

# *The Schodack Spirit*

**Fall 2022**



*Warmth - Tradition - Spirit*



## *A Message From Matt*

Hello Schodackians!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful fall and is looking forward to a relaxing and festive Thanksgiving Holiday. Everyday I am reminded of something incredible from this past summer...a spirited activity, Triple Crown performances in the Playhouse, groups of friends just being their best selves during Camper Choice...the memories we keep with us from camp are truly special. I hope all our campers and staff are reminded of the summer in a similar way.

The past few months have been the start of a busy and productive off-season here in the land of Schodack. Things never really slowed down since the summer as we have been planning for our upcoming 67th camp season, meeting wonderful new families, hiring the best summer staff and working on exciting facility improvements. You'll read about all of this in the coming pages!

Speaking of which, I'm very excited to share our new and improved format for this newsletter, The Schodack Spirit. The Schodack Spirit is sent out each fall, winter and spring and our new layout allows us to include tons of fun updates from our camp community that will help keep everyone connected to the 12123 all year. I hope you enjoy it!


I can't wait to see our returning families at our Winter Reunion in January and I'm always looking forward to when we are all back at camp next summer.

Warmly,  
Matt



# What's New for 2023

## Dining Hall Renovations



As part of our annual improvements throughout camp, our hard-working Maintenance Team, along with some local contractors, has made serious progress on the second (and final) phase of our massive Dining Hall renovation. Meals at camp will now be enjoyed on a beautiful new floor and under a high, vaulted ceiling exposing the original beams of the building. It is really going to look and feel incredible!

When the existing floor came up, we were amazed to discover that the original concrete walkway leading into the Dining Hall still existed.

Other exciting projects being completed include our brand new Pickle Ball court (bottom right), lots of updated utilities to senior staff housing around camp (bottom left), and two brand new Gaga Courts (pics coming soon!).

## Utilities Updates



## Pickle Ball

# Camper Updates



2022 Acorn Boy, Levi Leibowitz, plays ice hockey for a New Jersey-based team, The Bandits. Levi recently scored a hat-trick, leading his team to victory with a comeback in the 3rd period - Great work!



Ilana Criss, of the Cypress Girls, was recently asked to draw a detailed map for her Social Studies class. The map she chose to draw? Schodack of course! We think it's amazing and her teacher did too...she got an A+!



A happy reunion at the Head of the Fish Regatta in Saratoga Springs, NY for Senior Boys, Ben Sanders (Greenwich Crew) and Ben Vassallo (St Peter's Prep Crew). Way to row guys!



Eve Allison and Sequoia Boys Shai Maltzman, Eli Zausner, and Emmett Rapp recently went to see the Schodack Story-Teller, Kemp Harris, at his show in New York and made sure to get a picture for us!

Please send us any and all updates about your children AND family throughout the year so we can share them in our newsletters. You can email them to us at [camp@schodack.com](mailto:camp@schodack.com)

# Camper Birthdays

## September

Milo Gold	1
Jayla Hemingway	1
Asher Hirsch	1
Lucy Komar	1
Haidon Kissane	2
Graham Argiz	3
Ben Vassallo	3
Cooper Benson	4
Brielle Goldman	4
Bodhin Jain	4
Ella Grove	6
Henry Libow	6
Andrew Gershuny	8
Jesse Small	9
Alexa Dombrow	10
Elijah Jaber	10
Layla Merchan	10
Charlotte Princer	10
Harper Tamagna	10
Noah Kopelman	11
Lila Stone	11
Parker Gorelick	12
Evan Ommen	13
Sam Schiavo	14
Drew Fader	14
Kathleen DiTursi	15
Eliza O'Connor	15
David Douglas	16
Brooke Ginsberg	17
Lola Guild	17
Emerson Petry	17
Dahlia Feivelson	19
Sonya Feivelson	19
Riley Schaffer	19
Alessandro Vittorelli	19
Levi Leibowitz	21
Connor Monosiet	21
Nathan Pinsky	22
June Day	24
Anna Sanders	24
Ben Sanders	24
Addison Dinkels	25
Elizabeth Dinkels	25
Abby Moriarty	26
Miles Shore	26
Madison Gordon	28

