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*of blessed memory

Can you make Interlaken Shabbat magic at the JCC in the dead of winter?

YES YOU CAN!!

The JCC was the place to be February 12th as 175 campers, prospective campers, staff, alumni and their families from just down the street to as far away as Madison, Chicago, Cincinnati, Washington, DC and even California had an unforgettable Shabbat, Interlaken style. From the Shabbat Walk to services with our very own Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, flown in just for the occasion, the evening started with a bang. All that dormant Interlaken ruach that campers hold onto all winter long was easily brought to life with prayer and song. A fabulous Shabbat dinner with lots of challah, a slide show, and singing and Israeli dancing led by Interlaken staff, rounded out the great evening. This was the golden opportunity to show parents a slice of the amazing experiences our campers get every summer and, for many alumni, a chance to take a Shabbat Walk down memory lane.



Did you miss it? Don't worry. We will definitely be turning this into an annual Interlaken event!

Sheryl Selby Rubin, *Camp Interlaken Vice Chair*



What's New This Summer at Camp...

While we remain rooted in our rich tradition and history, we are rolling out some brand new things this summer at camp. We will be offering new chugim such as Glee, Camp Craft, Digital Photography and Rock Band (no, not the video game, a real band) that we are making available to our campers.

We also have brand new evening programs that we will be rolling out this summer called *Campified*. *Campified* will bring three different up-and-coming bands into Camp Interlaken to

play with the campers, put on activities for them and put on a concert at night!

We have over 100 new campers currently enrolled for the summer and are also very excited about our group of staff and Ozrim. As camp is rapidly approaching, more and more forms are coming in each day. The Camp Interlaken team is ready for another terrific summer on Lake Finley!

Dan Baer
Assistant Director



One amazing thing about Camp Interlaken is that it always gives a person more than it takes from them. What I mean by that for example is no matter how much hard work and sweat you'd put into an Avodah project over the summer, the experience gained creating that project and working as a team was always more beneficial than the effort put into the labor. In our case, and that of many others, camp gave back by giving us our life partner to grow with and create our Jewish family. In 1998 I fell in love with one of the nurses at camp. It happened that Dora was from Rumania, which made it hard to see each other after camp had ended. She couldn't revisit the US, so we met in Israel where

we had the time of our lives. Two years later I asked her to marry me and we've been together ever since. We are proud to wear the badge of "camp couple" and have a title that can never be taken away. This summer our third grader will be able to go to camp for the first time, and I hope his experience at Interlaken will be as special as mine, and that many years from now he's lucky enough to be part of a "camp couple."

Ben Sadek



♥♥♥♥♥ Camp Couples ♥♥♥♥♥

Matthew Pearson and **Becky Schwartz** were married in St. Louis on May 30, 2010.

Stacy Weinberg and **Joel Rosansky** recently got engaged.

Send us camp couple stories, news and photos:
Interlaken@jccmilwaukee.org

Bob Appel and **Sydney Recht**, both Alumni, have been married 20 years. They live in San Francisco with their three children.



Where would you be today... if you had never gone to camp?

How would you be different, never having had that life-changing experience? As the world changes and everything becomes more expensive, so does camp. A session that was \$500 back in the day, now costs approximately \$4,000. As a Jewish community, we would love every Jewish child to have that life-changing opportunity, but for some families, it is far from a realistic goal.

Last year, Camp Interlaken spent nearly \$60,000 of its budget on meeting scholarship needs. Our camp endowment funds and the Milwaukee JCC covers some of this cost, but we need your help to make sure we can meet everyone's needs.

The time has come for a Camp Interlaken Alumni Scholarship Fund. We are hoping that ALL of our Alumni will understand how vital this is and give back to our camp community. Our goal for the 2010 camp season is to raise as much of our \$60,000 budget as possible. We promise to keep you posted on how many campers we are able to help with our donations.

