitment to a connection to nature and our environment.



We Are Committed to Making Sure Any Family Can Attend SLC

From summer number one in 1902, SLC has ensured that a family's financial status would not prevent a child from experiencing the magic of a summer alongside Lake Surprise. Today, the Foundation for Jewish Camp reports that SLC is at the top of the list of Camps supporting more families (50% last summer) and distributing more tuition assistance (\$727,000 last summer) than almost any other Jewish camp.

This translates to other areas of the SLC experience, making our community richer through greater diversity and a greater sense of appreciation of all that takes place at Camp.

I want to share feelings of deep appreciation for you, our inner circle of friends and families who make all this possible. Thank you for all you do for Camp– your time, your advocacy and your financial commitment. I look forward to seeing you up at 10516 this summer.

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: 1919–1954 ▶ Asher Melzer: 1954–1973 ▶

▶ Jerry Mark: 1973–1984 ▶ Carol Seigel: 1985–1986 ▶ Jordan Dale: 1986–2016 ▶

President's Message

Hello SLC Alumni,

Welcome to the 2020 Winter issue of Re-Echoes. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

2020 is well underway and the SLC Alumni Association is back at it in full force.

I would like to take a moment to talk with you about "participation and involvement." Participation is one of the best ways you can help SLC to thrive. Getting "involved" is how you, as an alum, can stay connected to this amazing place. It starts by joining the Alumni Association.

Annual and lifetime dues help us offset the costs of running the AA.

Our calendar of fundraisers is full of a variety of special events. Please

take a look at the Upcoming Events section in this issue or visit <https://surpriselake.org/events/> to see if there are events that interest you!

Looking to do even more? Contact me directly to see how you can get "involved" and "participate" by becoming a member of the Alumni

Board of Directors. Join a dedicated and proud group of alums who are creating a fun, active and nostalgic atmosphere for our entire alumni base. We want you to stay connected to a place that is a tremendous part of all of our lives. We commit to raising much needed money for Camp projects. We raise vital funds for the SLC Scholarship Fund, so more children can go to camp. And have a great time doing it!

Surprise Lake Camp is about to begin its 119th summer! There is no doubt that a major reason for SLC's success has been you, our Alumni. I thank you for your continued support throughout the years, which has been nothing less than amazing!!

I hope you enjoy this issue of Re-Echoes. Please know, the committee is always looking for alumni news, announcements and tidings. Also, if you have an idea for a story or have a great camp story that you would like to share, let us know. If you are interested in advertising your business in our new Community Corner, please email us at alumni@surpriselake.org.

As always, I wish you all well and hopefully, I will see you all at 10516 this summer!

Joe

Joe Goldberg

President, SLCAA

Member, SLC Board of Directors

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SLC NEWS!

Let us know, so we can share with the entire SLC Family!

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 Re-Echoes.

Also, if you have SLC nostalgia, pictures or anything that could be included in the SLC Museum, please let us know.

Mazel Tov

Births



Ryan Michael Praschil, born November 19, 2019, to Diane Melasky Praschil and George Praschil, grandparents Michael and Caryl Mukamal Melasky



Violet Ann ZefTEL, born on December 22, 2019, to Jon and Jenni ZefTEL (née Sussell)



Matthew Philip Kramer, born January 7, 2020, to Lauren Brickner and Craig Kramer



Brody Ace Hoffman, born February 2, 2020, to Lori and Jason Hoffman



Noah Teoman Frydman born on February 21, 2020, to Marc Frydman and Pelin Cebi.

Weddings



Max Bartell & Melissa Leifer on their December 14, 2019, wedding



Craig Kramer & Lauren Brickner on their December 21, 2019, wedding

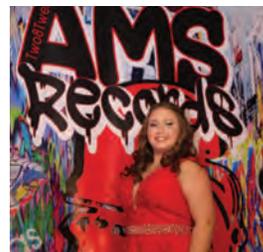
Bat Mitzvahs



To Gila Solmsen on her September 14, 2019, Bat Mitzvah at Camp



To Sammi Grosshandler on her November 10, 2019, Bat Mitzvah



To Abby Maya Sussman on her February 8, 2020 Bat Mitzvah.