## October

Jessica Maltzman	1
Mark Spielvogel	1
Jason Senders	2
William Waxman	2
Adam Finkelstein	3
Phoebe Goldstein	4
Gabrielle Bilenker	5
Matthew Stashower	5
Aidan Weise	5
Amy Levine	6
Abigail Pfeffer	7
Ella Dollard	8
Jake Ackerman	9
JC Fellers	9
Archer Pracht	10
Brandon Reich	10
Eugenio Garcia	11
James Schwartz	12
Sasha Shapiro	13
Eli Diamant	14
Ari Gerstein	14
Aaron Napach	14
Jimmy Zepeda	16
Alexa Schouela	17
Chase Newman	17
Eli Zausner	18
Lincoln Rosenblatt	19
Molly Klein	20
Ben Derman	22
Emma Rosen	22
Rachel Weinberg	23
Hanna Reich	24
Jaelyn Spice	25
Liv Wernstrom	25
Jenna Napach	26
Kiki Davis	27
Jenna Grossbach	27
Remi Suresky	28
Jude Theodore	28
Naomi Kreitzer	29
Dylan Altschuler	30
Marley Nova	30

## November

Zachary Weinberg	2
Gabriel Wexler	3
Ruby Kessler	4
Ben Strauss	4
Maya Lieberman	5
Sydney Lieberman	5
Mia Finkelstein	6
Eli Grubin	6
Hanna Hirsch	8
Lexi Perle	9
Madeline Levine	10
Marshall DiTursi	11
Harper Ivler	11
Ellie Rosenblatt	11
Jordyn Schwartz	11
Gavin Spencer	13
Judah Ellis	14
Eli Goren	15
Ezra Wexler	15
Henry Dubrow	15
Sam Dubrow	15
Jack Clarke	16
Sophie Clarke	16
Andrew Wallack	16
Avery Wasserman	16
Ryan Wasserman	16
Nathan Bilenker	17
Gabby Magier	18
Harper Kivowitz	18
Zachary Mangot	19
Brody Appelbaum	20
Lya Clark	20
Emmy Goldman	21
Hunter Lilly	21
Emma McGonegal	22
Sadie Appelbaum	23
Mia Barahona	23
Simon Barahona	23
Hayden Altschuler	24
Sienna Chodos	26
Devin Strosberg	26
Amelia Weinrib	28
Christopher Healy	30
Mason Klein	30
Joshua Perle	30

**Kings & Queens!!**

# Summer 2022 Memories

## Waiters vs SS Basketball



## LT Carnival



## Lip Sync



# Summer 2022 Memories



**Rock, Paper, Snerson**



**Tribals**



# Schodack Staff Spotted

**Stella, Reagan, Louise, Skye & Eve - Scotland**



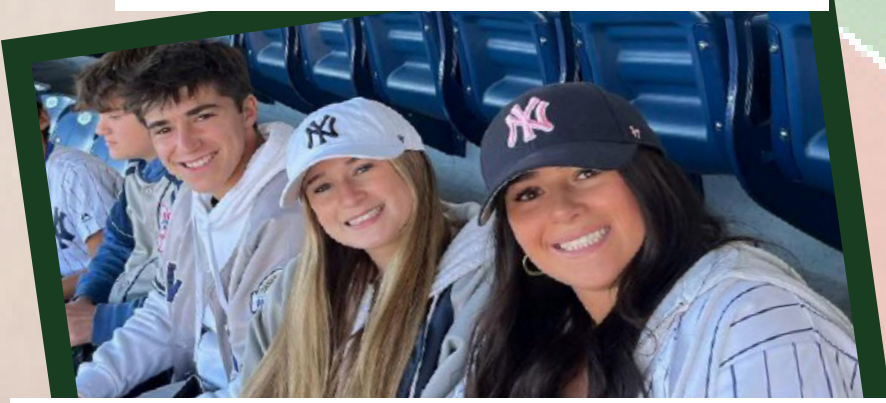
**Molly, Sophia, George & Gooi - Brighton UK**



