

# INTERLAKEN BRIDGE

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\*of blessed memory

## Come Back to Camp – July 8-9, 2011

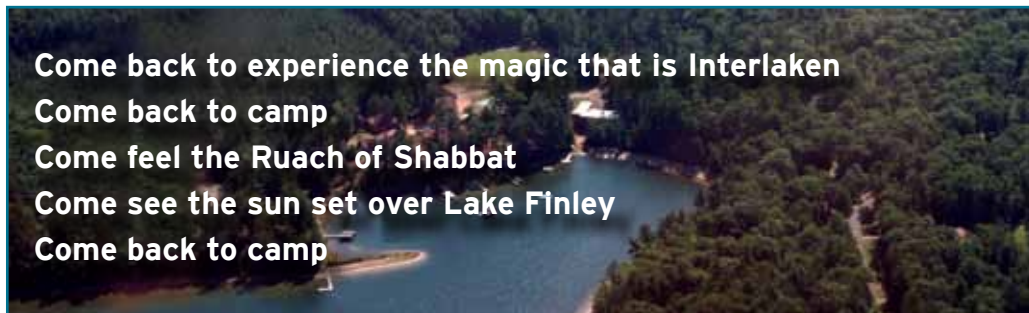
**Come back to experience the magic that is Interlaken**

**Come back to camp**

**Come feel the Ruach of Shabbat**

**Come see the sun set over Lake Finley**

**Come back to camp**



**A special weekend for Alumni (25 and older) and their families**

**Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Arrive at camp Friday for a special reception at 5PM

Shabbat walk, services, dinner

Sing and dance the night away with our first session campers

Saturday morning services, camp tours, picnic lunch, family activities

Think you could make it to Peckarsky's?

Havdallah lakeside and late night bonfire

**You won't believe how much you've missed it**

**Come back to camp!**

A minimum donation of \$36 per person or \$72 per family

Saturday dinner is on your own

*Please respect our visitation policy:*

*Families with first session campers are not eligible for this event.*

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/CILAlumni2011>

Questions/reservations to:

**Beth Alling 414-967-8240/balling@jccmilwaukee.org**



## Alumni to Gather in Chicago

**Who's up for a night at the Twilight?  
Or how about the next best thing???**

Come join us and all of your camp people for a  
Camp Interlaken Alumni Event

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> • 8-11PM**

**Will's Northwoods Inn**

3030 North Racine Street, Chicago

Cash bar

You won't even have to worry about leaving  
one staff behind to watch your cabin.

RSVP by Monday, May 2nd to Sylvia Winter  
swinter101@aol.com. Email Sylvia if you'd like  
a regional event in your city.





It was a transformational moment for me. For a minute, I was transported back to another time in my life, as if I had just boarded a magical time machine. The world around me disappeared, and I was standing in the outdoor amphitheater in the corner of Camp Interlaken, in Eagle River, Wisconsin, next to boy's cabin B5. I was overlooking beautiful Lake Finley. It was Erev Shabbat. I was dressed in my wrinkled white button down shirt, almost clean, my black flood pants that I had outgrown (mom packed those because she didn't care if I lost them, which I most likely was going to do), and a pair of old beat up sneakers (of course no socks). This was my Shabbat best, worn once a week for the most special time of the week at camp.

It is a warm, humid evening. The mosquitoes are especially aggressive in that corner of camp because the trees and foliage are especially thick in that spot. The lake is perfectly smooth, like a pane of glass. The boats on the lake are all

put away for the day. The only sound is the echo of our voices off the perfectly still lake. When I sit on the bench, it is bit cold and damp, as it is made from a split birch tree from the north woods, natural and rustic, in an almost Disneyland kind of authenticity. I am standing there with my friends, whose names I can now barely remember.

Ateret is standing in the back of our outdoor sanctuary. I can still see her face, staring at my friends and I with that stern look. We're whispering and giggling about some dumb joke someone made. I can smell the Shabbat meal wafting out of the dining room and winding it's way down the broken asphalt path. It's the same meal we have at home, as if my own grandma was in charge of the kitchen. Dinner is the usual Chicken soup, baked chicken, and all of the usual accoutrements. It smells so good, and I am so hungry. I can't wait for services to end. Then it's dinner, singing and Israeli dancing.

