

# INTERLAKEN BRIDGE

## THE STEVE & SHARI SADEK FAMILY CAMP INTERLAKEN JCC ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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\*of blessed memory

## SAVE THE DATE! ALUMNI WEEKEND IN EAGLE RIVER FRIDAY, JULY 5 & SATURDAY, JULY 6

**Come back to Camp for a special weekend for alumni (25 & older) and their families.** Join us and our first session campers for the Shabbat walk, ser-

vices and dinner. Stay to sing and dance the night away. Saturday's activities can include morning services, Camp tours, a special dedication of Camp's latest renovations/additions, picnic lunch and family activities. Round out the weekend with Havdallah services lakeside and a late night bonfire. Bringing back memories?



**Keep an eye out for registration information in your email inbox and on Facebook!**

## HAVDALAH CAMP-STYLE *Shavua tov, a good week, a week of peace...*

**Camp Interlaken ushered in a great week as we held our very first winter Havdalah celebration** this February

at the Milwaukee JCC with over 125 guests. Campers old and brand new, families and alumni. joined us for this special evening. Though we weren't lakeside of the chadar on a warm summer night as the stars began to twinkle, the ruach was incredible! Interlaken staff and campers lead the beautiful service complete with all the special camp melodies as we sang along, joined in prayer and smelled the sweet aroma of the Havdalah spices. We then shared a wonderful dinner together, singing and dancing the night away. If you were there, you had an amazing time. If you weren't, make sure to join us next year!





**I just spent the weekend at Camp**, and it was hard to imagine that in just two short months, Camp will come to life! Blanketed with snow, the temperatures were in the 30s, and it was really hard to walk through Camp without being waste high in snow in some areas. One of my favorite moments of Camp (that I get to experience about 11 times each summer between Ad Staff, Staff Week, Camp, and Family Camp) is when I am leading the Shabbat Walk and we arrive on the athletic field. Without a doubt, the sun is always shining, the sky is blue with few clouds, and I bask in the way that the trees hit the blue-sky background. I always admire the beauty of our pines hitting the sky, and I smile knowing that it's Shabbat and that everything is good in the

world (or at least in our bubble at Camp). As I walked from the boys' cabin row toward the athletic field, I saw the pine trees against the sky. It was blue, there were some clouds, the sun was shining, and I saw it! I saw summer! It suddenly didn't seem as far away to me as the grounds made me feel. I heard singing, I smelled challah baking, and I got really excited for all of our campers both new and old to come home. I yearn for the grass to be green, the trees to be filled with leaves, Lake Finley to return to its melted state (hopefully a little bit more full than last year from all the snow), and Camp to be filled with laughter, song, and cheers! I returned to the office this week knowing that Camp is really soon! I can't wait for an amazing summer of 2013.

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENT

### CHICAGO ALUMNI SHMOOZE

While nothing can compare to a summer's night in Eagle River on Lake Finley, the second best would have to be an evening with Camp friends at Will's Northwoods Inn in Chicago! Come and join us as we reconnect and reminisce about our wonderful summers at Camp Interlaken. Don't miss out on a great night with your Camp friends.

**Saturday, April 27, 2013 • 8:30 pm**  
**Will's Northwoods Inn**  
**3030 N. Racine Ave. • Chicago, Illinois**

*Must be 21 years old or older to attend.*



Please reply to the Facebook event if you're planning to attend or contact Associate Camp Director Dan Baer [dbaer@jccmilwaukee.org](mailto:dbaer@jccmilwaukee.org) or (414) 967-8197. Can't wait to see you there!

Would you like to plan an alumni event in your neck of the woods? Dan can help you with that, too!

## WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A MATCHING GRANT OF \$25,000 FROM JAMES A. SWEET

**When you help grow the Tracy Sweet Camp Interlaken JCC Scholarship Endowment Fund, so many will benefit.** "Bless this house for we are all together," is a song sung at Interlaken for so long. The point of this song is understood by every camper and parent.

Since 1979, Jim Sweet has devoted his efforts and philanthropy to helping children enjoy Camp Interlaken the way his daughters did. All three of Jim's daughters attended Camp Interlaken. Michelle, Stephanie and Tracy loved Camp. Tracy loved Camp so much she became a Bat Mitzvah there and spent 17 years at Camp, and many still remember her years as a camper, counselor, head counselor, and waterfront director. Jim, his family and our Interlaken community tragically lost

Tracy at age 40 when she passed away from leukemia. Imagine how many more campers will benefit from scholarship aid when we come together to remember Tracy by giving the gift of scholarship.

