

YCC Fashion Show



For the past three years, YCC staff and campers have been involved in an annual Fashion Show fundraiser for Camp Koby in Israel.

Camp Koby was established by the Mandell family as a summer camp for children victimized by terrorism, in memory of their 14-year-old son who had been brutally murdered by terrorists. This camp is a place where children can learn to be children again, in the company of professionals and peers who could relate to them – a place to play, to swim, to sing, to laugh – and most of all, to dream of a better tomorrow.

During the winter and spring prior to camp, under the guidance of Stephen Rabinovitch, our assistant director, a group of over 70 staff and campers get together to produce this event, which will culminate this year with a spectacular show on Tuesday evening, May 31st, 2005.

We at YCC are honoured to be part of this important initiative, and we are especially proud of our campers and staff who are actively involved in the Jewish value of 'Tikun Olam' – helping to make the world a better place. We look forward to your support as sponsors or as ticket holders for this special evening.

WHAT'S NEW AT YCC

- * a new ultra-violet water filtration system
- * optional bottled water distribution
- * a new "low ropes" program with Josh Gonshor
- * a brand new tuck shack
- * a new larger dock at the CIT Village
- * field turf artificial grass at merc'az
- * new H & T canoes
- * a new roof for senior dining hall
- * two new fishing docks at Lost Lake
- * a new telephone intercom system
- * new 5 person tents and platforms
- * a new H & T food preparation room

The BLOB!!!!

This amazing new 35-foot-long waterfront inflatable device has become one of the most popular waterfront activities! (www.The-blob.com)



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The YCC FLAGPOLE



YCC Alumni Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

YCC FASHION SHOW
Tuesday, May 31
OPEN HOUSE at YCC
Sunday, June 19
VISITING DAY at YCC
Sunday, July 24
ALMA MATER NIGHT
Sunday, August 14
FAMILY WEEKEND
Friday, August 19 to
Sunday, August 21
ALUMNI BBQ
Sunday, August 21

(please call or email us for exact times and information)



STAFF APPRECIATION BBQ, AUGUST 2004.
Clockwise from top left: Sid Milech (director) and Stephen Rabinovitch (ass't director), with some of our Israeli staff: Reut, Omer, Yael, Sharon, and Yael.



Dear Alumni,

Although it's true that the Y Country Camp is probably the most beautiful camp in the world, I truly believe that the real success of YCC is due to the outstanding staff that we hire each year.

And so I am especially excited about the prospect of giving our alumni the opportunity to continue to be a part of the Y Country Camp.

Whether it's by visiting the camp (see the special days set aside for alumni to join us), spending Family weekend at YCC in August, participating in our fundraisers, or sending your kids to camp, these can all help you relive the most magical summers of your life.

YCC is still THE place to be, with over 500 campers and 200 staff making each summer at YCC a very special place. We look forward to sharing these summers with you through "The Flagpole" and on our website, www.yccountrycamp.com.

See you at camp!

Sid J. Milech, Director



Spotlight On...

Jeff Rose

After 16 incredible summers, Jeff Rose has moved on to become the director of Camp Sabra in St. Louis, Missouri. Jeff, originally from Toronto, began his relationship at YCC as a CIT, and following in his brother Larry's footsteps, became the Head of waterskiing. For the past five summers, Jeff was the camp's assistant director, working closely with Sid to make YCC one of the most successful camps in North America.

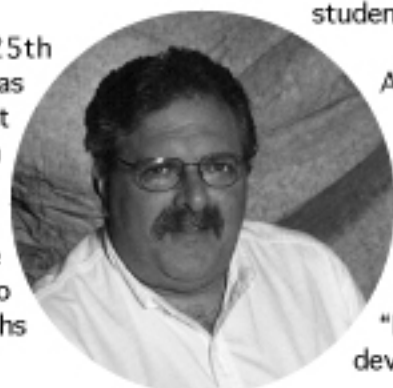


Jeff will especially be missed by Alfred (Beefeater Steakhouse in Arundel), and all the supervisors at our annual post camp night out at Alfred's.

Jeff recently celebrated his one year wedding anniversary with his wife Kerry Fehler, and now lives year-round in St. Louis (along with their dog Chandler). We wish Jeff all the best in his new position, and look forward to seeing him back at YCC for our annual alma mater nights... "We're going to fly....and soar through the skies, united like the oceans onto the shore..."

Jack Fitch

Last summer was Jack Fitch's 25th summer at YCC, most of them working as the infirmary manager, and the past few years as the Coordinator of Health and Safety Services at the camp. Jack is married to Danielle, who has worked as a nurse at YCC, and they are the proud parents of 16 year-old Kim, who has been at YCC since she was 6 months old.



providing academic and work-place opportunities for students, many of whom have worked at YCC.

An expert in first aid, Jack has been a tremendous source of reassurance for parents of children with medical issues, combining professional expertise and a genuine concern for our campers. Counsellors with back problems (or those who need a break) can often be seen visiting "Big Bertha", Jack's therapeutic massage device.

During the winter, Jack is the Cooperative Education Supervisor at Lake of Two Mountains High School,

We are delighted that Jack and his family will be joining us for his 26th summer.

Tammy Frohlich-Salis

We are delighted to welcome Tammy back to YCC after a hiatus of 7 years, during which time she managed to get married (to Mitch Salis), get her MSW at Boston University, work as a Therapist and Social Worker in Boston, give birth to Talia (now 2 years old), and recently move back to Montreal.



training and support to our supervisors and counselors. Tammy will be meeting with groups of our staff prior to camp in the city, and will also be conducting training sessions throughout the summer.

Tammy's experience at YCC as a counsellor, CIT supervisor, and Assistant Director; her expertise as a social worker and therapist; and her ability to connect with people of all ages, make her a welcome addition to the YCC management team - Tammy, it's great to have you back!

In her new position at YCC as the "Child and Camp Consultant", Tammy will be working closely with the camp directors to provide special

Bunny Dalfen Z"L



Bunny Dalfen (left) at the bris of his grandson, Jace Trasler, with his daughter-in-law Sandy Surkis and his good friend, Normy Tasgal.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our former YCC director, Bunny Dalfen, Z"L, who passed away on October 25, 2004.

Bunny was the director at YCC in 1993, and in that one summer he managed to bring his unique qualities of a love of life, compassion for others, and a sweet gentleness that enamoured him to campers, counsellors, and parents.

Bunny once said that he was always amazed that as director, he seemed to be woken up every night - usually at around 4 a.m. - because either a camper was injured, or had snuck out of his bunk, and he had to go see the camper in the infirmary, or oversee a punishment session. Either way, he said, it kept him young but exhausted!

Bunny was one of those special people who inspired others with his happy disposition, positive outlook, and reassuring encouragement.

Bunny will be deeply missed by his family, friends, students, and his entire YCC family.