



# CAMP SCATICO ALUMNI

## Spring 2014

### “It’s *Déjà Vu* All Over Again”

On March 1, 2014, more than 400 Scatico alumni from the 1970s to 1990s came together in New York City to celebrate their time at camp and re-confirm Yogi Berra’s famous words. A few words from attendees:

*“Epic night. To see all those people in one room spanning so many decades, so many memories rehashed, it was truly a special night.”*

*“It was beyond any social I ever shuffled through.... My feet hurt and somehow I have blow cake all over my shoes. A sign of an epic night.”*

*“What a truly amazing night. It literally was like rolling back the hands of time and enjoying the company of campers and counselors who I have not seen in so many years and have not changed. Personally, I had one of the best times I’ve had in a long time and as a parent it only reaffirmed what a gift Scatico is to [my daughters]”*

Our favorite description came from **Jenni Levine** (1990s-2010s), who wrote: *“Saying goodbye felt like the last night of camp. No one wanted to leave.”*

Another alumnus commented afterward that he had recently attended a high school reunion, but that this was much more fun. *“It didn’t feel like you had to catch up and tell people what you were doing. We just jumped right into camp stories.”*

The intensity of the sleepaway camp experience clearly transcends time and distance. For one night in March in New York City it again felt like Elizaville, 20 to 40 years ago. Lots of smiles. Lots of laughter. Lots of hugs. Just like camp.

Special thanks again to **Shira Savada** (1990s-2010s) and **Ally Lipton** (1980s-90s), who did much of the heavy lifting to make this event a reality, coordinating everything from the decorations to the social media networking to the catering. Shira returns to camp this summer to once again help run the girls’ one-week Scatico-in-Training program. Ally’s last year at Scatico was 1993, but she’ll be back in Elizaville in 2014 to launch our new Culinary Program. A new building is going up on the site of the former back shop and Ally will run cooking classes for campers.



400-plus camp friends in one room makes for a lot of noise and energy!



Best showing by a division? The 1998 Soopers. Fourteen of 18 attended.

*A few more reunion photos on page 2—plus, email us at [www.scatico.com](http://www.scatico.com) and we’ll send you a link to more than 250 pictures.*

**Reunion Photos: March 1, 2014**



1996 Upper Seniors: **Michael Seiman, Jeff Landis, Adam Fleischer, Matt Popkin, and Ryan Alkes**



1981 and 1982 Soopers: **Alison Max Rothschild, Andrea Friedman Voorhes, Margie Ostrove, Stefanie Friedman Feidelson, Elisa Segal Madorsky, Janet Lapidus Nova, Beth Gustave Bochner, and Elizabeth Clark Zoia**



1970s-80s: **David Feldman, Forest Sussman, Steven Paymer, and Janice Messitte** (with David Scheiber in the background)



1987 and 1988 Soopers: **Katie Mazarin Derasse, Arriane Shapiro Levine, Cindy Polansky Altberger, Andrea Baron Cooper, Michelle Brandt, and Nicole Kaye**



Representing the 1970s (and 1960s): **Ellen Woloshin Shiwolich, Jane Rosenberg Helfman, Julie Eisner Davidson, Nancy Lippman Halis, and Bob Lapidis**



Representing the late 1990s (and 2000s): **Brian Helfman, JoAnna Datz, Justin Grodman, Alexa Naas, Joey Smilgiewicz, Ali Levine, and Rachel Modica**

## Sharing Scatico with Your Children

**Our annual roll call of alumni with children at camp as campers or counselors includes many new names for the 2014 season. If your next-generation son or daughter might be ready to share in the magic, let us know. We would love to schedule an in-season tour. Visit [www.scatico.com](http://www.scatico.com) for general information. This summer's alumni parents (more than 90 and in no particular order):**

