

# THE GENEVA GEMS

SOFTBALL RULES. SWIMMI DROOLS.

## THE EVERLASTING HOOT

“The new and improved” 2017 Hoot started with a bang! OK, not a *bang* per se, but helping us practice our thunderous applause. New hosts Kyle Nisson and Kyle McNeil kicked things off before the real thunderstorm started outside.



- Len Raymond came up just to lament the lack of newborns and therefore there was no need to perform his tradition of singing “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.” He got up anyway to mention it so as to “hold the place” for the song in future years. Newlyweds and pending parents are hereby put on notice to get busy.
- Fortunately, the “Chocolate Ice Cream Cone” tradition (pictured above) was able to be performed as there are always an abundance of children, ensuring Jon Arnold doesn’t have to sing it as a solo. Raja “Mick Jagger” Wilson attempted to grab the mic from Jon, but was thwarted by the fact that its actually not a very long song.
- Middle schoolers took the stage next. Actually, they didn’t exactly take the stage but started “Montego Bay” from the audience. They then came up front to do a parody of Dancing in the Barn with Barb (impersonation by an actual Siftar) only to be chased away by a 6 ft. banana.
- Eric (Weedge) Nisson made his debut as a standup comic. The Gems is pleased to report he does have another day job.
- Our own Gems editor, Joe Morrissey, decided to come up and show off his guitar skills—such as they were. For risk of embarrassing Lorraine, his loving Chapel Liners came up to support his performance by removing his guitar, music stand and all other tools that might have resulted in a Hoot act. (*Note from Joe:* OK. So, I owe you all 3 minutes of your lives back. Sue me.)
- Noah performed an a cappella song that silenced the room with his pure vocal timbre. We imagine in about 10 years he’ll be joining the Barb & Bill concert. We also loved his Star Wars t-shirt. (Another note from Joe (because he just can’t seem to stop himself): When I was explaining how the act didn’t go as smoothly as I would have liked, Noah (who had just come back from slaying it onstage) says to me: “That’s alright, Joe. You did ok.” Gotta love that kid.)

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS...

Ummm.... Winni Swimmi? (Don't ask us...)

1:00 – Board of Trustees meeting (Wellhouse)

4:00 – Knitting (Meetinghouse Porch)

6:45 – Evening Watch (Chapel)

7:15 – Labyrinth Walk

7:30 – Your choice!

- Family Dancing with Barb (Barn)
- Post-election discussion with Mike (Meetinghouse porch)
- Movie from New Politics class (Meetinghouse)

8:45 – *Zootopia* (Drop kids for movie in Meetinghouse)

9:00 – Coffeehouse (Chapel)

## YOUR WINNI WEATHER...



**Tonight:** Scattered thunderstorms (40%)  
82°/63°

**Tomorrow:** Isolated thunderstorms in the morning becoming more widespread in afternoon. Chance of rain 80%.

Sunrise: 5:38 AM • Sunset: 8:04 PM

## FRIDAY'S ALLEGED MENU...



**Breakfast:** Pancakes, sausage, oatmeal, blueberry muffins

**Lunch:** Grilled turkey panini, minestrone soup (*redemption time, Justin!*), sweet potato fries, salad bar

**Dinner:** Herb-crusted porkloin, mashed potatoes, sautéed zucchini, salad bar

## FROM THE EVENING COORDINATORS...

*The Hoot was a hoot!* Kyle and Kyle charismatically hosted quite a diverse show last night. There was a range of acts, from jokes, to singing, to dancing and even a...wait, what was it? Oh! A memory game! A huge thanks to everyone who performed and shared their treasures with us. A special thanks to Kevin and Jared for the sound. And it was probably the least painful hoot with popsicles to keep you cool and content.

**Today**

2 things going on at once, choose wisely. A labyrinth walk starts at 7:15 and the early barn dancing will begin at 7:30. Slow feet? Or fast feet? It's your choice in how your evening is destined to go...

Whether you've taken your time to meditate around the labyrinth or used up some energy at family barn

dancing, your next stop is to head over to the Chapel to take a seat with coffee or tea and enjoy the Coffeehouse. While all Coffeehouse performers must be over 18, leaving the crowd lacking on the younger side, there will be a place for the kids over at the Meeting House where they can enjoy the family movie, *Zootopia*.

**Tomorrow**

Looking at tomorrow night, you should start practicing your seed spitting skills as the watermelon spitting contest begins at 6:30. Following that, the Shabbat Service will be at 7:30 right before we enjoy the closing ceremony at 8:15.

## ERRORS DU JOUR

Speaking of respectable journalism, today's episode of How-the-Gems-Got-It-Wrong includes:

- The poem shared yesterday was actually shared during morning watch, NOT evening watch. As morning watch actually occurs in the morning (and before the Gems editors have had any coffee) it's not surprising that we got this wrong. You may fancy yourself a comedian and ask about all the *other* stuff we get wrong, to which we'll repeat a line from last night's Hoot: Just sit there and be quiet. *We'll* do the funny stuff.
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- Lisa Garcia states that she was not taken as hostage by the Belgians as reported yesterday. She went willingly because they offered her crepes. She also pointed out that the stated demand for whipped cream and strawberries left out the additional demand of chocolate (Belgian, of course).

## #WINNI-LOVE

A question was brought up to our staff and we're going to put it out to all campers: What currently married couples actually *met* here at camp? If any of you are out there, please let us know and provide any details that you would like to share (and keep in mind that this is a family publication).

## LOST AND FOUND

Lost: Beloved grey zip-up sweatshirt jacket. "Ferry Beach" and seagull in a circle on the back. Lost on Tuesday. Not at GPC Lost and Found. Please see Lee Eriksen, Room 7, Gibbs House. (781) 290-7834.