**Gooi & Jamie - London UK**



**Jeremy & Nelka - Prague CZ**



**Brett, Lindsey & Morgan - Yankee Game**



**Julia, Jess & Eve - NY**

If you meet up with fellow Schodack staff throughout the year, let us know so we can share it in our newsletters. You can email pics to us at [camp@schodack.com](mailto:camp@schodack.com)



# Staff Updates

See who's signed up for Summer '23



**Jules Munk - Bunk Staff**

**Jack Cohen - Bunk Staff**



**Jess Moriarty - Health Center Coordinator**



**Tracey Kramar - Physician Assistant (PA)**

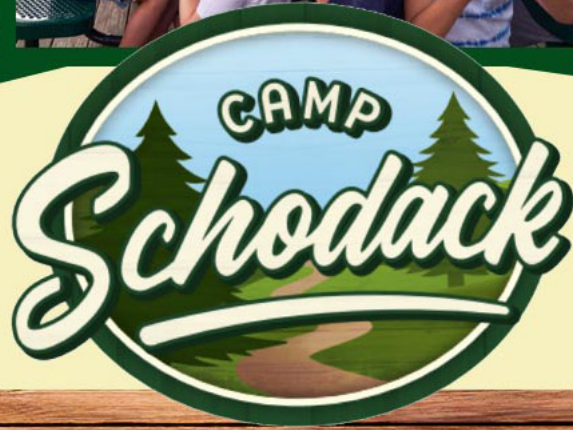


**Leo Hess - Cooking**

**Olly (Head Ropes) & Agu (Head Lake)**



# Winter Reunion



*Saturday, 1-21-23, 10am - 1pm  
Life The Place To Be - Ardsley N.Y.*

*This reunion is for all 2022 Campers and Families  
and will include...*

*Food, games, and giveaways! As well as a Parent  
meeting and info sessions for all 2023  
Super Seniors and LTs*

# Camper Kitchen



## At Home Crepe Recipe

Check out this really simple and tasty crepe recipe that you can make at home, from our very own Chef Hess!

1. In a medium mixing bowl, combine: 1 cup flour, 1/2 tsp sugar, and 1/4 tsp salt
2. In a medium mixing bowl, combine: 1 1/2 cups whole milk, 3 eggs, 2 tbsp melted butter
3. After whisking the contents of each bowl individually, pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients little by little, mixing with every pour. Continue whisking the mix until only small, pea-sized chunks (or smaller) remain.
4. Heat a medium-sized non-stick skillet on high for two minutes. Pour 1/3 cup of batter into the pan (adjust amount as needed) and quickly tilt the pan to spread the batter fully around into a circle.
5. Once the edges start turning golden brown, carefully slide a silicone spatula underneath the crepe and flip it. Cook the other side until it begins browning (about 45 seconds), and stack the crepes on a cooling rack. If you're making lots, you can keep them warm in the oven!
6. For a sweet crepe, serve with chocolate spread, fruit, syrup, cinnamon, or confectioner's sugar. For a savory crepe, serve with meat, cheese, veggies, balsamic vinegar, and other delights!

# Professional Development

Camp Schodack is excited to be launching a Professional Development Series for our staff and we need your help! It is no secret that we have the best staff around and we are looking to create opportunities for them to connect with parents and alumni of our amazing community.

We already have some great speakers lined up for 2023 but we want more!

We are seeking individuals willing to share their experience and expertise during one of our interactive virtual events. All events will be scheduled around the presenter's schedule. Below you will find a list of potential session topics, but if you have other ideas, we'd love to hear them!