Sue Wolfin Rubin, Leslie Wayte Heineman, Joel Beck, Randy and Lynette Au, Rob Rubin, Mike and Elisa Segal Madorsky, Marisa Case, Mark Olensky, Susan Greenbaum Gross, Larry Hamburg, Elyssa Berger Schecter, Fred and Anne Wang, Dick and Nancy Klyde Hecker, Brandt Josephson, Sharon Beck Kochen, Ben Goldner, Andrea and Peter Katz, Beth Gustave Bochner, Michael Smiley, Eileen Fleder Kahn, Dave and Felicia Berger, Jeff Araten, Justin Lapatine, Scott Madison, Roger Lowenthal, Kate Deutsch Eichel, Stefanie Birbrower Greer, Hillah Wiczzyk Mendez, Pam Blomberg Schwartz, Adam Holzer, Lara Holzer Miller, Greg Mazarin, Pavel and Maggie Parwanicka Mozga, Jessica Clark Newman, Barry and Melissa Rosenblum Pisetzner, Patti Klyde Press, Linda Lowenthal Tolstoi, Debb Falk Zerwitz, Michael Ditkoff, Todd Fass, Julie Strauss Greeley, Beth Yurdin Metzendorf, Gerald Stein, Dave Poritzky, Andrew Zuckerman, David Rosh, Gregg Rosh, Pam Hougou Nivasch, Laura Danford Mandel, Katie Mazarin Derasse, Becky Feuer Holden, Carolyn Mitchell Kane, Jessica Weiner Mester, Todd Sherman, Lisa Paymer Dodge, Jon Feldman, Julie Nahoun Hartstein. Ketti Krieger, Shana Madoff Swanson, Michael Lippman, Jill Herzog Phillips, Dan Rosen, Wendy Sheldon Brown, Rana Grossman Leibowitz, Eric Kleiner, Carolyn Kleiner Butler, Jon and Andrea Baron Cooper, Hillary Nahoun Krane, Samantha Nahoun Gornstein, Lara Horowitz Bockstein, Andrew Tannenbaum, Marc Stiefel, Jennifer Fleischner, Jim Moscou, Michael Vickers, Jeff and Samantha Fuchs Bernfeld, Melissa Marques Goldberg, Alan Ranzer, Stacey Lipton Schumer, Kerri Berkman Winderman, Whitney Scott Jacobson, Mandi Zucker, Stephanie Deutsch Clendenin, Suzie Oshatz Perlman, David Rothenberg, Andrew Rubinson, Wendy Nedlin Schindler, and Robbie Sussman



The 1986 Seniors with **Mike Madorsky** (center, back row) as division leader.  
Only 28 years ago.... Making these campers 41 and 42 years old today.

## Staying In Touch

Keep connected with fellow Scaticonians by e-mailing news, photos, and recollections to [info@scatico.com](mailto:info@scatico.com). If you prefer the regular mail and printed pictures, that works just as well. We will even return the photographs after reproducing them for the Alumni Newsletter.

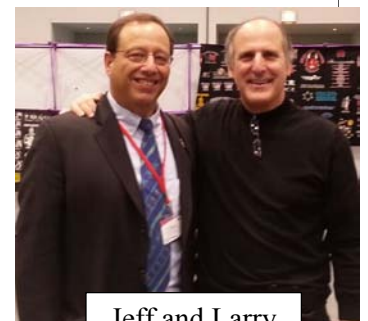
**Leslie Wayte Heineman's** (1970s-80s) daughter **Emily** (2002-12) is spending a semester abroad at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Visiting Emily with her sons **Matt** (2003-14) and **Jack** (2007-14) and husband **Steve**, they ran into **Neil Lippman** (1970s-80s) while on safari at Kruger National Park. Good thing, Leslie writes, "*Jack wore his Scatico sweatshirt to breakfast the first morning (and then every day thereafter)*"...

**Ben Krull's** (1960s-80s) April 13th article "The Baseball-Passover Connection" appeared on Newsday.com.... While in Virginia Beach as an official in a USA Fencing Association national tournament, **Jeff Bukantz** (1974-79) got together with Virginia native **Larry Fleder** (1962-80) and sent in the photo to the right. Jeff was recently named the General Chairman of the 2017 Maccabiah USA Organizing Committee. He was a fencing referee at the 1984 and 1996 Olympics in Los Angeles and Atlanta; was captain of the USA Fencing Team at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics in Athens and Beijing; and was the NBC fencing analyst at the 2012 Olympics in London. Jeff's dad **Dan** (1940s) was a four-time Olympic fencer, starting in 1948.... **Ken Vallario** (1999-2001) will be the feature artist at a May 15-18 show at Culturefix, an art gallery in Manhattan's Lower East Side. For details visit [www.kenvallario.com](http://www.kenvallario.com).... You can also view recent artworks of Scaticonians