You can help campers with your donation online at [campinterlaken.org](http://campinterlaken.org). Or mail attention:

**Tracy Sweet Camp Interlaken JCC Scholarship Fund**  
**6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd. • Milwaukee, WI 53217**

Together we can stand tall as we help grow this fund in Tracy's memory. Thank you for helping us meet this match, joining Jim in the mitzvah of tzedakah.

**YOU CAN STILL HELP —  
 WE'RE MORE THAN HALF-WAY THERE!**

## CAMP RECEIVES CHALLENGE GRANT FROM JCAMP 180

We're so pleased to announce that Camp Interlaken has been named a recipient of the **Chai Match 2 challenge grant from JCamp 180**, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Camp is eligible to receive up to \$54,000 in matching funds to renew Camp facilities and provide operating and scholarship support.

In the past eight years, JCamp 180 has contributed over \$11.7 million in matching grant funds to non-profit Jewish overnight summer camps throughout North America.

Camp Director Toni Davison Levenberg commented, "We are thankful for having been awarded this challenge grant by JCamp 180 and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. We are optimistic that the alumni and friends of Camp Interlaken will meet this challenge and continue to support the renewal of Camp facilities, programs and camping opportunities that will result from a successful campaign."

Camp Interlaken has until March, 2014 to raise gifts and pledges that fulfill the camp's portion of the Chai Match 2 matching grant program. For information on how your gift can be matched, contact **Harriet Rothman, Development Director at 414-967-8239**.

## LEGACY CIRCLE PROMISES



**The Steve & Shari Sadek Family Camp Interlaken JCC has secured 27 Legacy Circle promises from alumni and friends.**

These promises make a statement of our love for all things Camp and our promise to ensure a bright future of memories on Lake Finley. We are so proud of our alumni and friends for their charter support of our Legacy Circle initiative for Camp. With a \$10,000 challenge grant from JCamp 180, 27 legacy promises were received by Interlaken to begin our Legacy Circle Campaign

for a lasting future for Camp. Friends and alumni who have promised to leave a portion of their estate, insurance policy, individual retirement account or other investment are writing their camp stories in Camp's Legacy Circle Book of Honor. Each will be presented with a commemorative work of art to remind them of their caring tzedakah.

**To join this list and secure Camp's future, please contact Harriet Rothman (414) 967-8239 [hrothman@jccmilwaukee.org](mailto:hrothman@jccmilwaukee.org).**

**Thank you to Camp Interlaken's Legacy Circle Donors. You've started something big.**

Daniel Baer  
Drs. Brian & Laurel Bear  
Mark Brickman Family  
Stephen & Jane Chernof  
Hazzan Carey & Sharon Cohen  
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## START 'EM YOUNG! MORE FUTURE CAMPERS

Jonathan Adashek  
Sarah Weiss Suesskind  
Molly (Enders) Ralph

Mikaela  
Micah (pictured)  
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## JOIN OUR FACEBOOK FAMILY

Have you "liked" Camp Interlaken on Facebook yet? Join in the fun and get the latest news, plus a few blasts from the past! Throwback Thursdays feature a camp picture from yesteryear for our friends to tag and comment on – great fun to see our '70s bell-bottoms and '80s shoulder pads! Use our page to reconnect with friends, discover opportunities to get together and see how wonderful, flourishing and full of ruach Camp still is today.



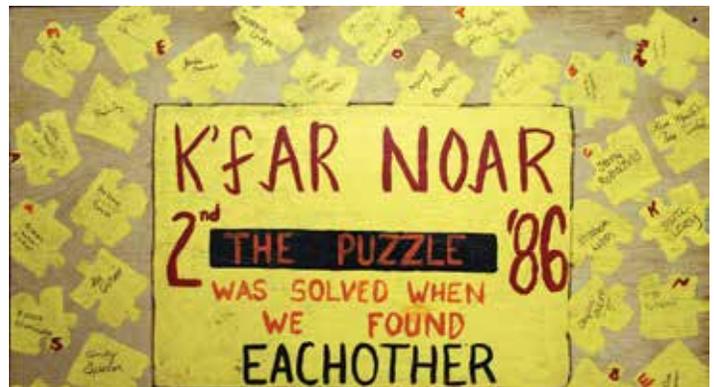
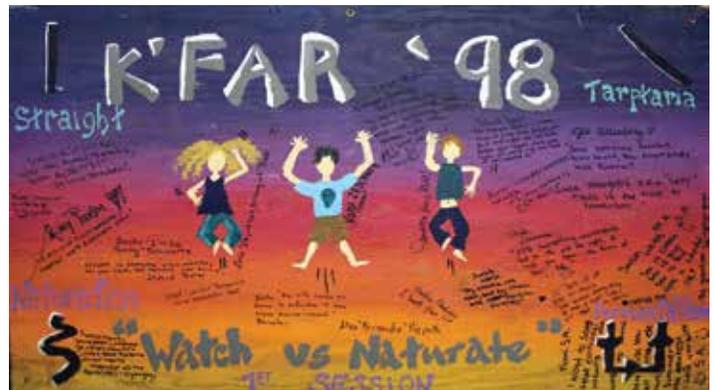
### INTERLAKEN'S 50TH YEAR CELEBRATION...