Our deepest condolences to the following SLC Alumni, Friends and their Families

Charlotte Arnstein, on the passing of former winter camper and 1902 Society member, Walter Arnstein.

Avri and Doron Klemer and their families on the passing of grandmother, Sonia Helper.

Robin, Ben and Lauren Kromprier, on the passing of 1902 Society member, Gordon Kromprier.

Suzi Patrusky, on the passing of former winter camper, Bernie Patrusky.

Donna Cohen Ross and family on the passing of father, and alum, Paul Cohen.

Carolyn, Marshall and Logan Samuels on the passing of 1902 Society member, Dave Samuels.

Randi Sperber on the passing of her mother, Esther Sperber.

The Soul of SLC

For children, camp is just plain fun, but Jewish summer camp is also much more than that – it’s camp with a soul. At Surprise Lake Camp, since 1902, children have been discovering who they are – and who they want to become – in a breathtaking setting that allows them to experience community, tradition, culture and values. For those of you who are alumni, or those who have children at Camp, you know firsthand how SLC creates lifelong friendships and memories, teaches important life skills, and allows kids to live, laugh, learn and play in the great outdoors.

However, since 1902, the importance of fundraising, with scholarship assistance at the forefront, has been a core value for SLC. We can only continue our historic mission with the ongoing and vital support of the SLC family and community. That means YOU!



YOU have the ability to transform the lives of our campers today. By making a critical investment in Surprise Lake Camp, YOU can have an immediate impact – allowing SLC to provide the magic of camp to every child, regardless of their ability to pay, and ensuring the continued investment in our lake, grounds and facilities for generations to come.

Together, WE are shaping tomorrow’s leaders! WE are enriching the hearts and souls of every camper in profound ways - developing character; nurturing independence; and exploring Jewish values.

Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Behind every gift is a child’s future. As summer 2020 approaches, we ask you to join the SLC family of donors (and committed citizens) in continuing this wonderful SLC tradition of Tzedakah. Tzedakah, or charity, is the greatest Mitzvah you can do, and at SLC, that translates to putting the FUN in FUNdraising. As a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, Surprise Lake Camp is eternally grateful for the generosity of our donors.

**For your information, a listing of all 2019 donors to Camp will be published in the fall Re-Echoes.*

[Click here to donate online](#) or see next page for mail-in donation form.



Donation Form

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

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

Address _____

Preferred phone _____ Date of Birth _____ Email _____

Our Gift

\$ _____ Annual Scholarship Drive *for this year's campers*

\$ _____ Site 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 **\$210**
2 Days **\$420**
4 Days **\$840**
One Week **\$1,470**
Two Weeks **\$2,940**
One Session **\$5,880**
Full Summer **\$11,760**

Please also:

Add my SLC Alumni Association Membership Dues: Annual: \$36 Lifetime: \$250

If paying by check, please remember to add in this amount!

Contact me about joining the 1902 Society for Legacy Giving. I'd like to consider joining the hundreds of families who have chosen to include Surprise Lake Camp in their estate plans.

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.

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

Thank you for your Generosity!

You Get to Decide The Legacy You Leave

Please think about your legacy because you are writing it everyday

The SLC 1902 Society is a special group of generous individuals who have committed to include Surprise Lake Camp in their estate plans. All it takes to join the 1902 Society is to sign a Letter of Intent and hundreds of alumni, parents, and SLC friends are already members.

Back in 1902, the Camp's founders established SLC as a life-changing summer home where costs would pose no barrier. Today's 1902 Society members (see the list within Re-Echoes) carry forward that legacy.

Regardless of your stage of life – whether you're starting your first job, welcoming your first child into the world, or enjoying retirement – it's never too early or too late to create an estate plan to care for loved ones and remember those agencies like SLC which mean so much to you.

Careful estate planning helps you to prepare for the future by providing for your loved ones and the organizations you cherish most. Planned gifts are vital to Camp's work by helping us to continue our historic mission, respond to future challenges and ensure the future of Surprise Lake for future generations.