**Manny Toonkel** (1950s-1990s) and **Barry Pisetzner** (1970s-2010s) at [www.mannytoonkel.com](http://www.mannytoonkel.com) and [www.pisetzner.com](http://www.pisetzner.com).... **"Shakey" Jake Feinberg** (1980s-2000s) ran the Scatico radio station for several summers as a counselor. Now you can listen to him weekly on NPR 89.1 FM in Tucson, AZ, interviewing musicians performing in the area. Recent guests included Dave Bromberg, Bobby Woomack, and Jorma Kaukonen. Follow Jake at [www.jakefeinbergshow.com](http://www.jakefeinbergshow.com).... **Doug Herzog** (1960s-70s) currently the president of Viacom's Entertainment Group (Comedy Central, Spike, and TV Land) was also a Scatico radio counselor (1977-78). On October 20, 2014, he will enter the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame at an NYC dinner at the Waldorf Astoria.... In March, Doug joined several 1970s contemporaries for an Allman Brothers concert at the Beacon Theater in NYC. In the photo: **Jimmy Rosenzweig, Jamie Raphael, Jeff Abrams, Andy Levine, Doug Herzog, and David Fleischner**. The evening included a backstage visit to band manager Bert Holman (1960s).... **Annelie and Steve Hanft** (1955-74) live in Aachen, Germany. On a January visit to the United States, he connected with **Chris and Marc Hellman** (1960-71) and **Fred Gurtman** (1956-63).... While cleaning in his apartment recently, **Charles Curtis** (1990s), a free-lance sports journalist, discovered a cassette tape with **Lawrence "LT" Thaler's** (1980s-2000s) pre-Sing "locker room" victory speech to the 1997 Upper Seniors as well as the division's performance of Bruce Springsteen's "Blood Brothers": "*We didn't win that year, unfortunately*"...



In South Africa: Emily, Jack, Neil, Matt, and Leslie



Jeff and Larry



Jimmy, Jamie, Jeff, Andy, Doug, and David



Chris, Marc, Annelie, and Steve



Fred and Steve

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... While teaching English for an NGO in the Dominican Republic, **Nicki Fleischner** (1997-2014) was visited by fellow 2005 Soopers **Natalie Polen, Katie Berman, and Joey Smilgiewicz**. There was no confirmation as to whether Katie (as a former climbing assistant) starred during the expedition pictured in the photo to the right.... Congratulations to **Zach Bleckner** (2001-2005) who has received a



Natalie, Katie, Joey, and Nicki



Jackie, Nicolette, and Sammy

Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Brazil.... **Jackie Hollander** (2000-12) and **Sammy Wolfen** (2000-14) just spent a semester abroad together in Seville. While traveling to Dublin over Saint Patrick's Day weekend, they ran into former bunkmate **Nicolette Strobing** (2002-08), who was studying in Ireland, at a food festival. Writes Sammy: "We hadn't seen each other since 2008 [when Nicolette's family moved from New York to South Carolina]. It was amazing to catch up and have a Soopers 2008 mini-reunion." Sammy returns to camp this year as a division leader—her 15th summer.... **Mark Woods** (1990-2000) checked in from Ohio: "I have been teaching musical theater (currently directing "The Wizard of Oz"), .... have finished illustrating two children's books, ... and just finished my 14th year as the "Talking Tiger" at the Cincinnati Zoo."

**Thanks to all for staying in touch—please e-mail news and photos for the Fall 2014 issue of the Alumni Newsletter to [info@scatico.com](mailto:info@scatico.com).**

## Uncle Nat and Trivial Pursuit

To the right: We assume **Bert Holman** (1960s) answered questions "BKB" and "NBR" correctly on the Trivial Pursuit card pictured to the left. Bert sent along this photo of a card from a recent edition of the game.



The vintage photo of Nat above was sent in by Mel Ohrbach: "Enclosed is a picture of Nat Holman and me taken 70 years ago at camp. It was the summer of 1943."

- What did much-traveled 1940s pro basketball center Clarence Hermsen answer to?
- What actor—no stranger to the movie gridiron—presented Bob Waterfield for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame?
- What do the girls twirl in the annual United States Twirling Association Grand National Championship?
- What pioneer player and coach once was delivered a letter from Manila addressed: "Mr. Basketball, City College, New York"?
- What tranquil community is home to Doubleday Field?
- How many inches short of six feet was basketball Hall of Famer Nat Holman?

- **NNM** Kleggie
- **FTB** Pat O'Brien
- **ALL** Batons
- **BKB** Nat Holman
- **BBL** Cooperstown, New York
- **NBR** One

## CONGRATULATIONS

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### Engagements

- A Scatico romance! **Kael Au** and **Matty Carroll** first met (and started dating) as staff members during the summer of 2008. Last season, they were the division leaders for the Soopers and Upper Seniors. Kael's dad **Randy** will return in 2014 as the boys' athletics director, continuing a Scatico career that began in the 1980s; her mom **Lynette** worked at camp in the early 1990s; and brother **Cameron** becomes a first-time Scaticonian (heading the weight-training program) this season.



