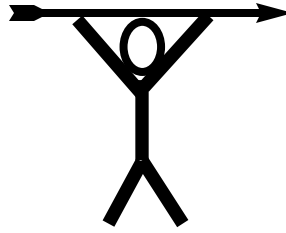


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The Camp Newsletter

October 2009

A note from Paul & Linda

You might expect that the time after camp for Linda and me is quiet and relaxing. It is quiet but it is also extremely busy and exciting. Linda and I have stayed at camp for almost a month – much longer than usual. The reason is the two major projects that are well on their way – the new Field House and the arts and crafts renovation. Construction vehicles, electric saws, hammering and lots of workers are all around. Something new is happening every day.

At the same time, we are reading all the forms filled out at the end of camp by campers and staff and we are also reading the questionnaires that parents are completing on line. This tells us what everyone liked and what many of you feel we can do to make camp even better. As the year unfolds, we will be sharing with you all the new ideas we are working on for next summer.

All of you are now back in your regular routines. We will try to keep camp alive by sending these newsletters and by posting new photos every month on the website. Look for them.

Have a great fall season.



What's new at camp...

The completion of the new Field House is ahead of schedule due to the beautiful, dry fall weather. It is twice the size of the playhouse and we are still thinking of all the ways we can use it. We know it will be used for rainy day activities and night activities. Other uses are indoor mini-tennis, indoor volleyball, and pong pong. We are buying a number of new fold-away ping pong tables. Ping pong, which has become so popular in recent years at Schodack, will now be a scheduled bunk activity. And of course, the Field House will have a full-sized basketball court with electric fold-away baskets.



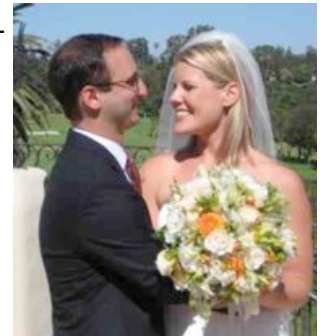
Next month, we will tell you the plans for the newly renovated arts and crafts building. The picture to the right shows the floor being installed. When completed this bright, airy new building will be 2 1/2 times the size of the old facility.

Alumni Updates

We are very happy to announce that alumni Aron Grodinsky (1989-1996) and his wife, Lauren Lasso Grodinsky gave birth to their first child, Sadie Liegh Grodinsky on September 24, 2009. She is 7 lbs 14 oz and 20" long.



This past summer, our former year round Assistant Director, Jonathan Goldstein (2003-2005) married Holly Markovitz in Los Angeles at the Riviera Country Club.



This summer alumni Erika Salzman (1987-1995) and her husband had their 3rd child. Beatrice Kate Neuman was born on March 13, 2009s. Beatrice joins her 2 older sister Mae (age 4).



Marissa Kuchta DiCindio (2000-2006) gave birth to her first child, Lily Renee on September 20th at 8:19 am. She is 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and 19.5" long.

SCI News

Alumni Weekend 2009 featured the first ever Mark Offitzer Cup (MOC) Softball Tournament to benefit the Schodack Campership Initiative (SCI). Over 200 Schodack alumni and family attended and raised more than \$9,500 to benefit SCI. These funds will be used to help send underprivileged children to camp for years to come.

The Alumni weekend included a fabulous and fun evening activity Saturday night in Siberia. Alumni and family enjoyed barbecued chicken, burgers, vegetable kabobs, corn on the cob and other goodies under a large tent, and then stayed to reminisce next to a beautiful campfire under the stars.

The MOC Opening Ceremonies on Sunday featured honored guests, speeches, a stirring introduction of players, unveiling of the official MOC Cap, throwing out of the first ball from Mark's mom to his son Noah, Uncle Dave calling out "Let's All Play Ball", a homerun hitting contest (won by Steve Kurtz), hot dogs, popcorn, music and four thrilling softball games, each of which, was dramatically decided by one run, two in the final at bat!

In the first game, it was a battle between the 1957-1974 alumni and the team representing the years that Mark attended camp (1974-1982). Barry Offitzer honored his brother with a first pitch home run giving the old timers an early lead. However, the eventual tournament winners, led by team captain Scott Lipkin, came through with a one run victory after Barry's final swing in the last inning ended up just short of the fence.