If you have already named Surprise Lake Camp as a beneficiary of your estate plans, please let us know so that we may include you in the 1902 Society.

If you have any questions, or want to discuss the 1902 Society, please call David at 845-265-3616 or email david@surpriselake.org. As always with matters of personal finance, SLC encourages you to work with your accountant, financial professional and/or attorney to determine what works best for you and your loved ones.

Walter Arnstein 1930-2019



Surprise Lake Camp received the sad news of the passing of an alumnus and 1902 Member, Walter Arnstein, at age 89. Walter becomes the 6th member of the 1902 Society who fulfilled his wish to leave a legacy to Camp by making a bequest to the organization that assisted him in 1941-1943. We are extremely grateful for this wonderful act of Tzedakah, which will make a significant impact to future SLC'ers, through our Scholarship Endowment Fund.

According to his wife Charlotte, "SLC meant a great deal to Walter. He had only fond memories from his experiences at SLC Winter Camp and felt his formal education at Camp started him on his own path to an academic career and his love for the English language. His ideas of what a teacher should be were formed at SLC. He also had a jolly good time as a camper!" Walter's sister Laura Altschuler shared with us that, "On December 7, 1941, our mother visited Walter at Surprise Lake Camp and the world changed. All immigrants had to turn in their cameras, so we don't have any photos of those years." The one picture his family had, and did share with us, was taken by a Camp friend.

Dr. Arnstein was born in Stuttgart, Germany in 1930 and his family emigrated to the U.S. in 1939, becoming citizens in 1944. He received his B.S.S. at City College, magna cum laude, his M.A. at Columbia University and after a Fulbright year at the University of London, received his Ph.D. in history at Northwestern University. Between 1951 and 1953, he served in the U.S. Army, going to Korea as an Assistant Battalion Supply Sergeant. In 1952, he married Charlotte Sutphen, to whom he remained married for 67 years.

Over the course of his career, he taught at the University of Illinois, Northwestern University, the University of Chicago and Roosevelt University. He held visiting appointments as Fellow at both Cambridge University and University of Edinburgh, and he was also a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He won numerous awards for his teaching and supervised 25 successfully defended Ph.D. dissertations in British History. Walter was a professor, author, veteran, husband, father and uncle and grandfather. May his memory be a blessing.

Hear/See video testimonials from 1902 members at <https://surpriselake.org/ways-to-give/1902-legacy-society/>



Remembering an Alumnus... Stephen Lustig



The SLC community mourns the loss of alumnus Stephen Lustig, who passed away in September 2019. Stephen truly enjoyed his summers at Surprise Lake Camp and often spoke about his time and fond memories at SLC. In addition to all the benefits of Camp, including the lifetime friendships he made, it was a wonderful escape for him. The impact on his life was so powerful that after Stephen got married to Stephanie, they decided to send their two sons Jonathan and Jason to his “happy place” as well.

Stephen was a member of the New York City District Council of Carpenters. His passion, however, was as a lifelong ice hockey player, coach and referee. Tragically, one night as he was refereeing a game, he had an accident, and broke his tibia and fibula. Stephen suffered a blood clot resulting in a stroke while in the hospital and never recovered.

A huge fan, Stephen was honored posthumously by The New York Islanders on December 5th, at “The Barn.” Friends and family came out strong for a surreal night and fantastic tribute to his lifelong devotion to the game. Because of his passion for SLC, Stephanie was insistent that the event donations be donated to the SLC scholarship program. The \$1,500+ raised will support Camp’s mission and belief that a Surprise Lake Camp experience should be accessible for every child, regardless of their family’s ability to pay.

Stephen will be forever remembered and sorely missed by Surprise Lake Camp, and all who knew and loved him.



Members of the 1902 Society

We are extremely grateful to the following individuals who have included Surprise Lake Camp in their estate plans. Your commitment may inspire others, making your impact even greater!

