

# INTERLAKEN BRIDGE

THE STEVE & SHARI SADEK FAMILY CAMP INTERLAKEN JCC  
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Ateret Cohn*	1970-1976
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Shel Goldstein	1967
Jack Weiner*	1966

\*of blessed memory

## לשנה טובה תכתבו



Alumni Reunion, Chicago, IL • May 7, 2011

*Sylvia Gutt Winter Alumni Committee Chair*

**The first ever Chicago Alumni Reunion** was held at Will's Northwoods Inn on May 7, 2011. Approximately 50 people attended. The connection of Camp Interlaken among all the Alumni made it easy for strangers to connect with one another. Eventually people began to realize that they were talking to their past counselors or campers and then the "do you remember" started happening.



L-R Abby (Grossman) Bilsky, Karina Jordan, Tali Jubelirer, Ellen Schopler, Iyla Margulius

It was fun talking to past campers and counselors, finding out what people are doing, reminiscing about Camp and learning about the future of Camp Interlaken.

Watch for upcoming Alumni events.

L-R Bill & Debbie Zucker, Jill (Stein) & Joel Bootzen, Laurie (Zucker) Shapiro

## Alumni Weekend Draws its First Family Shabbat

at the Steve & Shari Sadek Family Camp Interlaken JCC.

**The Shabbat Walk at Camp Interlaken** was amazing. So many families came back to relive their camp experience and pass on it to their children and grandchildren. The special feeling one gets walking through Camp, picking up campers and then forming the Shabbat circle at the Athletic Field can only happen at Camp. Nostalgia surrounded us during services on the shores of Lake Finley. A wonderful Shabbat dinner was shared and then the music started. No one could sit still. There was singing and dancing with great fervor as we all welcomed Shabbat. Saturday services were followed by tours of Camp and everyone looking for their own memories etched into their cabins. The K'far tents were replaced by yurts and the village transformed thanks

to the Dr. Paul and Betty Jacobs gift. No one missed their tent! The K'far program's preservation was such a great sight to see. A wonderful lunch followed and then family activities, including the great lakefront - we were very busy all afternoon. Havdallah under the stars brought back warm smiles. The weekend ended with a poignant bonfire as we all sang and placed our twigs in the fire with our wishes for the future. It was hard to keep a dry eye as we sang and shared. The wonderful camp feelings we took back to the city will be hard to forget.

We can't wait to hear your story.

Read a first hand report on Page 5.

Send your camp photo or story to [swinter101@aol.com](mailto:swinter101@aol.com)





## ♥♥♥♥♥ Camp Couple ♥♥♥♥♥



**CJ Wagner** ('88-'96, '98, '00) and **Danielle Sectzer-Wagner** ('91-'92, '95-'01) welcomed their first child, Lola Erin Wagner on March 26th, 2011. Danielle and CJ started dating at camp in 2000 and are proud to be one of many "camp couples" whose relationship began on the machaneh. They cannot wait for Lola to be an OZO in 2028!

Send us camp couple stories, news and photos:  
[Interlaken@jccmilwaukee.org](mailto:Interlaken@jccmilwaukee.org)



## Notes from Sheryl Selby Rubin: Fantasy Camp

**Have you ever** thought about what it would be like to go back? Really back in the thick of things. I got just that opportunity first session when I spent five days really living at camp again. My rationalization for being there was threefold – to prepare for our Alumni/Committee weekend, to spend some real time getting a feel for how camp was going so I could relay my thoughts to the committee, and to do an art project with all of the campers. From my very first conversation with Bob, one of the maintenance men, until my family arrived to take me to the White Stag for dinner, it was a fantasy come true!

My very first conversation was with Bob who picked me up in Rhinelander. We each shared a little bit about our background and our connection to camp, and then he gushed about how great Interlaken is. He is amazed by how hard everyone works and how much he loves working with all of the kids. Bob gets it!

There is nothing like that first walk into camp after a long absence. Mine was through the woods of Pine Haven with a spectacular view of Lake Finley sparkling in the afternoon sun, full of campers sailing, swimming, skiing... there is really nothing like it. I got to spend the next few days pretending I was really a part of camp. I woke up every morning and was given a schedule of where I had to be and what cabins were coming to work with me at what times. I sat in Toni's office and really got a feel for how hard it is to keep this mini-universe running smoothly and how incredibly dedicated our staff are. I loved just watching the campers go by as I sat in front of the office, working on my project. The counselors are really the most fun to see in action. They are

loving and caring and incredibly crazy! Many of them remind me so much of my friends when we were staff, and they love camp just as much as we do.

On top of all the nostalgia, I really did some work. I created a piece of art that every camper does a part of, and when finished it will hang in the JCC. I worked with every first session camper, and the art specialist took care of second session. I spent a great deal of time preparing for our Alumni/Committee weekend. If you were there, you know how incredible it was, and if you didn't make it, don't let that mistake happen again!

Every minute I spend at camp reminds me of how lucky we were to grow up there and how important it is to secure and preserve camp's future so all of our children and their children can have the same amazing, life-changing experiences. L'dor V'dor.

Sheryl Selby Rubin  
Camp Committee Chair



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



We're asking for your help to cover the more than \$60,000 in scholarship grants for summer 2012. Generous donors and the Milwaukee JCC cover some of this cost, but your donation will help us give a camper a summer of a lifetime.