The 80's team captained by Matt Applebaum battled the 90's team helmed by Adam Perle played a nailbiter. The game was decided by a game running walk off hit by Zach Roth scoring Jay Friedman. Jeff Yonteff and Mandy Kaufman pitched brilliantly for the 80's team.

The Championship Game featured three lead changes and required two extra innings. As could only be written in Hollywood, Mark's official team, consisting of players from the years 1974-1982 defeated the 80's team on the very last swing of the bat as Sean Carr plated Hank Gordon with the decisive run.



The injury report was limited to one torn hamstring, assorted muscle pulls, and numerous slightly damaged egos.

All of the Alumni Weekend activities were generously provided and funded by Paul and Linda so that all of the contributions made to SCI for the MOC and Alumni Weekend would go toward funding additional camperships. Special thanks to Steve Kurtz and Jeff Weiss for serving as co-commissioners and planning this memorable event.

2009 Alumni Campers



First Row: Samantha Braver - daughter of **Joel Braver ('68)**; Zachary Ross - son of **Kim Churchin Ross ('83-'89, '08-'09)**; Jacob Ross - son of **Kim Churchin Ross**; Jodi Lager - daughter of **Wendy Kaplan Lager ('72-'76, '02-present)**; Dani Kliegerman - daughter of **Lauren Zimmerman Kliegerman ('77-'83)**; Noah Oliveri - son of **Julie Marks Oliveri ('65-'75)**; Ryan Cohn - son of **Ilene Battleman Cohn**; Maya Offitzer - daughter of **Mark Offitzer ('74-'82)**; Halle Gold - daughter of **Tara Kassoff Gold ('69-'80)**; Emma Greenbaum - daughter of **Lori Wald Greenbaum ('70s)**; Heather Vaxer - daughter of **Jodi Wetzler Vaxer ('70s)**; Samantha Spiler - daughter of **Susie Glazer Spiler ('73-'79)**; Shelby Kennedy - daughter of **Dari Kennedy ('79-'81)**; Jared Goldberg - son of **Lynne Fleshel Goldberg ('69-'79)**; Rebecca Goldberg - daughter of **Lynne Fleshel Goldberg**; Adin Levy - daughter of **Emanuel Levy ('60s)**; Max Sharp - nephew of **Zoe Sharp**.

Second Row: Michael Samuels - son of **Mitchell Samuels ('77-'81)**; Brittney Lief - daughter of **Mitchell Lief ('72-'83) & Marcy Rawitz ('83)**; David Herbst "Uncle Dave"; Doug Herbst - son of **Pete Herbst ('67-'76)** and grandson of David Herbst; Lara Gould - daughter of **Wayne Gould ('60s/'70s)**; Rebecca Scharf - daughter of **Andy Scharf**; Jenny Weiss - daughter of **Jeff Weiss ('68-'75)**; India Braver - daughter of **Joel Braver**; Casey Steiner - daughter of **Robin Wald Steiner ('73-'77)**; Sara Katz - daughter of **David Katz ('78-'84)**; Carlee Nussbaum - daughter of **Tracey Lev Nussbaum ('82-'85) & Keith Nussbaum ('73-'84)**; Jessica Stewart - daughter of **Joanne Essig Stewart ('70-'81)**; Julia Steiner - daughter of **Robin Wald Steiner**; Claudia Oliveri - daughter of **Julie Marks Oliveri**; Alyssa Braver - daughter of **Joel Braver**; Gabrielle Guetta - Daughter of **Ivy Steiner Guetta**; Carly Weiss - daughter of **Gary Weiss ('68-'75)**; Noah Adoff - son of **Len Adoff ('68-'78)**; Evan Snerson - son of **Brian Snerson ('85-'89)**.

