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RE-ECHOES

The official newsletter of the Surprise Lake Camp community

Fall 2021



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Join us for SLC Shabbat Chanukah

December 3 @ 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Join your Surprise Lake Camp family and friends for a music filled Chanukah Shabbat event lead by our amazing Neil Diamond Music Specialist, Paul Suchow. Special guests, singing and candle lighting! This is one you won't want to miss.
[Please click here to register in advance.](#)

Florida Alumni & Friends Get Together

All are welcome

Tentative Date: Sunday December 26

At Delray/West Palm Beach area restaurant
(to be determined soon)

For more information, please contact Howie Berk at heshb@aol.com



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.

SLC Alumni Association Raffle

Help SLC and the Alumni Association send children to camp by participating in our Big Raffle!! All proceeds benefit the SLC Annual Scholarship Drive.

[To buy Raffle Tickets CLICK HERE](#)

Single ticket for \$10
Book of six for \$50
Drawing to be held
December 12, 2021



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

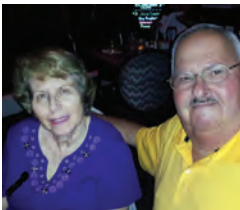


Hailey Pearl Sarin, born to Emily Sarin and Michael Sarin, on April 21, 2021



Aryeh Abraham Azar, born to Jen Hochstadt and Dario Azar, on 8/18/21 – Mommy and Papi are looking forward to sending him to nestle 'neath the shady trees, together with his big cousins, Sarit & Coby Sylvester.

Weddings, etc



Louise and Al Elkins on their 60th wedding anniversary



Shelby Morrison & Brett Cornell on their engagement



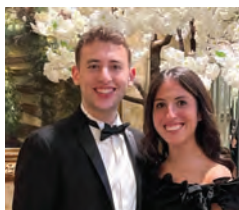
Amanda Rubin & Alec Zbar on their engagement



Alex Goodson and Sara Finkelstein on their engagement



Miriam Tarrash and Matthew Stollerman on their engagement



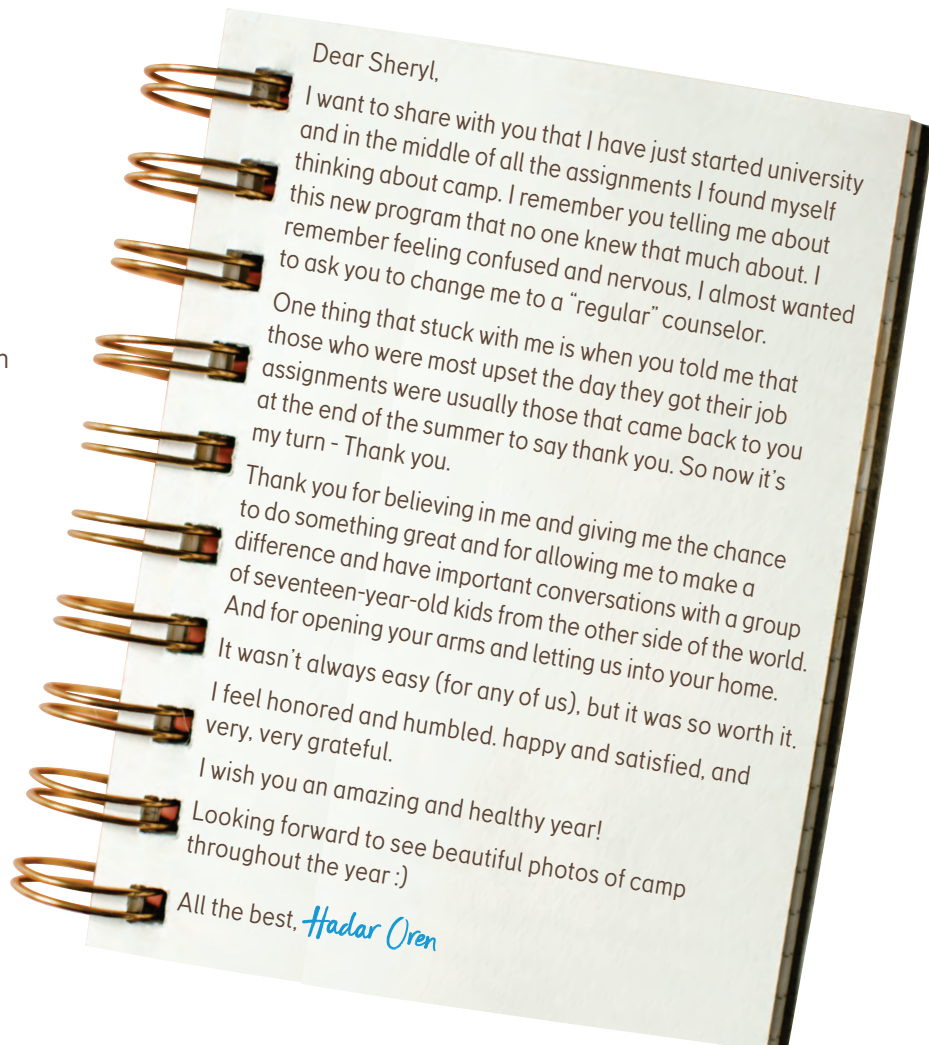
Alyssa Lebowitz and Dylan Rothstein on their engagement



Ethan Lowens & Sam Friedlander on their engagement



Ashley Cohen and Keith Kerwin on their engagement



Condolences

To Ellen Jakubowitz and family on the passing of alum and former SLC Alumni Association President, Arthur Jakubowitz

To Heather & Jay Simon, Gail & Dan Rosner, and their families, on the passing of their mother, Betty Wexler

May their memory be a blessing

Camp Director's Message

This summer was certainly one for the history books. Not just at Surprise Lake Camp, but pretty much everywhere. Thankfully, SLC was truly the magical place that it always has been! Campers had the long overdue opportunity to come out of COVID-19 mandated isolation. Supervisors, counselors, specialists and support staff were able to escape working and learning remotely. COVID-19 affected nearly everything, nearly everywhere, and yet, with incredibly hard work by equally incredible people, Camp was able to open for summer 2021, safely and successfully.

There is something amazing and intangible about this place we call home. Year after year, a dedicated team of people learn, plan, create, and implement all kinds of programs that inspire, motivate, and guide campers, helping them grow and learn who they are, and giving them a sense of independence in a safe and welcoming environment.