Anonymous (6)	Nancy Chanin Collins	Aurora Luna Griggs
Estelle & Herbert Adler	Larry Cooperstein	Brenda & Matthew Grosshandler
Paola & Ronnie Adragna/Gilbert	Anita Cruso	Andrea & Arthur Gruber
Michele Albo	Jane Hershey Cuzzo	Michael Gurman
Jacob Albrecht	Dave Dale*	Gwen & Larry Hamberg
Marcia & Bob Altabet	Jordan Dale	Julia Handel
Jennifer & Marc Ambrose	Kate & David Danino	Irving Harris*
Walter Arnstein*	Mia Desmedt	Dayle Henshel
Margery Arsham	Wendy & James Dinn	Joy Henshel
Margie & Bob Atwater	Michele Mars DiRuggiero	Patti Henshel
Celia Baczkowski	Laurie Dobkin-Helm	Andrew Hess
Sylvaine Baczkowski	Jenna Dorfman-Tandlich	Barbara & Stanley* Hirsch
Jason Bailis & Jeff Henderson	Matt Dorter	Roberta & Peter Hirsch
Marilyn Bailis & Jerry Mark	Jill Dosik	Thelma & Sanford Hochberg
Tracie & Mark Basch	Mandy Efrati	Jennifer Hochstadt
Peter D. Baum	Amie Ettinger	Margot Hodes & David Rosenstrauch
Pearl & Harry Belkowitz	Michael Fandal	Gayle Hoffman
Janeen Bellafiore Levine & Brian Levine	Lori Heitzner Fishman	Jason A. Hoffman
Jennifer Herman Benalt & Adam Benalt	Seth Fishman	Nancy & Alan Hoffman
Karen* & Adam Bendeson	David Fleischner	Carol Robin Horowitz
Lauren & Mark Benmoise	Paulette Ann Forgacs	Rachel Israel
Molly Benton	Ralph Forgacs	Seymour Israel
Jake Berg	Beulah Fox*	Sharon & Jeff Jacobs
Evie & Jon Berger	Gregory Fox	Suzanne Jacobs & Jeff Borkan
Blanche Berk	Robert French	Zach Jacobs
Howie Berk	Glen Frick	Amy & Bruce Jaffe
Jeff Berk	Marissa Garfinkel	Chuck Jainchill
Jennifer & Matthew Berk	Rose & Harris Ghersin	Susie Jainchill & Tsahi Gelardin
Michael Berk	Scott Gilden	Danielle Johnson
Andie Biederman	Allie (Ball) and Jordan Golan	Erez Jontef
Jake Biederman	Amy Goldberg	Stan Josephson
Brian Blaufeux	Dr. Joseph Goldberg	Michael Kall
Robbie & Steven Bloom	Rabbi Claire Ginsburg Goldstein	Linda Kane
Martin Blum	Michelle Goldstein	Erica Karron
Nelson Braff	Shira Goldstein	Heidi & Bruce Katz
Amy Bram	Linda & Ben Gordon	Karri & Joel "Whammy" Kaufman
Elyse Braun	Melissa Gordon	Faith Altschuler Kirkpatrick
Jill Breder	Stephen Gordon	Sheryl Kirschenbaum
Mitchell Brenner	Karen Gorsky & Vicky Eggleton	Alan Kleiman
Ezra Cahn	Jaclyn Greenbaum	Barbra & Ty Klein
Justin K. Cantor	Pam & Jay Greenbaum	Ele Klein
Meridee Simon Cole	Suzy Greenberg	Wendy Kleinman
	Shira & Evan Greenblatt	Andrew Kominik
	Rob Greenspan	Andrew Korn