## POTENTIAL SESSION TOPICS:

**Meet & Greet with Industry Leaders:** come introduce yourself and your work, share about your career path, and participate in a moderated Q&A. Popular areas of interest include, but are not limited to; education, business, psychology, healthcare, communications, entertainment, and computer and information sciences.

**Lead Professional Development Workshops:** resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, time management tips, establishing a mentor, goal setting, communication skills, etc.

If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please email [\*\*Crystal@Schodack.com\*\*](mailto:Crystal@Schodack.com)



# Alumni Corner

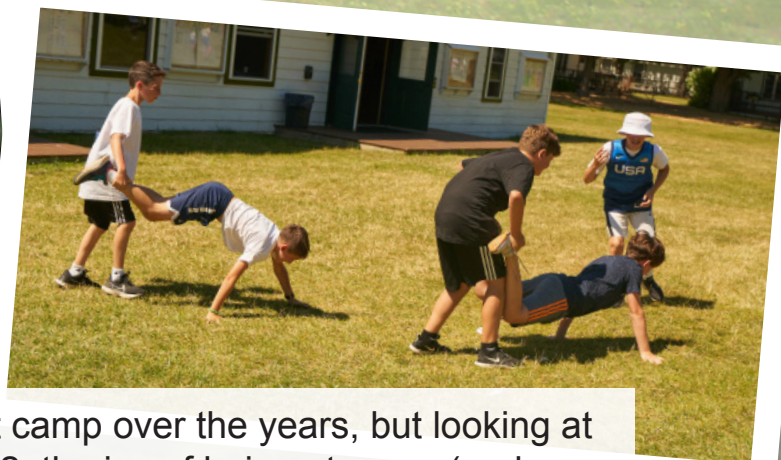


Alums (from left to right) Barry Offitzer, Rick Heideman, Jeff Weiss and Mitch Samuels on their visit to camp in September



Alums (from left to right) Eric Sands, Alisha Litman, Coby Greenberg, Kevin April, Megan Kirsch, Justin Russikoff, (front) Chelsea Greenberg, Sarah Branz, Jason Vicari, Adam Offitzer at Coby's Wedding earlier this month

# From the Archives



There have been plenty of changes at camp over the years, but looking at these pictures from 1962 and 2002, the joy of being at camp (and wheelbarrow racing with your friends!), is as pure now as it has ever been!



## *Post Season at Schodack*

This year saw the busiest calendar of Pre and Post-Season events ever at Schodack. We celebrated weddings, worked with sports teams, ran family camps, facilitated military charities, celebrated festivals, retreats, parties and even a Grammy-winning Gospel group! It was amazing to share the magic of the 12123 with so many fun people.

But our favorite group had to be when Alumnus Derek Krouner (pictured bottom center of the top-left photo) brought his co-staff for a 3-day retreat. Derek had not been back for a visit in a few years and was really excited to see all the new additions around camp as well as share his joy of Schodack with his co-workers.



# Fun & Games

Can you find all the Schodack-Themed words in the wordsearch below??

P M D R C N Z X Y U R S E R H P I G Z J  
L Q I Z B H W Z I E J C L Z Z I Q S F Q  
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U Z D A L L R T E O M L K C S H P C M H  
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E E R O P E B U R N I N G I X O T M H T  
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V M A P L H L E S C H Q Q R W T D E T L  
L C T L X A O C H C Q J Z Q T P H R H L  
N S F V B B C T K T H L A P R K A K E A  
B Z G D H A G A G S N O Z Q Q C S I A B  
E B N F H X A S K S E T K E R M Y T T E  
G A T H E R I N G D E I T A O R G C E L  
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Amphitheater  
Canteen  
Gathering  
PickleBall  
RopeBurning  
Swim  
Tribals

CamperChoice  
CartersChallenge  
Handball  
Playhouse  
SchoKarts  
TetherBall  
TripleCrown

CamperKitchen  
Gaga  
Mothership  
RecHall  
Smores  
TheRelay

*The Countdown is on...  
Only 219 Days Until  
Summer '23*