This summer was no different in terms of the SLC magic, but it was very unique and challenging in many other ways. First and foremost, Camp faced significant staffing shortages. All of Camp's staff wore multiple hats and often juggled responsibilities to ensure coverage where needed. One of the SLC Staff Standards of Excellence that we've taught over the past few decades is to "go the extra mile." Throughout the U.S., we know of too many camps that weren't able to open because of a lack of staff, and others started the summer and then had to close because of those shortages or due to COVID-19 outbreaks. The special nature of Surprise Lake Camp, and our community, is what enabled this summer to happen. The Surprise Lake Camp staff, who were not permitted to leave the grounds during time-off, receive visitors due to pandemic safety precautions, were true rock stars. I am proud to report that we completed the summer without a single recorded COVID-19 case, and with a much lower than normal percentage of injuries and other mishaps.

To the 2021 summer staff – we offer our collective heart-felt thank you! You accomplished what we thought was humanly impossible, and you did it with humor, patience, and grace. You are amazing, extraordinary people, and we are grateful that you chose to be part of the SLC family.

Over the last 18+ months, too many young people were cooped up in their homes, deprived of human interaction and time with old and new friends. They spent too much time staring at computer screens in virtual classrooms, and very little time playing outside with friends. The 500+ lucky campers that attended SLC this summer are so much the better for it, and while most would prefer to remain at Camp vs. school, they were now prepared for that long-awaited return to the classroom. The staff marveled at watching so many come out of their shells, push through their challenges and fears, and find their places in their home away from home and among the SLC Family.

The SLC experience is powerful and empowering. The commitment of our families, campers, staff, alumni, board, and community is unwavering and incredibly inspiring. Together, everyone pulled together to create memories that will surely last a lifetime!

And now, with a collective sigh of relief, we look ahead to summer 2022. We are currently evaluating our strengths, examining our weaknesses, and always striving to improve (another benchmark within the SLC Standard of Excellence!) Our team is working tirelessly to ensure that SLC remains our home away from home, as a place of exquisite natural beauty, where all people can safely gather to grow, play, and learn under caring, nurturing guidance.

We look forward to next summer, with great anticipation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheryl".

Sheryl Kirschenbaum
Surprise Lake Camp Director

President's Message

Hello, SLC Friends & Family!

Welcome to the Fall 2021 issue of Re-Echoes! It's been a whirlwind of a year. Since the last issue of Re-Echoes, SLC and the Alumni Association have been hard at work to support the place we all know and love!

In October, many of you joined us for our second Virtual Alumni Day, where SLC alumni near and far came together to hear about the summer of 2021 at camp, and to reminisce about our days at SLC with photos and videos, roundup songs, trivia questions and more. The planning committee and hosts David Leibowitz and Dena Stevenson put together an amazing program, and we're thankful for their hard work!

Later in October, roughly 100 alumni and friends had the special chance to visit camp and participate in our Friends and Family Hike Day. It was a beautiful day – the sun was shining, the leaves were changing, and the lake was sparkling as usual. Special thanks to our first-rate hike leaders Jeff Berk, Jordan Dale, Gayle Doyle, Seth Stein, and Whammy, for guiding us on our awesome adventures.

In November, Virtual Bingo Night made a comeback! Co-hosts Jared Pollet, Kenny Pollet, and Andrea Zalin kept us entertained all evening, and we're hoping to keep this tradition going in the new year.

As Hanukkah approaches, please consider a gift from the camp store – a cozy SLC blanket, perhaps? I hope you also participate in our annual Big Raffle, with a chance to win some nice prizes. All proceeds from these, and other Alumni Association programs, will help us make our yearly contribution to the Annual Scholarship Drive and allow camp to maintain its generous tuition assistance program.

Like so many others, as the year draws to a close, I've reflected on the things that are truly important to me, and my SLC friendships and memories remain atop that list. Our camp history and alumni network are so special, and the consideration and generosity that you have shown towards SLC will help keep its magic alive for future generations. I'm thankful for each of you, and your dedication to our camp community.

I can't leave you without noting that 2022 marks the 120th anniversary of SLC – stay tuned to learn about how we will be celebrating this momentous occasion!

As always, please feel free to contact me if you'd like to get involved with the SLCAA and its future event planning and fundraising efforts or want to share camp memories and alumni news. Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season, and I hope to see you in 2022!



Jessica

Jessica Zalin

President, SLC Alumni Association

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Coming Full Circle

Please Welcome Dena Stevenson Home!

It is with deep gratitude and excitement that I recently accepted the position of Assistant Director in charge of Camper Recruitment and Retention at our beloved Surprise Lake Camp. I spent many incredible summers as a camper, on Senior side, Preteen, and Teenside. I remember my first summer as if it were yesterday. The letters I wrote home as a homesick 10-year-old girl begging my parents to take me home, and the endless conversations with Jordan Dale promising me I would grow to love camp, make amazing friends and memories to last a lifetime, and never want to leave. Well, he was right about ALL of it. I did make amazing friends, and at the end of that summer I cried because I had to leave them behind.

As a young girl I don't think I understood the impact camp made on my life, but as an adult I look back and see all the positive attributes I gained from my camp experience. Camp gave me a sense of determination and confidence I hadn't had before, and a voice for the first time in my life. I learned that it's ok to be who I was, and people accepted me for it. I learned to try new things and challenge myself a little more each summer. For those of you who know me, you know that Drama specialty was my thing, but I had really never sang on a stage or in front of people unless it was with the school glee club and I stood way in the back! At camp, I was encouraged to step into the "spotlight" and supported by those around me. Although my acting and singing career never took off, LOL, I would never have had the experience of being on that stage in front of the entire camp, hearing the sounds of the applause and cheering, and feeling like I was on top of the world, if I wasn't encouraged to try.

As the years went by I had not only an opportunity to be a camper, but to become a counselor, a position I enjoyed for many years. I loved working with the kids, whether it was helping them get through homesickness, trying something new, making lots of great memories, or making a new forever friend. The experience was one I'll never forget. Sadly, the real world came calling after I graduated from college and my jobs didn't allow me to have my summers off. So, camp became a place I visited on Alumni Day once a year, but the tug from a place that holds such a special place in my heart was always there.