Marc Krigsman	Stacey & Rob Panepinto	Harvey Sills*
Robin & Gordon* Krompier	Jerry Person	Rebecca Solomon
Ellen & Jeff Lambert	Esther Pessin	Steve Sommer
Karen & Stewart Lantner	Nicole Pilevsky & Joseph Osheroff	Susan Namm Spencer
Maureen & Howard Lantner	Johanna Pinzler & Avri Klemer	Randi Sperber
Moran & Murray Lantner	Julia Pisetsky	Jeff Spiegel
Beth & Dave Levene	Serge Podolski	Gary Spielvogel
Dena & Elly Levine	Jared Pollet	Seth Stein
Galit & Alan Levine	Sheila* & Ken Pollet	Charles Stendig
Mark Levine	Lee Posniack	Adele & Henry Stern
Michele Mark Levine	Jillian & Brian Rauer	Brittany Sternberg
Fred Levy	Marc Rentzer	Denis Sternberg
Randi & Scott Lieberman	Andrew "AJ" Retig	Matthew Stollerman
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Laura & Carter Mansbach	Michael Rieger	Joshua Suchow
Dylan Marcus	Max Damon Robkoff	Jennifer Sussell
Jamie Marcus	F. Peter Rose	Ilana (Lambert) & Michael Sussman
Judy & Michael Margulies	Robert Rosenbaum	Audrey & Mark Tenenhaus
Lisa Mark	Gail & Dan Rosner	Bret Tenenhaus
Linda Markowitz	Michele & David Rosner	Lisa Tenenhaus
Marissa Marx	Eve Rubinstein	Mike Tenenhaus
Caryl & Mike Melasky	Mara Rubinstein	Alice & Steve Turner
Paul Mermelstein	Robin & Larry Rubinstein	Jennifer Anne Toback
Miriam Messinger & Felicia Hayes	Rebecca Safeer	Allison Tratner
Ruth Messinger	Judy Freiser Sails & Steven Sails	Susan & Matthew Tratner
Emilie & Andrew Meyer	Alan Saltz	Jared Tyler
Estelle Meyer*	Bryan Salz	Marlene & "Ranger" Barry Vegter
Jerry Meyer	Carolyn & Dave* Samuels	Jordan Waldman
Roberta & Jim Meyer	Joshua Sarkozi	Charles D. Wasserman
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Lee Meyer	Talia Schneider	Lisa & Steve Weinberg
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Barb & Steve Mink	Andrew Schuster	Julie & Neil Weintraub
Jill (Simon) & John Miskanic	Gayle Schwartz	Tommy Wills
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Suzanne & Steven Moses	Julia & Michael Seltzer	Abbe Wittenberg & Rob Schneider
Elizabeth Moskow & Ari Kaufman	Eliot Senior	Cheryl & David Wolff
Suzanne Moskowitz	Isaac Shapiro	Anne & Joel Zbar
Alyse Kunkin Murabito	Laurie Feldman-Shepherd	Barbara & Michael Zbar
Roni & Jason Nadell	Joanne Sherain	Elise & Corey Zbar
Stephen Nitkin	Peter Sheridan	Jordana Zbar
Joey Novick	Roy Shirwindt	Richie Zbar
Paul Novick	Cindy Shmerler	Steven Zbar
Shellie & Larry Olinsky	Jenna Sidor	Arthur Zilz
Emily Palmiotto	Nancy & Lee Sidor	Jaime Zuckerberg

List current as of March 2020

* This person reached beyond his/her own life to enrich the future.
They left the world a little better than they found it. May their memory be a blessing.



The 1902 Society was created to help fulfill our mission of providing the magic of summer camp to every child, regardless of ability to pay.

This is critical to who we are and the vision of our founders. Through the 1902 Society, we acknowledge the philanthropic intent of individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans, or other means, to benefit Surprise Lake Camp, which was founded in 1902.

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

LETTER OF INTENT

I/we would like to be listed as a member(s) of Surprise Lake Camp's 1902 Society.

There is no minimum planned gift amount to become a member. Your membership will be completed with this signed and returned form. You may decide at a later date how you wish to fulfill your Letter of Intent.

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

I/we have already made provisions for the following planned/deferred gift(s) to SLC:

(check all that apply)

Bequest in a Will

Charitable Gift Annuity

Retirement Plan/IRA

Life Insurance Policy

Charitable Lead Trust

Charitable Remainder Trust

Real Estate

Other: _____

(Optional)

The amount of my/our planned gift is \$_____ OR ___% your estate or appropriate planned gift.