Third Row: Alex Poquette - son of **Karen Offitzer ('74-'82, '06-present)**; Jake Steiner - son of **Robin Wald Steiner**; Sasha Kassoff - son of **Jory Kassoff ('60s/'70s)**; Jonah Offitzer - son of **Lori Aronson Offitzer ('69-'79, '01-present) & Barry Offitzer ('70-'76)**; Adam Offitzer - son of **Lori Aronson Offitzer & Barry Offitzer**; Andrew Lacombe - son of **Ilene Polen Lacombe ('60s)**; Derek Offitzer - son of **Lori Aronson Offitzer & Barry Offitzer**; Andrew Lief - son of **Mitchell Lief & Marcy Rawitz**; Maya Kassoff - daughter of **Jory Kassoff**; Lexi Lipkin - daughter of **Jodi Guttenberg Lipkin ('82-'83) & Scott Lipkin ('72-'82)**; Max Adoff - son of **Len Adoff**; Rachel Edelman - daughter of **Heidi Lipkin Edelman ('72-'83)**; Blair Lipkin - daughter of **Jodi Guttenberg Lipkin & Scott Lipkin**; Spencer Edelman - daughter of **Heidi Lipkin Edelman**; Carrie Levinn - daughter of **Mitchell Levin ('50s/'60s)**; Dana Samuels - daughter of **Mitchell Samuels**; Stacy Lager - daughter of **Wendy Kaplan Lager**; Jordyn Honigfeld - daughter of **Brad Honigfeld ('70-'75)**; Sammie Krouner - daughter of **Todd Krouner ('66-'77)**; Coby Greenberg - son of **Lauren Sonnenmark Greenberg ('70-'79)**; Benjamin Floch - son of **Anne Baron Floch**; Chelsea Greenberg - daughter of **Lauren Sonnenmark Greenberg**; Spencer Greenberg - son of **Lauren Sonnenmark Greenberg**; Noah Offitzer - son of **Mark Offitzer**

Missing from Picture: Caroline Lacombe - daughter of **Ilene Polen Lacombe**; Marni Stempler - daughter of **Michael Stempler (70s)**

ENROLLED FOR THE SUMMER OF 2010....