In 2017 I had the good fortune to be in a position where I had summers off, and camp came calling. I returned as a Unit Supervisor for Lower Teens, and I wasn't alone. I was able to give the gift of camp to my four children who have grown to love camp as much as I do. Being back at camp and being able to positively impact young lives is something I'm truly grateful for. I never miss an opportunity to be present with the campers, whether it's to join in on a water or shaving cream fight, go on a hike, play a game of 9-Square, get invited to an impromptu dance party, or just sit and listen to them, these moments and more are what I cherish about being back at camp. I know it sounds a bit strange, but two of my favorite days are arrival day and departure day. Not for the reasons you might think, but because there's nothing like seeing the excitement on a campers' face when they arrive at camp or hear the squeals of joy when they see their friends for the first time in a long time and watch them run to embrace each other. And when they leave, the tears streaming down their faces while they hug their friends goodbye signals to me that they had a fun, memorable and successful summer, and THAT is what it's all about!

These are some of the reasons I considered when accepting this position. I want everyone to feel the joy of camp, make memories and make their own forever friends. Every camper deserves to have a voice and step into their spotlight, and I can't wait to help them do just that.

If you would like to drop me a line, reconnect, or are interested in sending someone you love to camp, please contact me at dena.stevenson@surpriselake.org

Warm regards,

Dena

Dena Stevenson



From the Desk of our SLC Leadership

Dear SLC Alumni and Friends,

We often use the phrase “The Magic of SLC.” But what exactly does that mean? While we know it means many different things to many different people, we think most would agree that it’s ultimately all about transforming lives in our own unique SLC way!

This was an extraordinary summer filled with unparalleled challenges for staff and unprecedented obstacles for children. We strongly believe that the hundreds of children that attended Surprise Lake Camp this past summer came away much more prepared for their return to school, with the confidence and strength to face the next steps in their young lives. Eli’s story, as featured on the next page, undoubtedly will strike a familiar chord with many families and what they’ve had to deal with over these last 18+ months. But as Eli’s mom Janet so powerfully says, “This summer was really life changing in terms of restoring Eli’s mental and physical health.”

We could not have gotten through summer 2021 without our devoted and loving alumni and friends.... yes YOU! Your support enabled us to provide “The Magic of SLC” and the transformative experiences that can only be found at Surprise Lake Camp!

We still have significant challenges and must continue to lean on you for help to ensure the future of Camp, featuring “The Magic of SLC” and an experience of fun and friendship, personal growth, and joyful Judaism. Please consider a meaningful gift today.

Warm regards and our deepest appreciation,



Michael Zbar
Board President



Sheryl Kirschenbaum
Camp Director

PS If you have already given in 2021, please accept our sincere appreciation. For those who can give more, or have not yet donated this year, please return the donation form in this issue, or visit <http://www.surpriselake.org/donate>. Thank You!

Meet Eli

When it came time to sending my son Eli to camp, after some online research and a positive in-person visit with staff, I chose Surprise Lake Camp. At the young age of 7, I was often asked if Eli was ready for a full 8 weeks, but as a single parent, I joked and said, "I'm not sure, but I'm ready."

Eli started out a bit homesick, but immediately made friends, and developed a particularly strong relationship with Mountainview leader Neil Weintraub and his sons. As Eli's athletic prowess increased so too did his confidence, and he became much more independent. I could hardly believe as I departed Visiting Day, he simply waved good-bye and strode off. He was completely at home, and it made my heart smile. We attended several reunion events that offseason, visited camp for special events, and continued to see Neil and his sons. That following summer also was a great success, and we were looking forward to a third when COVID-19 hit in 2020.

Like many children, the lockdown caused Eli a good deal of distress. He immersed himself in video games and virtual play but was deeply impacted by the constant sound of ambulance sirens from the local hospital and the pandemic news. By June of 2020, I started feeling comfortable going out again, but Eli didn't want to leave the house. With Camp canceled, we headed to a small town in New Hampshire to escape the city. While we were able to get outside more often, we still had minimal human interaction and it took a toll. Eli was "all remote" for 5th grade and still very isolated. Most of his friends were doing "hybrid" schooling so he missed out on typical socialization. We argued a lot being together so much and I even sought some counseling for him. Finally, in July 2021, Eli returned to SLC for his third summer. He had a rocky start, and his first letter home was distressing. He wasn't having a good time, had no friends in his unit, and begged me to shorten his stay to one session. He also expressed concern for me and my safety. Neil reassured me that Eli was okay, and his well-being was constantly improving. And soon, the SLC magic took hold! A 10-minute Zoom call confirmed what Neil said and it made me feel wonderful. Eli looked better than he'd looked in over a year and sounded so happy! I was thrilled to find pictures of him online flourishing and after being quarantined for so long, seeing him **surrounded by friends was priceless!**

When I arrived at Camp to pick him up, a counselor said, "I love that guy!" The Eli that I picked was not just his old self, but even better! He looked tanned, slimmer and healthier, and it was like he was sent to a spa. Before we departed, Eli gave big hugs to several staffers, which speaks volumes about the care SLC staff devote towards our most prized possessions. What more can a parent ask for!

I've always thought the SLC experience was amazing, but this summer was really life changing in terms of **restoring both his mental and physical health.** Summer 2021 at SLC was the perfect preparation for a return to school and provided exactly the therapy he needed to break the vicious pandemic isolation. I am so thankful for Camp, and I hope you will join me in giving back to this special place that transformed the life of my son and so many others!

Janet Raiffa





Donation Form



We are so grateful that you have chosen to partner with us in providing life-changing summer experiences for young people.

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

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

Address _____

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Our Gift

\$_____ Wherever my gift is needed most.

Have a different gift in mind? Please contact David Rosner at (845) 265-3616.

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 382 Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Thank you for your Generosity!

Dedicated to our 2020 Supporters

The following pages are dedicated to the many alumni and friends who supported Surprise Lake Camp in 2020. Camp is blessed to have so many special people who care about its mission and we are extremely grateful for your generosity.

What's 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 and ongoing maintenance of our 200+ structures, 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.

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The donors listed below made gifts between January 1 and December 31, 2020. This listing includes alumni and friends who made contributions to our Annual Scholarship Drive as well as Board members who made gifts to the Annual Board Campaign, combined totaling over \$388,000! We are grateful to the SLC community for your love and generosity.