Attorney/Trustee Name & Contact information: _____

Custodian Name & contact information: _____

Preferred name(s) for display/publication OR write Anonymous:

By signing this Letter of Intent, I/we reaffirm my/our commitment to Surprise Lake Camp. I/we understand that this commitment is revocable and can be modified by me/us at any time.

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse's Full Name (where applicable): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse's Signature (where applicable): _____ Date: _____

Please complete and return this form to:

Surprise Lake Camp, 520 Eighth Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018
Phone: (845) 265-3616 - Fax: (646) 582-0138 - Email: david@surpriselake.org

CALLING ALL NEW SLC CAMPERS

SLC offers multiple entry points to camp. Families, we're always glad to chat with you about camp, your child, your priorities, and any questions you have. In addition to our four-week sessions, options include Mini-Camp, Rookie Day and Get Your Feet Wet.

Try Out Mini-Camp: 4 Different Sessions

In this shorter session, counselors specially trained to support younger first-timers help campers have a fantastic introduction to sleepaway camp. Because the entire unit is Mini-Campers, everyone goes through this new adventure together while making friendships they can continue in future years. Mini-Campers get to try activities throughout camp, and share in two Shabbat experiences.

OR

Rookie Day: Sunday, July 19 or August 9, 2020

Prospective campers ages 6-12 get to sample fun activities for a whole day (including lunch) with a buddy. Parents take a morning tour, with plenty of time for Q&A with the Camp Directors. It's the perfect way to get a true taste of camp.

OR

Get Your Feet Wet: August 26 - 30, 2020

Wrap up your 6- to 10-year-old's summer with Get Your Feet Wet. This mini-adventure helps your child dip their toe into the magic of sleepaway camp. Campers will experience a hike, a Shabbat program, a campfire and s'mores, daily swims in our lake or pool, an ice cream sundae party, singing, ballfield activities, boating, arts & crafts, drama, and much more! The 5-day program ends with a special Show/Graduation & BBQ lunch for families.

Get Your Feet Wet is staffed by hand-picked summer staff members and dedicated volunteer alumni and who bring with them electric energy! Aquatics are supervised by certified lifeguards and a nurse is present at all times. Spirit, caring, and outstanding supervision are guaranteed.

For more information or to register, please visit [first time campers](https://www.firsttimecampers.com). For any questions, please email Jenn Ambrose at jenn@surpriselake.org.



What's the Buzz?

By Robert Altabet, SLC Board Member and Alumnus

Thanks to a grant from the Jewish Greening Fellowship eight year ago, Surprise Lake Camp acquired bees. SLC Board Member and alum Bob Altabet is our volunteer beekeeper and we couldn't BEE happier!

The SLC beehives were originally in unit C (Cedarwood), but appropriately moved to the SLC Farm, which was established in 2015. Today, campers get to see the bees, how they create and maintain their hives, and so much more. Our campers learn that bees are beneficial and important members of our camp community and challenge any preconceived notion of them as stinging pests that need to be killed. With the Farm nearby, they can watch the bees pollinating flowers which will eventually get harvested as fruits and vegetables. There, they can get close-up and personal with bees, learning they are docile when they are work.

This is part of SLC's ongoing commitment to nature education for our campers, or "teva" in Hebrew, as our more recent campers have learned to describe it. The campers get to see a real hive with real bees in action who head out every sunlit morning to forage for pollen and nectar which gets converted to honey for their sustenance. (Actual honey extraction has been inconsistent and tends to be after the camp season is over. And every camper at our Rosh Hashanah program gets a small jar of honey).

Rather than merely an observation hive for viewing bees behind a window, we have two full scale hives from which we can harvest honey. We learn that the bees only get aggressive if the hive is threatened, so we never walk in front of the hive. Nevertheless, campers get the chance to be fully suited up in all that beekeeping gear, veil, and gloves just to be safe. And, by the way, in eight years no camper or counselor has gotten stung. They get to look at frames with the bee eggs and larvae (brood in beekeepers' jargon) and of course the honeycomb. Interested campers get the chance to learn more about what it takes to raise bees, maintain the hive, keep them healthy and harvest the honey. They also learn about the importance of honey to agriculture as pollinators of 40% of our food crops.