* denotes a new camper for the summer of 2010

Alan Aboulafia	Matthew Epstein	Daniel Hutt*	Maia Offitzer	Evan Snerson
Jacqueline Aboulafia	Sophia Fabian	Cameron Isaacs*	Claudia Oliveri	Natalie Spangle
Naomi Adago	Danielle Feinstein*	Jordan Isaacs	Noah Oliveri	Ben Spector
Max Adoff	Josie Finegold	Jake Jermanok	Julia Oran	Noah Spector
Noah Adoff	Lizzie Fineman	Melanie Jermanok	Paulina Paras	Samara Spiler
Scott Alperin	Robby Fineman	Tyler Joachim	Scott Pass	Rachel Stamberg
Sam Appel	Chelsea Finkel	Harrison Kaish*	Sean Pass	Allie Stein
Josh Bass	Jared Finkel	Jeremy Kaish	Justin Pecoriello	Daisy Stein
Danny Baumgardt	Ethan Finkelstein	Jason Karen*	Scott Pecoriello	Justin Stein
Carly Bayroff	Zoe Finkelstein	Maya Kassoff	Morgan Phillips*	Benjamin Stempler*
Jordana Behar	Abby Finn	Caroline Katz*	Aaron Plass	Marni Stempler
Christian Benjamin	Ben Floch	Maddy Katz	Brianna Plass	Stella Sterman
Janelle Benjamin	Abbie Foster	Spencer Katz	Jacob Plotkin	Jessica Stewart
Sarah Benjamin	Nikki Foster*	Devyn Kennedy*	Allison Pocsik	Alex Stone
Matt Bernstein	Olivia Foster	Shelby Kennedy	Lila Pocsik*	Carly Stracher
Alexandra Berry	Ben Fox	Joshua Klein	Allie Polsky	Jacob Strier*
Madeline Berry*	Alex Fried	Julia Klein	Isabelle Ramras	Molly Sullivan
Alana Berson*	Josh Fried	Dani Kliegerman	Nate Ramras*	Zachary Sullivan
Aaron Blinderman	Rachel Friedlander	Caroline Knapp	Emily Redler	Ben Susser*
William Borowka	David Futterman	Jodi Lager	Jake Ritter	Ben Suttin
Jake Brandt	Matthew Futterman	Abby Lass	Sarah Robinson	Rachel Suttin
Tyler Brandt	Max Garfinkel	Hannah Lass	Eli Robison*	Izzy Tabs
Seth Braunstein	Zipporah Gatling	Adam LaTorraca	Nate Rosen	Mark Tamarin
Mikaela Brecher	Sara Gerber	Olivia Lautin	Rachel Rosen	Thomas Troxell
Daniel Brocco	Morgan Gerstle	Risa Lederberg	Jacob Ross	Daniel Troyetsky
Jacqueline Brocco	Emily Glickman	Samantha Levin	Zach Ross	Josh Troyetsky
Hannah Brock	Julia Glickman	Emily Levine*	Arielle Rozenfeld	Heather Vaxer
Elena Buchsbaum	Jason Glikin	Hannah Levinson*	Aaron Rubinstein	Emily Vicari
Shira Buchsbaum	Rachel Glikin	Michael Levinson	Eytan Rubinstein	Amy Vogel
Teddy Buriani	Allie Godwin*	Daniel Lewitz	Rebecca Rubinstein*	Toby Waldman
Molly Caccia	Juliet Godwin*	Brittney Lief	Matthew Russi	Rachel Weedon
Matthew Carminio	Julia Gold	Sarah Lippman	Michael Ryter*	Samantha Weedon
Josh Castellano	Jared Goldberg	Kara Lipson	Ali Sachs	Lisa Weingarten
Noah Castellano*	Josh Goldberg	Melanie Litwin*	Dillon Salkovitz	Callie Weinstein
Maya Cherins*	Evan Goldstein	Tyler Litwin	Taylor Samitt	Jamie Weiss
Eliza Christman-Cohen	Izzy Goldstein	Carly Louis	Michael Samuels	Jenny Weiss
Lauren Clement	Livvi Goldstein	Melanie Louis	Jacob Saxon	Jocelyn Weiss
Shira Clement	Abigael Good*	Jack Malkin	Luke Schachter	Sarina Weiss
Tess Cohan	Lara Good	Sam Malkin	Matthew Schechter	Julia Wertheim*
Ryan Cohn	Rachel Gordon	Jonah Malter	Hannah Schmelkin	Robert Wertheim
Rachel Conford	Emma Greenbaum	David Mandelbaum	Jeremy Schmelkin*	Ryan Wetsman
Alec Cristian	Jill Greenberg	Jared Mann*	Samantha Schneider	Harrison Wetzler
Jessica Cronin	Kate Greenberg	Julia Marshall	Alana Scholl	Julia Widmann
Jeremy Cronson	Spencer Greenberg	Lesley Matson	Dylan Scholl	Jacob Wise*
Rachel Cronson	Danny Grodberg	Liza Matz	Leo Schor*	Jessica Wise
Nicole Dachille	Sam Grodberg	Andie Mechanic*	Cole Shutzman*	Jacob Wiseberg
Jordan Damashek	Alexandra Grosser	Jake Mechanic	Grayson Shutzman	Rachel Wolk
Julia Davidoff	Drew Gumins	Rick Mechanic	Sam Schwamm	Sarah Wolk
Max Davidoff	Jayna Gumins*	Kaitlyn Moloney	Laurel Seltzer	Allison Worms
Chris Del Tatto	Sarah Guss	Ethan Mullen*	Tessa Shapiro	Olivia Wurgaft*
Jonathan Douglas	Matthew Hammer	Ben Muller	Max Sharp	Brian Yoffe
Gabriel Drozdov	Adam Hartman	Julia Muller	Matthew Shumer	Jason Yoffe
Ben Eckstein	Sammy Hartman	Sarah Nadler	Drew Siegal	Jake Zeiman
Rich Eckstein	Carly Hirschberg	Leah Nathanson	Ian Silberzweig	Ethan Zimiles
Eliza Edelstein*	Sarah Hirshorn	Lucas Nathanson	Jonathan Silverman*	Jordan Zimiles
Sarah Eingorn	Alex Hoffman	Julia Norman	Julia Silverman	Ben Zirps
Toby Ellentuck	Kate Hoffman	Jessica Nosenchuk	Sarah Silverman*	Melissa Zirps
Elizabeth Engel	Sam Holland*	Carlee Nussbaum	Jennifer Simons	
Emily Engel	Matthew Holt*	Zachary Odessa	Keith Skulnik	
Dave Epstein	Harrison Hurwitz*	Derek Offitzer	Andrew Small	