Full Summer at Camp: **\$11,760 and up**

Lee Kaplan
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One Session at Camp: **\$5,880 - \$11,759**

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Joy Henshel
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Michael Herson
Nancy & Alan Hoffman
Chuck Jainchill
Tom Karger
Allison Gault & Bruce Karpati
Wayne Kellner
Ele Klein
Andrew Kominik
Linda Markowitz
Paul Mermelstein &
Shuying Wang
Ruth Messinger
Stephanie & Anthony Montano
Suzanne & Steven Moses
Roni & Jason Nadell
Stacey & Rob Panepinto
Ira Pianko
Ken Pollet
Jessica Pollner
Anna & Carl Reisner
Elaine & Paul Suchow
Emily Sussell
Susan & Matt Tratner
Jordana Zbar

4 Days at Camp: **\$840 - \$1,469**

Peter Baum
Evelyn & Nick Beilenson
Jonathan Belkowitz
Howie Berk
David Berkowitz
Steve Bleiberg
Ellyn Cohen
Melanie Fleischman

Christina & Greg Fox
Harry Donenfeld Foundation
Darlene Haut
Sharon Jaffe
Mel Kalichman
Heidi & Bruce Katz
Space & Gene Kelly
Faith Kirkpatrick
Fredda & Michael Klopfer
Melissa & Jeff Moskowitz
Patricia Gloria Ross Weiss
Gloria & Martin Rubin
Eve Rubinstein
Robin & Laurence Rubinstein
Jacob Ryde
Roger Sachs
Carol & Larry Seigel
Eliot Senor
Barry Smuckler
Sobel Affiliates
Aliza Kline & Bradley Solmsen
Alana & Joshua Suchow
Josh & Sheri Sussman
Harry & Bobbi Vogel
Jonathan Wildstrom
Anne & Joel Zbar

2 Days at Camp: **\$420 - \$839**

Marilyn Bailis
Thomas Berner
Jessica Cardillo
Marjorie Feder
Rise & Marc Fine
David Fleischner
Michelle Freedman &
Jerry Block
Stephen Gordon
Insite Engineering, Surveying,
& Landscape Architecture
Irwin Karp
Karri & Joel Kaufman
Seth Kaufman
Suzanne Landau &
Robert Auritt
Matthew Leavitt
Mark Levine

Michelle & Alex Liechtung
Michele Mark Levine
Roberta & Jim Meyer
New York Islanders
Rina & Howard Pianko
Bruce Rubinger
Claudia Sampson
Susan Schwartz
Jenna Sidor
Christopher Skoglund
Erika & David Spiegel
Ellen Stenberg
Audrey & Mark Tenenhaus
TOP Jewish Foundation
Marlene & Barry Vegter
Howard Weissberger
Lisa & Glen Wolland
Elise & Corey Zbar

One Day at Camp: **\$210 - \$419**

Barbara & Steven Allen
Amazon Smile
Katya Sverdllov & Michael
Ashikhmin
Barry & Stacey Bachenheimer
Jason Bailis & Jeff Henderson
Janet Barad &
Douglas Merrifield
Andrew Bata
Janeen Bellafiore Levine
Beta Clinton Corp.
Jake Bleiberg
Joel Cohen
Michael Cohen
Jon Dickie
Boris Dikovsky
Deborah Duxbury
Naomi & Scott Estrin
Michael Fandal
Elaine & Melvin Finkelstein
Karina Gaige & Norman Cohen
John Guariglia
Diane Hallenback
Daniel Harris
Drew Hess
Sabina Hirschfield

One Day at Camp:
\$210 - \$419 (continued)

Marin Holzman
Ellen Honigstock
Elizabeth Izower-Lentini
Amy & Bruce Jaffe
Victoria & Guenter Jonke
Meghan & Diarmuid Joye
Fortune & David Kaufman
Kim Krieger & Brian Tyson
Robin Krompner
Barbara Lamb
Cecile Levy
Jill Resnick & Glenn Liebeck
Andrew Lobb
David Meltcher
Misher Charitable Fund
Karen & Jim Morrison
Francine & David Penner
Elissa & Evan Pollard
Lee Posniack
Stuart Rachlin
Jillian Rauer
John Riggs
Margot Hodes & David
Rosenstrauch
Michele & David Rosner
Gary Schonfeld
Julia & Michael Seltzer
RitaSue Siegel
Julie Smith-Napoleatano
Tess & Gary Spielvogel
JenniferTawil
Howard Tedoff
Virginia & Charles Weiner
Abbe Wittenberg &
Rob Schneider
Cheryl & David Wolff
Mindy & Marty Zalin
Richie Zbar

Under \$210

Temi Abrams
Jeremy Abrams
Amy Addams
Charles Adjmi
Marcia & Benjamin Alder
Matthew Albo
Jacob Albrecht
Sharon Altabet Ball
Rachel Altschuler
Jaime Anemone-Oliveri
Brooke Astor
Abbie Auerbach

Ethan Auritt
Eric Avellone
Rachel Baron
Alex Beigelman
Pearl & Harry Belkowitz
Jennifer & Adam Benalt
Neil Bendayan
Sarah Bennett
Evie & Jonathan Berger
Jennifer & Matt Berk
Blanche Berk
Phyllis & David Berk
Jeffrey G. Berkon
Stacey Berkowitz
Gary Biale
Lois Bialek
Harvey Bienstock
Guy Biren
Janene Birman
Brent Birnbaum
Ira Birns
Jill Black
Jan Blau
Steve & Judy Bleyer
Benjamin Bloch
Robbie & Steven Blook
Martin Blum
Nikolay Bogomolov
Jill & Donnie Breder
Ruth Brenner
Rebecca & Jeffrey Brodsky
Joshua Brown
Emily Carter
Luisa Cohen
Nancy Chanin Collins
Steven Condiotti
Janice & Bill Corbetis
Lauri Corbin-Shannon
Beverly & Paul Crespi
Jeremy Cronig
Jane Hershey Cuozzo
Adam Cusner
Skyler Dale
Orit Daly
Donald Davis
Matthew & Andrea Day
Wendy De Giglio
Jeffrey & Pamela Deluca
Roni Denti
Laura Devito
Daniel Dikovsky
Meredith & Vernon Dommu
Jenna Dorman-Tandlich
Steven Dreier