Dear Scholarship Committee:

Thank you so much for making it possible for me to come to camp this year! I've been going since 3rd grade and this is the best year of all! Camp means so much to me. I truly believe if I had not gone to Interlaken, I would be a different person today. I've not only grown as a Jew, but also it has strengthened my morals and values in other aspects of my life. What you all do truly impacts the lives of other campers, such as myself, who were able to have the opportunity to go to camp because of you!

Much love,

A Camper

### Camp Interlaken Annual Scholarship Fund Drive

We are hoping that all of our Alumni will understand how vital this is and give back to our camp community.

Help us make sure 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 make your donation at [campinterlaken.org](http://campinterlaken.org) or send to:

#### Camp Interlaken Scholarship Campaign

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Milwaukee, WI 53217

Scholarship Office **414-967-8239**

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For more information please contact Harriet Rothman in the Camp Endowment Office at **(414) 967-8239**.

## An important study of the impact of Jewish Overnight Camping by the Foundation for Jewish Camp

The challenge of passing along Jewish connection and commitment to new generations has become the most important concern on the agenda of the American Jewish community.

*"... more recent qualitative studies seem to demonstrate that Jewish camps engender very positive feelings about being Jewish, and do so in a context of friends, leisure, adventure, and a totally immersive Jewish environment. This research catalogued at length an array of techniques and tools that give camp its "unlimited potential to produce joyous and memorable learning."*

The goal was to compare the Jewish attitudes and behaviors of adults who had attended Jewish camp as children with those of adults who did not attend camp as children. In other words, 20, 30, or 40 years after attending camp, do we find the marker of camp attendance on the ways that adult Jews think, feel, and act about being Jewish?

Camp attendance was found to be associated with an increased likelihood of adult participation and identification in every one of the 13 areas probed. Camp increases the likelihood of an adult's Jewish engagement by magnitudes ranging from 5% to 55%, depending on the type of engagement.

### As adults, campers are:

**21% more likely to feel that being Jewish is very important.**

**25% more likely to report that most or all of their close friends are Jewish.**

**55% more likely to feel very emotionally attached to Israel.**

**25% more likely to donate to a Jewish charity.**



This important study is available in full on our website, under Alumni. [www.campinterlaken.org](http://www.campinterlaken.org)



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

## CAMP INTERLAKEN JCC FAMILY CAMP

### AUGUST 14-19, 2012

Create lifelong memories for yourself and your children with a wonderful end-of-summer vacation, up north in beautiful Eagle River.

- Experience a complete Shabbat, including lakeside services
  - Swim, ski and sports
- Separate evening programs for families & camp adults
  - Evening babysitting available
- \$995/Family of 4 – all-inclusive!

*Family camp is a wonderful way to introduce your child to Jewish overnight camping.*

**Space is limited – call the Camp Office Today!**  
**414-967-8240 / [balling@jccmilwaukee.org](mailto:balling@jccmilwaukee.org)**



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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC  
THAT IS INTERLAKEN

COME BACK TO CAMP

COME FEEL THE RUACH  
OF SHABBAT

COME SEE THE SUN SET  
OVER LAKE FINLEY

**COME BACK TO CAMP**  
**2012 ALUMNI REUNION**

SAVE THE DATE: **JULY 6-7, 2012**

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**RSVP TO 414-967-8240**  
**[BALLING@JCCMILWAUKEE.ORG](mailto:BALLING@JCCMILWAUKEE.ORG)**



## Infirmary Expansion

The Cornfield Family came together to recognize their parents' long service to the Steve & Shari Sadek Family Camp Interlaken JCC. Dr. Asher and Joan Cornfield\* spent many summers helping in the infirmary at camp and their love for Interlaken was passed on to their children. After the passing of Dr. and Mrs. Cornfield, their children wanted to do something to remember their parents at their happiest place – Camp Interlaken.

They came together to help preserve Camp Interlaken for future generations by generously donating to the expansion of our camp's infirmary. The project was completed in time for camp to open this summer. A space was added with more adequate facilities for campers and staff members. There are now ample spaces for campers and staff's health needs. An additional office and bathroom were added and the observation room was expanded.

**Thank you to the Marisa (Cornfield) Stadtmauer Family, the Sharon (Cornfield) Marilus Family, the Stuart Cornfield Family and the Laura Cornfield Family for caring so much about our special camp.**

*\* Both of blessed memory*



## Photo Archive

These photos (& more!) will be posted on Interlaken's Facebook page – tag yourself and your friends!



## Alumni Weekend Report *from the Shaw Sisters*

**Yes, Camp! A moment in time...** memories for a lifetime... and they came straight away on Friday night as soon as we turned into the parking area where we once rode horses for one of our Chugs. Then, the walk into camp. It was amazing... the field, the cabins, the campers, the lake... ah yes, the lake, how awesome is the lake!? Every day – swimming, water skiing, sailing, boating, being with friends – so great was all of that for a kid. We were in awe to be there again. Then the lake swim... who could pass that up? Cheryl took it on and made it! The bonus on the other side, seeing her old water ski instructor and friend Jimmy Peckarsky! We were so glad to have the opportunity to visit and even more so now that the kids have been able to go to camp, too, and will have their own great memories to talk about and share. Thank you!

**The Shaw sisters, Jeannie, Dena & Cheryl.**

*L-R Jeannine's son, Levi, Jeannine (Shaw) Solomon, Emma (Dena Shaw's daughter), Jeannine's daughter Alya, Cheryl Shaw*





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See them all at the Camp Interlaken Facebook page!