The practice run: Kael and Matty at the Carnival Marriage Booth in 2013.

### The Next Generation

- Mason on 4/19/14 to **Ted** and **Jen Lydon**. Ted has been a member of the Scatico maintenance team since the late-1990s and will become our head caretaker this fall.
- Parker Beth on 12/27/13 to **John** and **Alyssa Sourifman Percival** (1990s). Alyssa's sister Harley was also a camper and counselor.
- Harrison Parker on 6/17/13 to **Ben** and **Sara Klein**. Ben and his sister Jen were campers and counselors in the 1980s-2000s.
- Jack Meyer on 1/19/14 to **Jon Jacobs** and **Tracy Nemiroff**. Jon and his sister Jamie were campers and counselors in the 1980s-2000s.
- Eden on 1/17/14 to **Laura Gold** (1990s-2000s) and **Ishai Eshed**.
- Collin William on 3/10/14 to **Stephanie** and **Jeff Landis** (1990-2001). Jeff's sister Kate was a counselor in 2000-01.

### What's New at Scatico?

Just in case it's been a few years since you last made the pilgrimage to Elizaville, here's an update on some of the more recent additions at camp:

**2014**—A new "Culinary Center" constructed on the site of the former bake shop; a new Squash Court wall on boys side; and bathroom renovations for the 5 back campus cabins on girls side.

**2013**—Lights for the girls athletics fields; a new Squash Court wall on girls side; and two new Gaga courts.

**2012**—A new dock system for an enlarged girls waterfront; construction of a music studio on boys' side; the expansion and renovation of bunk 1A-B; and bathroom renovations in the Clubhouse and in Coves B and C.



Racing Wind 1980. The Sooper tribe leaders seated in the front row are **Beth Friedman Mobilian**, **Laura Horowitz Lehrhaupt**, and **Jackie Olensky**.

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*If you missed being at camp last summer, re-live the action by viewing our 2013 Video Yearbook and Photo Albums in the "Current Families" section at [www.scatico.com](http://www.scatico.com).*

**Calling All Photos:** We are looking for classic (and even not-so-classic) photos to print in future issues of the Alumni Newsletter. Send by e-mail as an attachment to [info@scatico.com](mailto:info@scatico.com) or by mail to: Camp Scatico, PO Box 6, Elizaville, NY 12523. We will return the originals, if requested.



**Circa 1975—David “Yogi” Rothenberg, Mark Olensky, Jimmy Rosenzweig, Jeff Rosen, and (with the classic Afro) Jamie Raphael.**



**Spring 1989—Scatico team for a charity run in NYC—Ernie Wallerstein, Keith Seidenberg, John Hickey, and Greg Danford**



**85 Years Ago—**It’s not an Alumni Newsletter without at least one photo from the pre-1934 site in Wingdale, NY. This campfire took place in the summer of 1929—still months away from the October 24th “Crash” of the Stock Market on “Black Thursday.”

### We Will Miss You

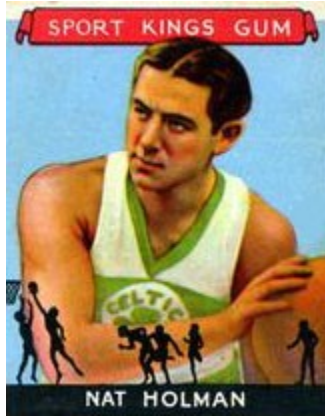
- **Lee Sheiman** on April 11, 2014. Lee was a counselor and division leader at Scatico from 1972-4—**incredibly kind-hearted, an enormous Yankee fan, and a powerful throwing arm in Twilight League.**
- **Helen Schackner Small** on December, 31, 2012. Helen was a camper in in 1959-60 and her two sons **Kevin** and **Jordan** were at Scatico in the 1980s-90s.



**1940s—**The painting being worked on in the photo to the right hangs today in the dining room. Long-sleeved shirts? Not a look you see at camp in 2014.

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**Scatico founder Nat Holman  
from a 1930s  
Sport Kings Gum card**



**Vintage Scatico: Two sights no longer seen at camp... to the left—the Vomit Wheel on girls back campus; to the right—clay courts and wooden tennis racquets (and we also love that ball machine).**