Stella Dubin
Jess Dullup
Miriam Ehrlich
Judith Elkin
Jay & Ellen Eneman
Jennifer Engel
Michael Erlich
Debby Evans
Karen & Donald Fagelman
Paul Feder
Diana Feeney
Susan Feinstein
Ali & Meri Feir
Debra & Howard Feldman
Yaron Finkelstein
Ilene Astor Fiorentino
Lori & Seth Fishman
Adam Fishman
Howard Fishman
Ralph Forgacs
Ivy Forray
David Fox
Hana Freedman
Shari Freiser
David Friedman
Sandy Friedman
Beth & Eric Friedmann
Meirav Friedrich
Lawrence Gabe
Roger Galburt
Jakub Galecki
Irina Gandelsman
Allison Gelman
Lana Cohen & Max Gershenoff
Howard Gill
Alyson Gill
Melissa & Michael Goldberg
Alvin Goldberg
Devin Goldberg
Phyllis Goldman
Diana Goldstein
Randi Goodman
Sophie Goodman
Melissa Gordon-Ring
Jeff Graber
Allison Graham
Heidi Green
Abraham Greenberg
Ellen Greenblatt
Shira & Evan Greenblatt
Lloyd Greene
Robert Greenspan
Lisa & Andrew Grodin
Amy Gross

David Grosshandler
Malkie & Mindi Grozalsky
Matthew Grubler
Marlene & Carl Gussin
Brian Gustman
Leslie & Sam Guttman
Marilyn Guttman
Jessica Haffner
Susan Haimowitz
Gwen & Larry Hamberg
Tess Hamberg
Beth & Dave Hancock
Chase Hancock
Cara Harper
George & Mary Jo
Haubenreich
Julie Hecht
Beau Hernandez
Jane Hershey Cuozzo
Marilyn Hertz
Arnold Hinden
Thelma & Sanford Hochberg
Debbie Hoffer-Samori
Lori & Jason Hoffman
Howard Horder
Joan Hulkower
Kathleen Iger
Harriet & Jack Izower
Jeffrey Jackel
Keith Jacobs
Jess & Greg Jaffe
Myrna & Ira Jaffe
Sarah Jody
Thomas Johnson
Danielle Johnson
Alexander Kalogerakis
Katherine Kalogerakis
Kevin Kamper
Roger Karlebach
Vickie & Stuart Karten
Risa Kaufman
Ilene Kaufman-Sztorc
Jack Kaye
Jane Kazdon
Stuart Kent
Andrew Khadbux
Mariya & Dmitriy
Khodorkovskiy
Arnold Kinsler
Jan Klein
Donna & Garry Klein
Cheryl Klein
Joan Klein
Lara Klein

Under \$210 (continued)

Rabbi David & Mrs. Barbara Kline	Marissa Marx	Jamie Rosner	Danielle Steighner
Andrew Korn	Lora May	Mara Rubinstein-Martin	Abraham Stern
Phyllis & Warren Kossin	Chris McGrath	Ariel Ruck	Denis Sternberg
Avra Kouffman	Allie Meizlish	Molly Safar	Dena & Scott Stevenson
Elihu Kover	Lori Merker	Judy & Steven Sails	Matthew Stollerman
Francine & Mark Kravitz	Ethan Mermelstein	Jacob Sarkozi	Carl Strass
Eugene Krinsky	Emilie & Andrew Meyer	Ardith Holmgrain Sas	Marcy Stuzin
Debra & Stanley Kronberg	Craig Miller	Paul Schaeffer	Rita & John Tarrash
Charles Kupferberg	Dina Mishra	Eric Scharf	Gayl & Michael Teller
Margalit & Sid Landman	Kevin Mitchell	Robert Schecter	Alli & Michael Tenenhaus
Moran & Murray Lantner	Nir Mor	Nancy Schnee	Alex Thurber
Matthew Lazarus	Rebecca Cohen Muller	Jaclyn Schneider	Neal Tober
Lila Lebowitz	Joshua Muskin	Ken Schneider	Paula & David Touger
Theodore Lehmann	Jennifer Davis Nabholz	Schneider Electric Foundation	Allison Tratner
David Leibowitz	Susan Netburn	Sarah Schriever	Luke Traub
Robin & Barry Leitman	Billy Newman	Marc Schuman	Melanie & Seth Tucker
Kevin & Jennifer Leopold	Malcolm Newman	Andrew Schuster	Nadeen & Mark Tyler
Roni Lerner	Allison Olinsky	Mark Segal	Berta Umanski
Maayan Lev	Shelli & Larry Olinsky	Ivan & Felice Seltzer	Lauri Goldkind & Jason Van-Anden
Rochelle & Steven Levenson	Susan Osinoff	Michael Serrill	Sanford Victor
Ilan & Barbara Levi	Bernie Perry	Isaac Shapiro	Joanie Vogel
Erica Levin	Mandy Pierlejewska	Michelle Shatesky	Lloyd Wagner
Melissa Levine	Miles & Marjorie Pollack	Rachel Shatz	Wendy & Stuart Waxman
Stan Levine	Erica Pollet	Aaron Shelden	Darrell Weinberg
Teddi Levine	Jared Pollet	Howard & Malene Shulman	Tom Weiner
Anson Li	David Popken	Nancy & Lee Sidor	Lois Weintraub
Karen Lichtbraun	Eric Popken	Brandon Sidor	Alex Weintraub
Diane & Richard Lieberfarb	Debra Pruslin	Jerry Silbowitz	Rachel Wells
Denise Liebowitz	Charlotte & Arnold Prywes	Marsha Silverstein	Ronald Wills
Stacie Lilien	Lance Redler	Ovadia Simha	Jennifer & Benjamin Wind
Janet & Scott Lorin	Marc Rentzer	Gennifer & Robert Sklar	Alan Wolf
Ethan Lowens	Rachel Reyes	Herb Skovronek	Andrea Zalin
Jack Lusk	Zoe Rheingold	Peter Slater	Jessica Zalin
Mike Lynch	Michael Riege	Jeremy Smuckler	Adam Zaslow
Elyse Lyons	Ellen Rieser	Jonathan Sollinger	Alec Zbar
Ellen Manobla	Jennifer Rollman	Isaac Soussan	Diane Zilz
Howard Mantel	Kim Roma	Chang Spaide	Jackie & Artie Zilz
Joshua Marcus	Gabby Roma	Lori Spechler	Karen Zukerman
Amie Marino	Iris & Frank Romano	Randi Sperber	
Lisa Mark	Rob Rosenbaum	Jeffrey Spiegel	
	Robert Rosenberger	Nancy Stanton-Tuckman	
	Lawrence Rosenthal	Sheryl & Jerry Statman	

Do you know a camper who wants to experience the magic of SLC?

