

NEWS FROM CAMP

March 5th and 6th at the Hyatt in Jersey City over 400 people from 88 camps of all Jewish denominations gathered to discuss the importance of Jewish Camping. This was the first time a group of this magnitude has convened in one place, at one time to share and celebrate the accomplishments of our camps. The Foundation for Jewish Camping organized a leadership assembly of camping professionals, volunteer leadership and philanthropists to discuss the impact of camping and its future.

As alumni, you know the impact camp has made on your life and in your community. You are acutely aware the impact music, especially the music created at Eisner, has had on the Reform Movement. And, you know first-hand the contribution that camp has made to the leadership of our clergy, educators, cantors, and temple communities.

We are re-envisioning camp, and how we present our self. It is not about a summer; it's about a lifetime – a lifetime of friends, connections and memories. It's about building the future leadership of the Reform Jewish movement.

Camp will be 50 years old in 2008. By then nearly 30,000 people will have passed through its gates. The Alumni Association and Camp are actively involved in the planning stages to make a year-long celebration of events. Tell your friends, tell your family, and get involved!

ALUMNI APPEAL

As of March 23rd, the following people have already given to our 2006 Alumni Giving Campaign. Send in your contribution and join the growing list. Thanks to the 40-plus alumni who gave, we raised approximately \$30,000 for the camp scholarship fund. Along with funds in camp's operating budget, approximately 40 children will attend camp THIS summer who might not have had the opportunity otherwise.

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| Scott and Barbara Anenberg | Rabbi and Mrs. Ira L. Korinow |
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| Scott and Jackie Kauff | Evan and Jennifer Mallah |
| Rabbi Stephen Klein and Ms. Joanne Rutberg Klein | Ms. Sandy Voit |

Be a part of the 2006 Alumni Giving Campaign!
Email Corey Cutler, Director of Development, at ccutler@urj.org

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Upgrades to the Eisner Alumni website have been implemented. Check it out by going to Eisneralumni.com There you will find new features such as:

- **Register:** Tell us about yourself and what you have been up to. You have the ability to keep details private or open to the public, but please share your contact info so that we can keep you informed.
- **Search:** Find old friends by searching the database of public records and reach out.
- **Invite:** Go through your contact lists and invite your Eisner friends to join the fun
- **Guestbook:** Just passing through, sign in and say hello
- **Message Board:** Send a shout out to all or one

Suggestions for the site? Email us at: eisneralumni@urj.org

EISNER CORNERSTONE FELLOWS

Jerry Silverman, president of the Foundation for Jewish Camping, along with co-chairs Rob Bildner and Elisa Spungen Bildner, stopped by Eisner Camp last summer to present a plaque of recognition to Eisner Cornerstone Fellows. The Cornerstone Fellowship is a leadership program and retention incentive for returning 3rd year Jewish camp counselors. (Made possible through the AVI CHAI Foundation).



Top Row (left to right) Elisa Spungen Bildner, Rob Bildner, Jerry Silverman, Lisa Messinger (Eisner/Crane Lake Camp Chair), Louis Bordman (Executive Director, URJ Northeast Camp Institute - Eisner and Crane Lake)
 Bottom Row (left to right) Eisner Cornerstone Fellows Jeff Fein, Stacey Cohen, Samantha Hans, David Moser)

EISNER TURNS 50!

The **BIG 50th Birthday** celebration is coming up soon! Beginning in the summer of '07 and going throughout the year until the summer of '08, Eisner Camp's 50th birthday will have something for everyone! All alumni are invited to participate in the planning of the different activities, events and outreach for the 50th. Planning committees are forming now, so don't delay!

If you are interested in helping to make the 50th as wonderful as it can be, contact Donna and Tree Sobel at ddsobel@hotmail.com. We hope to see you on a planning committee or at the big celebration!

MANY GENERATIONS CAME TOGETHER FOR THE 2005 EAA SUMMER EVENT

Over 100 people spanning over four decades of Eisnerites spent a Shabbat enjoying all that camp has to offer. From services to softball and swimming to s'mores, old friendships were rekindled and wonderful new memories were made.



REGIONAL EVENTS

BALTIMORE EVENT

On March 11, fifteen EAA members from the Baltimore area gathered at the home of Dave and Emily (Gaines) Demsky for a pot-luck dinner. The evening, which forced Mike "Animal" Hoffman out of retirement, included Havdallah, song session, catching up with old friends and connecting with new ones.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Exodus on Ice...just in time for Passover...
 Saturday night, April 8th ~ 8:00-10:30pm ~ Culver Ice Arena
 4545 Sepulveda Blvd. (3 blocks south of Culver Blvd.)
 Culver City, CA 90230 ~ 310-398-5718
 \$7 (includes rental of skates and skating). There is a snack bar where snacks and beverages can be purchased.
 For more information or to R.S.V.P. please contact Lisa Fink at: NYchutzpah@aol.com

Saturday, May 13, 2006

the BLAST from the PAST
 A URJ Camps Alumni Event

LIVE MUSIC FROM CAMP ALUMNI!
 For a list of performers and updated information visit www.urjcampalumni.org

UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM

Reunite with your Eisner Camp friends and meet other URJ camp alumni!

THE LION'S DEN
 214 Sullivan St. ~ New York City

8 PM Doors Open
 Live Entertainment from 8:30 PM until close
free admission!
www.egmusic.com/lionsden/

Must be 21 to enter.

Organize an event in your area! Contact Amy Dattner at: datcounsl@sprintmail.com

MAZEL TOV TO...

- ★ Amy Dattner and Peter Levy who will be married on April 23
- ★ Rabbi Jonah Pesner, recently named Director of the URJ's "Just Congregations" Program
- ★ Roberta Glick (Franco) being named to the URJ Northeast Camp Institute – camp commission
- ★ Dan & Sheva Perman on the birth of their son, Eli Samuel Tessler
- ★ Steve & Wendy (Newman) Schepcke, on the birth of their son Landon Kurt. His sister is Talya Sass
- ★ Ron & Jill (Chait) Motta on the birth of their son, Robert Anthony

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