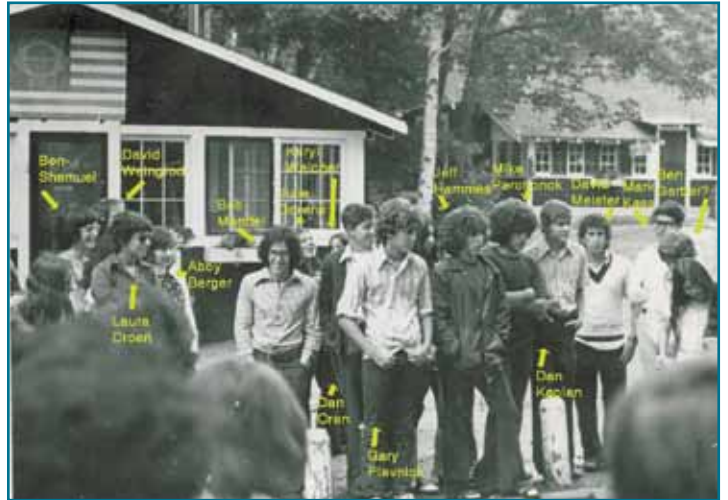


Counselors (back row): Cari Salock, Laura Garelick, Lyz Bodner, Becky Hostetter

Middle Row Campers: Julie Fortier, Galina Shveydel, Susan Ginsberg, Sharon Weinberger, Missy Rubel, Laurie Borkon, Hillary Stein

Front Row Campers: Adina Gershowitz, Mikel Domnitz, Jennifer Stulowitz, Lisa Reskin

Thanks to Jim Stein.



Thanks to Dan Oren.

Scan & send us your favorite Camp photos.

Let us know who is in the photo. We will publish as many as possible in late Summer/early Fall.

Send to: Interlaken@jccmilwaukee.org

Find us on Facebook & Twitter, and at campalumni.com & campinterlaken.org



Once a Year, It's All in the Family at Camp Interlaken JCC



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Tuesday - Sunday • August 17 - 22

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Please change a child's summer by choosing one:

\$\$ for their canteen account	\$18
Duffle bag	\$36
Sleeping bag	\$72
Pre-camp shopping	\$180
1/2 week of camp	\$500
One week of camp	\$1000
Mini session	\$1800
One session of camp	\$4000

We've given our share to start the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Please Join Us!

Camp Interlaken Alumni Committee

- Nancy Appel
- Daniel N. Baer
- Benjy Bar-Lev
- Toni M. Davison Levenberg
- Karen Chernof Gottlieb
- Graham Hoffman
- Mitch Moser
- Sheryl Selby Rubin
- Stephanie Rubnitz
- Ben Sadek
- Howard S. Wagan
- Sylvia Winter
- Diane Meyers Zall

Help us make sure that no camper is turned away and all of our kids have the opportunity to skip around the room, be a schmutz buster, get kuntzed and celebrate Shabbat in one of the holiest places we know! Please use the enclosed envelope soon, or go to campinterlaken.org.



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THE MENTOR *by Ian Pumpian*

I heard about her today.

The one I had learned so much from yesterday.
Yesterday was every day I have lived,
Yet it seemed so long ago, so far away,
Like all good teachers, she taught me to perform at a distance,
She is now part of that still small voice within me as her physical presence was not available to me in these later years and now will never be again... but I hear her in my still small voice now, her voice, like her lectures, like her convictions, like her expectations, her values, her beliefs, like her laugh was rough, serious, commanding, demanding, uncompromising, to the point, instructive, holy and... precious. **To read more of Ian Pumpian's essay, go to www.campinterlaken.org/new/alumni.shtml**



The Harold Grinspoon Foundation continues to help us impact the future of Camp Interlaken through Mr. Grinspoon's mentoring and matching gifts programs. Many lay people with strong ties to Camp Interlaken have been diligently working with our assigned mentor, David Sharken and CIL staff, to direct camp's long range planning. Thanks to the generosity of a few, matching grants in the amount of \$68,000 are on the way! They are the beginning of future capital improvements for your camp. For details, contact hrothman@jccmilwaukee.org.

K'far Noar Signboards from Years Past...



See them all at the Camp Interlaken page on Facebook!