It's that time of year again where we start recruiting new campers to the SLC Family. If you are reading this, you probably can remember the first time you or your child stepped foot into Camp. For so many of us, SLC is/was a tremendous part of our young lives. Our memories of the lake, the mountains, creating and cementing lifelong friendships, and being immersed in a "Joyfully Jewish" environment are just some of the many ways that the SLC experience stands out. Each of us walk away with something different from our time together. Do you know someone who would love to be part of our community? If you know someone, please send them our way. Help spread the SLC love!

They got their feet wet at SLC!

by Gayle (Hoffman) Doyle, SLC Board Member
and counselor Ariel Ruck

When I close my eyes, all five senses can bring me back to that first trip up Lake Surprise Road, when I was only five years old. The butterflies in my stomach as we went up and down the hills, the dirt road which appeared like dust in the car windows I was so short I could barely see out of, the smell of trees and fresh air, and the sound of silence which was met with kids cheering as you entered camp.

During the winter, I longed to be back at Surprise Lake Camp, time moving slowly and the thought of summer feeling like a lifetime away. But then the green leaves appeared on the trees, the sun blazing down heating up the land, it was time once again to return home. After spending 18 summers as a camper and lifeguard it was time to take on a full-time, year-round job, which meant no longer returning to SLC for the whole summer. It felt like a part of me was missing. That was until my friend Seth Stein called and suggested I take off a week of work and volunteer to work at SLC's Get Your Feet Wet program. He promised it would be fun, so my old camp bedding came out of the crawlspace, the raggy green duffel bag was packed, and once again I was driving up the camp road, now mostly paved until you are steps away from camp.

One thing that makes GYFW so special is that it brings me back to that first summer at camp. Our campers, only slightly older than I was for my first trip up the camp road, are experiencing the magic at SLC for the first time. Arriving at camp and going down to the ballfield to meet strangers, who over 5 days will turn into your best friends, and meeting your counselors, who welcome you with open arms to share just a taste of what makes sleepaway camp so special.

This GYFW was truly memorable for me, since my daughter and nephew, both not yet even first graders at the time, were campers. I was able to watch as they passed their deep-water tests for the first time, as they became independent, making their own beds and keeping their cubbies neat. These six-year-olds, who at home need help picking out their clothes and brushing their teeth, were able to thrive taking care of themselves. Serving themselves meals, cutting their food with a knife, and making sure they filled up their water bottles. Watching their smiles span widely across their faces and as their skins tanned under the sun, jumping off the bouncy in the middle of the lake, they too fell in love with SLC.





As Ariel, a volunteer counselor at GYFW, said best “The difference [during GYFW compared to regular camp], is the alumni. For most of us, we need to carve out the time in our busy lives, use vacation days at work, take time apart from our family, to be at camp. We WANT to be there, to act silly, be a kid again, and take part in all the activities that made our childhood. That overwhelming love for camp translates over to the campers like you wouldn’t believe. In just five days, the campers are singing dozens of songs, trying activities for the first time, creating relationships with new friends. Little did they know when they arrived that their lives would be changed. A piece of their heart was left at camp, and they too will return to find it again next year.”

GYFW might last less than a week, but the memories and relationships last forever. Thank you to SLC for continuing to provide happiness, joy and love to all.



Why I Joined the 1902 Society

by Jon Dickie, Alumni Association Board Member

Where do I start? It's very hard to express in words how I feel about Surprise Lake Camp.



SLC shaped who I am today; it has given me so much, including lifelong friends and my fiancé. Being a camper for six years was the one of the greatest experiences of my childhood. It was simply the best time and way to be a kid. Every time I go back to Camp the memories come flooding right back, like I was still there as a camper.

If it wasn't for Surprise Lake Camp, I never would have met one of my best friends, Mike Friend, who truly lives up to that name. He is the one who introduced me to my fiancé Dawn, so Camp kept giving long after I stopped attending.

Camp taught me about some of the valuable aspects of life such as teamwork, friendship, and responsibility. I also am grateful to Camp for helping me develop a love and closeness with Judaism unlike anything I had never experienced.

One of my favorite days in Camp was Shabbat with services held at the incredible Eddie Cantor Theater, which led right into quality free time during Shabbat Walk. I also loved exploring the wilderness and developing a love for nature, with some

of the best times at Camp spent being on a variety of hikes and overnights. So much so, that as an alum, one of my favorite days/events held by the Alumni Association is the Friends and Family Hike. To be able to head back to 10516, drive down Lake Surprise Road, park near the Main Building to see old friends and hike Breakneck during the peak of fall foliage...what could be better?

These are just some of the reasons that led me to join the 1902 Society. I believe leaving Camp in my estate plans is among the easiest and most powerful ways I can help the place that has given me so much. To be able to provide the things I cherish for future generations of SLC'ers, it was a no-brainer. The thought of unknown, future campers nestling, forming lifelong bonds, creating memories, and having the same LOVE and experiences I got to have...absolutely priceless.

Getting back involved with Camp after a lapse has been very rewarding. Serving on the Alumni Association Board allows me to participate in ways I never knew were possible and give back to a very special place.

I urge all alumni (and non-alumni too with a passion for Camp) to join me in signing the Letter of Intent needed to become a member of the 1902 Society. If you have ANY questions about if it's right for you, I suggest you call the office and simply have a conversation about it! You have nothing to lose but everything to gain!

Surprise Lake Camp will always be in my heart and thoughts.
Blue & White Forever!