Also, there are a few interesting Jewish connections. We all know about honey for Rosh Hashanah, but the Bible also talks about the seven forms of produce in Israel, including honey, describing it as a "land of milk and honey," to explain how wonderful the land is. Over the years, we have also given our campers stories out of Jewish tradition like the one about Samson and the honey bees in the Bible, but their favorite story is the midrash about how King Solomon used a bee to find the one real flower in a host of artificial flowers that had been set as a challenge for him by the Queen of Sheba.

"My son, eat honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to your taste." Proverbs 24:13

*The SLC bees look forward to welcoming back campers this coming summer.
In the meantime, enjoy some bee humor.*

What did one bee say to the other when they landed on the same flower? Buzz off.

Did you know bees can fly in the rain if they are wearing their little yellow jackets?

When a bee is in your hand, what's in your eye? Beauty. Because beauty is in the eye of the bee-holder.

What do bees like with their sushi? Wasa-bee!

We know, we know, bee puns really sting. Remember, always BEE yourself!



Teen Health Center Dedication in memory of Sheila Pollet



In addition to several roles Sheila Pollet played at Surprise Lake Camp (counselor, sports specialist, unit supervisor, division head, assistant director), she is most well-known for her exceptional talent, leadership, and passion as a Camp nurse, providing compassion and skilled treatment to those in her care.

While we do not need a building to remember Sheila, as she is always on our minds and forever in our hearts, we are excited to announce that on Sunday, May 31st at 11:30a.m., we will formally dedicate the recent renovation of the Teen Health Center, in loving memory of Sheila.

If you would like to support this meaningful project, at any level, please call David Rosner at 646-582-0144, email david@surpriselake.org or visit www.surpriselake.org/donate and scroll to special funds to make a gift online. All funds raised will support renovation costs, and endowed maintenance, and in partnership with the Pollet Family, Camp will be creating the Sheila Pollet Program Endowment Fund, which will fund annual programmatic needs in camp that were significant to Sheila.

Donors contributing \$1,800 or more will be recognized on a building plaque. Please note, the deadline to be included on the plaque is April 7, 2020.

Please visit [events](#) for more information on the dedication, which is open to all.



Renovation in progress



Florida Reunion

by Marissa Marx

On Sunday, December 29th, we held our Second Annual Florida Reunion at Mellow Mushroom in Delray Beach. With an excellent turnout of over 30 Surprise Lake Alumni and friends, the stories shared were reminiscent of great times had at our favorite place on Earth. It is always so special to gather with fellow alumni and share moments from our time at SLC, and on this occasion, remembered as far back as the 50's.

We look forward to celebrating again at the Third Annual Florida Reunion in December, 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

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COLLECT ITEMS FROM OUR WISH LIST.

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All funds raised will be used for our Annual Scholarship Drive, supporting families in need.

For more information, contact:
David Rosner, Director of Development
(845) 265-3616 or david@surpriselake.org

Annual Winter Party

On January 25th, the Alumni Association held its Annual Winter Party, at Raise New York. Thanks to all who came out and helped us raise funds for camper scholarships!



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Want to show your SLC pride? Get some camp swag from our online store- <https://surpriselake.org/shop/>. We have something for everyone, including branded T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Pajama & Sweatpants, Beanies, Hats & Visors, Bibs & Onesies, Beach Towels, Blankets, Jewelry and more!

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If you feel passionately about this, we strongly encourage you to be in touch with us. While Facebook provides a similar method to fundraise, using our platform has significant benefits for Camp, that Facebook doesn't provide. AND, you can still of course share your personalized campaign on Facebook, Instagram and other social media and via email.

To find out more about setting up your own personalized page, please contact David at david@surpriselake.org or 646-582-0144.

To see a sample fundraising page, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5szkpfm> for Jay Greenbaum's fundraising page from the 2019 Alumni Day Swim-a-thon.

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