is around the corner! Help us put together a video of photos, videos, recording, stories, influential people, and more! Add your story. Email material or inquiries to

[history@campinterlaken.org](mailto:history@campinterlaken.org).

## K'FAR NOAR SIGNBOARDS

See them all at the Camp Interlaken Facebook page!



## PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN GOES PUBLIC

The **Steve & Shari Sadek Family Camp Interlaken JCC Bridge to Our Future Preservation Campaign** has gone **public**. We are so proud of our community and how we've come together to honor those who came before us so that others can one day also experience our Camp.

Our thanks to alumni, parents and staff who have planned and prepared Camp for future generations while holding on to the special ruach (spirit) that is Interlaken.

Our latest gift takes Camp Interlaken's Campaign to a new milestone. Cindi and David Samson's recent commitment to Camp assures campers and alumni of a revitalized amphitheater on the shores of Lake Finley. The beautiful Shabbatot will be preserved for future campers through the renovated amphitheater.

So many have joined us in supporting the Preservation Campaign. We have already raised over \$2.5 million of the \$4 million dollar goal from 59 donors. Preservation projects waiting for your support include: female staff housing, three boys cabin remodels, and more. You can make a difference by joining our alumni and friends in support of the Bridge to Our Future Preservation Campaign.

**For more information contact Harriet Rothman,  
414-967-8239 [hrothman@jccmilwaukee.org](mailto:hrothman@jccmilwaukee.org).**

### COME TO THE ALUMNI WEEKEND JULY 5&6

Enjoy the amphitheater on Shabbat  
- and see the remodeled Cabin Zebulon, thanks to the  
generosity of Maureen Komisar and Noah Schatz.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMITTEE CHAIR...

**It is an amazing time to be a part of Camp.** Over the last few years Interlaken has embarked on an epic journey. We have been reengaging our alumni, planning for our future and securing Camp for years to come. We have taken on the monumental task of raising four million dollars to ensure that Interlaken touches the lives of our campers for generations to come and we've created the Legacy Circle program to help our dedicated supporters make Camp a part of their own legacies. Many families have already made this commitment to Camp by donating to the Bridge to Our Future Preservation Campaign.

There have already been remarkable improvements made to Camp and there are many more exciting projects on the horizon. We need your help to reach the finish line. Just a few weeks ago we took our Campaign public and sent information out to our entire mailing list. I'm hoping that you'll join us. I'm asking you to join my family and all of the other families who love Camp and want to see it preserved for our grandchildren and their grandchildren. Please consider making a donation to our Bridge to Our Future Preservation Campaign by using the enclosed form or online at [campinterlaken.org](http://campinterlaken.org). For multi-year commitments over \$500 please contact Harriet Rothman, Director of Development at [hrothman@jccmilwaukee.org](mailto:hrothman@jccmilwaukee.org) or 414-967-8239.

Thank You!

Sheryl Selby Rubin  
Camp Committee Chair



Carly, Sheryl, Jon & Micah Rubin

# TODAH RABBAH TO OUR CAMP INTERLAKEN BRIDGE TO OUR FUTURE PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN DONORS

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JCamp 180 (formerly Grinspoon  
Institute for Jewish  
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I (we) wish to help preserve our place on Lake Finley with a contribution of :

\$180       \$360       \$500       \$1,000       \$1,800       Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For gifts over \$500 your pledge amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ can be paid over 5 years. Please include your first installment with this card.  
If you are considering a more sizeable gift in support of the Preservation Campaign, please call 414-967-8239 for more information.

  \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

My check, payable to Camp Interlaken, is enclosed       I (we) wish to remain anonymous

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