With love for everything SLC,

Jon Dickie





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)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bequest in a Will | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Gift Annuity | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Plan/IRA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Lead Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Remainder Trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate | <input type="checkbox"/> 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, 382 Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516
Phone: (845) 265-3616 - Fax: 646-582-0138 - Email: david@surpriselake.org

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	Rob Greenspan
Estelle & Herbert Adler	Larry Cooperstein	Aurora Luna Griggs
Paola & Ronnie Adragna/Gilbert	Anita Cruso	Brenda & Matthew Grosshandler
Michele Albo	Jane Hershey Cuzzo	Andrea & Arthur Gruber
Jacob Albrecht	Dave Dale*	Michael Gurman
Marcia & Bob Altabet	Jordan Dale	Gwen & Larry Hamberg
Jennifer & Marc Ambrose	Kate & David Danino	Julia Handel
Walter Arnstein*	Mia Desmedt	Irving Harris*
Margery Arsham	Jon Dickie	Dayle Henshel
Margie & Bob Atwater	Wendy & James Dinn	Joy Henshel
Celia Baczkowski	Michele Mars DiRuggiero	Patti Henshel
Sylvaine Baczkowski	Laurie Dobkin-Helm	Andrew Hess
Jason Bailis & Jeff Henderson	Jenna Dorfman-Tandlich	Barbara & Stanley* Hirsch
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Howie Berk	Robert French	Zach Jacobs
Jeff Berk	Glen Frick	Amy & Bruce Jaffe
Jennifer & Matthew Berk	Marissa Garfinkel	Chuck Jainchill
Michael Berk	Rose & Harris Ghersin	Susie Jainchill & Tsahi Gelardin
Andie Biederman	Scott Gilden	Danielle Johnson
Jake Biederman	Allie (Ball) and Jordan Golan	Erez Jontef
Brian Blaufeux	Amy Goldberg	Stan Josephson
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Nelson Braff	Michelle Goldstein	Irwin Karp
Amy Bram	Shira Goldstein	Erica Karron
Elyse Braun	Linda & Ben Gordon	Heidi & Bruce Katz
Jill Breder	Melissa Gordon	Karri & Joel "Whammy" Kaufman
Mitchell Brenner	Stephen Gordon	Faith Altschuler Kirkpatrick
Ezra Cahn	Karen Gorsky & Vicky Eggleton	Sheryl Kirschenbaum
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Meridee Simon Cole	Pam & Jay Greenbaum	Barbra & Ty Klein
	Suzy Greenberg	Ele Klein
	Shira & Evan Greenblatt	Wendy Kleinman

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Andrew Korn	Jerry Person	Rebecca Solomon
Marc Krigsman	Esther Pessin	Steve Sommer
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Mark Levine	Jillian & Brian Rauer	Brittany Sternberg
Michele Mark Levine	Marc Rentzer	Denis Sternberg
Fred Levy	Andrew "AJ" Retig	Matthew Stollerman
Randi & Scott Lieberman	Shari Riechelson	Elaine & Paul Suchow
Ted Liebowitz	Michael Rieger	Joshua Suchow
Laura & Carter Mansbach	David Rimmer	Jennifer Sussell
Dylan Marcus	Max Damon Robkoff	Ilana (Lambert) & Michael Sussman
Jamie Marcus	F. Peter Rose*	Audrey & Mark Tenenhaus
Judy & Michael* Margulies	Robert Rosenbaum	Bret Tenenhaus
Lisa Mark	Gail & Dan Rosner	Lisa Tenenhaus
Linda Markowitz	Michele & David Rosner	Mike Tenenhaus
Marissa Marx	Eve Rubinstein	Alice & Steve Turner*
Caryl & Mike Melasky	Mara Rubinstein	Jennifer Anne Toback
Paul Mermelstein	Robin & Larry Rubinstein	Allison Tratner
Miriam Messinger & Felicia Hayes	Rebecca Safeer	Susan & Matthew Tratner
Ruth Messinger	Judy Freiser Sails & Steven Sails	Jared Tyler
Emilie & Andrew Meyer	Alan Saltz	Marlene & "Ranger" Barry Vegter
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Jerry Meyer	Carolyn & Dave* Samuels	Charles D. Wasserman
Roberta & Jim Meyer	Joshua Sarkozi	Wendy & Stu Waxman
Jodie Meyer & Steven Tuber	Robert Schechter	Lisa & Steve Weinberg
Lee Meyer	Talia Schneider	Diane* & Allen Weiner
Jonathan Miller	Meri & Paul Schoenblum	David Weintraub
Susan Feldman-Miller	Dan Schulman	Julie & Neil Weintraub
Barb & Steve Mink	Andrew Schuster	Tommy Wills
Jill (Simon) & John Miskanic	Gayle Schwartz	Jennifer & Benjamin Wind
Karen & Jim Morrison	Maria & Ken* Seligson	Abbe Wittenberg & Rob Schneider
Suzanne & Steven Moses	Julia & Michael Seltzer	Cheryl & David Wolff
Elizabeth Moskow & Ari Kaufman	Eliot Senor	Anne & Joel Zbar
Suzanne Moskowitz	Isaac Shapiro	Barbara & Michael Zbar
Alyse Kunkin Murabito	Laurie Feldman-Shepherd	Elise & Corey Zbar
Roni & Jason Nadell	Joanne Sherain	Jordana Zbar
Stephen Nitkin	Peter Sheridan	Richie Zbar
Joey Novick	Roy Shirwindt*	Steven Zbar
Paul Novick	Cindy Shmerler	Arthur Zilz
Shelli & Larry Olinsky	Jenna Sidor	Jaime Zuckerberg
Emily Palmiotto	Nancy & Lee Sidor	

* 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.

Memories from an 80's Staff Brat

Dear my SLC community of alumni and friends,

Some of you may remember the DeVito family who lived in SLC from 1973-89, my mom (Marge from the Nature Shack) and Tony (the Caretaker), Torre (my big brother) and you may or may not remember me as the girl who'd ride through Camp on her 10-speed blue bike.

I was thinking about things I miss at SLC (besides the amazing people that I love so much). Here are a ton, in no particular order. I hope reading this reminds you of why YOU love SLC and hold your memories as close to your heart as I do!

Climbing the tree that was behind the nature shack (Unit D). Climbing the Mulberry tree in front of the Main Building, and the purple stains of squashed berries below. The leaning tree that was in front of Eddie Cantor (yeah, I know, I've got a thing for trees) and drinking the cold water from the mountain fresh spring pipe. The painted frog rock and eating from the berry bushes on the walk to Teenside. Frog hunting in the marshes near the tennis courts. Tad poles in the puddles on the road to B Lodge.

The little building near the junior side round up that made the creepy humming sounds. Mud sliding down lakeside. Gaga in Alumni Hall (and gaga knuckles). Dodgeball in the Shmerler building. Wearing garbage bag ponchos on the way to the Little Playhouse on a rainy day (movie time), or any unit lodge activity like "name as many songs with the word..." or drama "improv" activities.