My wife nudges me and brings me back to reality. I am grateful for such a beautiful memory. There was no better place to celebrate Shabbat than Camp Interlaken. The logistics of Camp Interlaken were perfect for a Shabbat observance. We were totally isolated from the outside world, giving us a real Shabbat, away from all of the noise and tumult of the world. In my life today, the best I can do is get away from the world for an hour or two. But at camp, it was truly Shabbat. What a great experience. The trip back was only for a minute or so, but that memory has always been with me. I had no idea then what an impact this one moment in time would have on my life, but it sure did.



♥♥♥♥♥ Camp Couple ♥♥♥♥♥

**Another Camp Interlaken Engagement:** Daniel Shapiro & Tera Greenberg

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

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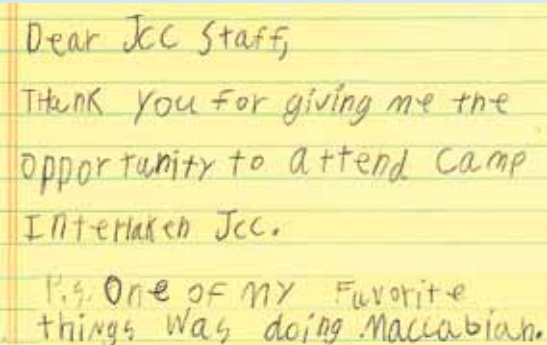
If a picture is worth a thousand words, the video surely tells the story. Our second annual Camp Shabbat at the JCC was a huge hit and a new tradition we hope families will enjoy for years to come. Close to 200 campers, families and staff descended upon the JCC for an incredible Shabbat experience Interlaken style. This year there was a whole group of alumni parents with their brand new 2011 campers that came to celebrate with us. It's wonderful to watch these parents experience the evening, relive camp and realize what a special thing they are doing for their children. We Shabbat walked to services led by our own Deb Carneol and friends. Groups of campers helped lead parts of the service and the JCC was rockin' as we sang. After Sharon told us a Shabbat story, guests were welcomed to dinner by our song leaders. Shabbat dinner, song session and Israeli dancing ensued. By the end of the evening, every camper was wishing camp started just a little bit sooner. **We hope to see you there next year!**



Please take the time to check out the video from the event at: <http://www.youtube.com/campinterlaken>



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



Last year, Camp Interlaken spent over \$71,000 on meeting scholarship needs. Our camp endowment funds, generous donors and the Milwaukee JCC cover some of this cost, but we need your help to make sure we can meet everyone's needs.

**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 2011 camp season is to raise as much of the scholarship need as possible.

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

**Camp Interlaken Scholarship Campaign**  
6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd. • Milwaukee, WI 53217

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



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## Share it with a Friend *by Toni Davison Levenberg*

It's pretty incredible how you can find Camp Interlaken everywhere during the school year! I recently attended the Bar/Bat Mitzvahs of two different campers who both had a camp-themed party. The events were filled with all kinds of Camp Interlaken-y things: camp photos, tables called activity names, letter lotto, s'mores, grilled cheese and tomato soup, Israeli dancing, and, of course, a *friendship circle* at the end that I had the pleasure of leading at both events. Many of the same campers attended both of these simchas, and as I looked around at the end, the campers were embracing, crying, and singing more camp songs together like *Bless This House* as they were begging summer to come soon! I also saw alumni parents singing along and getting teary-eyed!

People who aren't affiliated with Camp Interlaken were given the opportunity to have this small camp experience, and they now have a connection. **At the end of each camp session, while we're singing *Bless This House*, we command everyone at camp to "take it home and share it with a friend," and it's so cool to realize that they all do!** I'm thankful for so many reasons to be included in these celebrations with our camp families. **Please continue to share it with a friend in your daily lives regardless of how far away you actually are from 7050 Old Highway 70!**

## K'far Noar Signboards

See them all at the Camp Interlaken Facebook page!