Arts & Crafts creations like Jacobs' Ladder and its never-ending click clacking sound (that I NEVER got to make! Seriously, in 17 years, I never made one). Copper enamel jewelry. Lanyards, macrame, & phone wire friendship bracelets. Making stained glass from colored glue and macrame string, or popsicle stick and elbow noodle jewelry boxes with Suzette or Howie.

Roundup with Kenny/David/Zbars (and years later Seth, Glitch and others) singing a never-ending list of camp songs. All-Camp Shows and cheer wars (ice cream sandwich or Nutty Buddy). Whammy and his plethora of "family members" (though please Whammy, no more Whammy Boone in a fur hat & coat during a heat wave (1984), even if they are soft used). Canteen nights. Slim Sterling & Pete Seeger. Sledding down the road from the Main Building and lakeside hill, or more often, the dump road with big Ron and the Wills boys (Sorry summer campers, that's a winter camp thing).

The white Queens Ann lace flowers and "popping" the orange flowers on a Jewel Weed plant (and watching it shrivel up in your palm). Stargazing from the Hinterlands (and if you're lucky, seeing a meteor shower). The landmark sundial. The water fountain on the ball field (even though I don't remember it ever working). Or sitting with Lenny and Samki by the flagpole, looking out over the Lake. The giant boulder in Unit B. The playground in front of Unit D. Building anything with my mom (nature shack teepee, fort, or the many bridges you'd walk over on a Whammy hike).



The fish nibbling my toes when I stood in their “nest.” Belly flop contests and buddy calls. Deep water tests and dead man’s float. The jeep on the diving dock (or anything else someone relocated there in the dark of night). Greased watermelon polo (and finding tinfoil wrapped rocks). Harry in his speedo. Bear on a windsurfer. The sound of Missy yelling: “Allllll booaats commme innnn!!” or a missing camper drill - “line up, Dive... line up, Dive...”

The creepy way the fog would look on the Lake when the Eddie Cantor lights were left on sending shadows across Lake Surprise, and even better when a boat was adrift. (Ki ki ki ma ma ma... sorry, can’t help but hear the Jason sound effects). Midnight hikes to Cornish, and the “bad luck rock” with 3 marks (various Cropsey stories).



The pre-campers, whomever you are, that actually swept the yellow road lines on Fishkill Road, so the buses knew where to drive. (Seriously: did ya’ll believe everything my mom said?) Dad making you boys pull weeds in “Strawberry Fields” (AKA sewage plant). Chocolate cookies with sugar crystals for coffee breaks at the infirmary. Building the docks and the sound of the ratchets (and the “plunk” of dropping them in the Lake). Red and Blue “dotted” pots and pans (respectively), and the Rabbi blessing them in the Lake. The Beast. Riding in the back of the pickup trucks. Losing your stomach when you sped fast over that first little hill on the way to Teenside (truck lifting off road). Carol Seigel singing Circle Games (Joni Mitchel) around a staff campfire the night before campers arrived.

Campfires...any and all Campfires. Overnights. Lazy breakfast and pizza fondue. Jr. Side chant of “Oh When the Saints” as we went marching to the Dining Room. The moose head (and all of his “costumes”). Butter noodles with cinnamon sugar and cottage cheese. Potato pancakes, blintzes and bug juice. Cream cheese and lox and bagels. A dining room filled round of the watermelon song (spit out the pit ptoo, spit out the pit ptoo). Counselors yelling “Sign’s up 🙌” and if we didn’t fall silent... “A hush falls over the crowd... hushhhhh”

Writing my name in toothpaste on the bunk walls (Dad hated that). Making towel swings to swing from the bunk rafters. The smell of Prell & Aussie Shampoo. Aqua Net. Pillow fights. The sound of the stretching spring, followed by the bang of a bunk door slamming behind you.

The camp newbies who would spend the 1st week crying to go home and the last week crying because they never wanted to leave. Summer camp love, (can’t you hear “Why must I be a teenager in love”) that turned to marriage. (There really should be a Facebook page for married SLC’ers.) I wonder how many have wedding booth marriage certificates and pipe cleaner rings?



To the kitchen staff: as of 2020 you would be called “essential”, but everyone always knew that. A hug to the staff who cared for us through all our tears, crankiness and tantrums (and the mother’s helpers who watched us “brats”).

Finally, the memory I HATED most: Departure Day. The bustle of luggage loading, T-Shirt signings, good-bye hugs, streaming tears, and hissing engines. Then came the sound of crunching tires on gravel, hands waving from windows, and then after the last bus faded out of view all that was left... the lonely camp silence (still chokes me up to this day). And so, the countdown begins again, 296 more days....

I hope my (long) list brought back some great memories. SLC, my childhood home, the place of my best memories and the best people I have ever known. You will always be in my heart. I feel like I should start singing “Show me the way to go home” but instead, I will end with “Day is done, gone the sun from the lake from the hills from the sky, all is well, safely rest, G-d is nigh.”

Sincerely,

Laura “Staff Brat” DeVito (witz, honorary)

P.S. Send Chocolate Quick

P.S.S. Send Freihofer Cookies





Spark of a Hike

Surprise Lake Camp

By Gayl Teller

(A Poetic Tribute to Family & Friends Fall Hike Day/ Cornish Hike Leader, Seth Stein)

Masked against the Covid virus,
we began the hike in the crisp, cool air,
a small troop, former campers, counselors, their kids.

The towering mountains were dipping down
their autumn trees' orangery reds
like flames floating on the stillness of the lake.

Striking as the scenery was
with winding, wooded trails,
mottled wildwood soaring sculptures,

the sparkling coming into creek beds
a little at a time, like slow awakening,
what I remember most of all

was the leader's funeral
for a skinny, long stick a small boy had fired
by his imagination into his own tower

he'd angled against a tree, just so,
but his sister maliciously broke.
Then the leader lifted the broken stick

when the boy cried out in anguish
for the diminished pith of what he alone had seen,
and the leader put his arm around the boy,

and ceremoniously held the stick up in the air,
making columns with his arms as supports.
"I'm sorry, stick," he said.

"I'm sorry you got hurt."
Then he helped the boy bury the stick, in peace,
covered it up with the fiery leaves.

As we continued the hike,
the small boy hand-in-hand with the leader,
as we gathered in our glances the voiceless,
nodding flowerheads, the motley stumps of the living,
I knew I'd mostly remember that warm spark
rising from a simple, leafy funeral.



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