## NO LAME DUCKS AT THIS LAKE

When a new president of the USA takes office, they find a note left behind for them by the outgoing president. The same goes for deans here at Winni. Rumor has it that the Milford's note will advise their successor to never, under any circumstances, allow Leslie Dockendorff to resign as Business Manager.

The Milfords have no intention of stepping down as deans. As we speak, they are plotting to dissolve the Trustees and are bribing certain powerful members of camp with free copies of Bill's CD's and lifetime passes to the Scoop Shop. A monarchy will be established, which grabbed the attention of paparazzi who began following Raja around camp. Totally unfazed by this attention, Raja gave each of them either a hug or a high five.

## SOFTBALL RECAP

*The Eskra name is avenged!*

An overflow crowd of 4 was treated to another edition of "Campers Behaving Badly," otherwise known as the annual softball game. Much to this reporter's chagrin, the game was surprisingly devoid of disputes (arguments are so much fun to write about) and we are not entirely certain that we arrived at the right camp. Our thanks to those who participated in this event. Trevor Morrissey, Chuck Livsey, Mike Nisson, Matt Brady, Ben Eskra, Ben Hawthorne, Chris Dockendorff, John Dockendorff, Chris Carroll, and Reggie Oliver for the victors. Trevor Davis III, Stefan Livsey, Tim Fioravanti, Jeremy St. Louis, Tracy Eskra, Kyle Nisson, Parker Davis, Collin Morrissey, and Trevor Davis Sr. for the vanquished.

*A few notes from the game:*

- The field has the remnants (and only the remnants) of a backstop long gone. The only traces of said backstop are some rather thin pipes which at one time held up the backstop fence. Thin as these pipes may be, that didn't stop Jeremy St. Louis from hitting one of the pipes while throwing back to the pitcher and having the ball roll into the woods. When they couldn't find the ball, Collin Morrissey stated that it must have rolled away in shame.
- Tracy Eskra gets the award for most balls hit into the woods behind 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Though she did play softball in high school and can hit the ball well, she apparently couldn't hit the ball to the first base side if a hurricane wind was blowing that way. Either

that, or she kept having flashbacks from her recent run-in with the Bear family that she was sure was over in those trees.

- Reggie Oliver had better stick to basketball.
- Trevor Davis Sr. had one of the luckiest catches and ugliest throws that the sport has ever seen.
- Since there were no arguments this year, I guess the arguments from previous years really *were* Charlie Soper's fault.
- As a shortstop, Kyle Nisson proved that he made the right decision to be a catcher.
- A mix-up in scheduling prevented Doctor Cathy Smith from attending. Good thing that Joe Morrissey decided to get injured *before* camp this year.
- Trevor Morrissey is a brave man covering first base barefoot.
- Chuck "Dr. Bombay" Livsey may have missed his calling as a 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman.
- No matter how much I tried, I couldn't bait Mike Nisson into an argument. Wow. It really *is* Charlie Soper's fault.
- In his last at bat, Ben Eskra hit a lazy popup that his wife Tracy handled easily at 3<sup>rd</sup> base to end the game. Way to go, Ben. Happy wife, happy life.





*(The Hoot, cont'd from pg. 1)*

- Max, Jason and Evelyn came next—two singing, one on piano playing “Hedwig’s theme” from *Harry Potter*. The other two danced across the stage, making us all want to go out and play Quidditch.
- Chloe came up to sing “Beyond the Sea” with such enthusiasm, multiple cruise lines saw an increase of bookings online from local cell towers.
- Sarah was next, changing things up by performing a great dance solo. (Ralph Lauren wants to hire your dressmaker.)
- Julianne and friends performed aerobics in a skit that proves talent is subjective.
- Weedge was brought on as a guest performer to a few boos. Again. But we’ll always take his jokes over his dad’s.
- Wes came up to “stress out” the audience with a memory game—“one hen, two ducks, three squawking geese, four limerick oysters, five corpulent porpoises, six pairs of Don Umberto’s tweezers, seven thousand Macedonians in full battle array, eight little old ladies sitting knitting on a fence post in downtown Barcelona, nine apathetic, sympathetic, diabetic old men on rollerskates with a marked propensity for procrastination and sloth, ten little, leaping leprechauns licking luscious licorice lollipops while tapdancing on the deck of the Titanic which is sinking to the deep, murky depths of King Neptune’s city.” Our concern is for Wes’s memory that these acts are to be limited to 3 minutes. (Eh hem.) Editor’s note: Jim Peters shared with us the actual time from his stopwatch. 7 minutes, 51 seconds. Wes’ next story to his Chapel Line neighbors about the technical aspects of his job is hereby shortened by 5 minutes.
- Speaking of King Neptune, Alexa played a song on the piano, “Part of Your World” from *The Little Mermaid*. We are sensing a theme!
- Max, Jason and Evelyn came on stage for a second performance. This time they performed a comedy sketch. Here we thought we were all getting brownies, but they just brought out brown E’s. That’s almost as bad as the ever-changing menu this week.
- Hannah and Chloe sang, accompanied by ukulele. That explains all of the grass skirts in the campground. Nice job, girls.
- Evelyn became the most frequent flyer within the first hour, performing in her fourth act, this time with Dad, who decided she needed to learn the most annoying thing he knows: blowing through blades of grass. While Evelyn hasn’t quite mastered the art to the level of proficiency as her father, she was a quick study and a good sport. And she’s still too young to roll her eyes.
- “What kind of concert is 45 cents? A 50 cent concert with Nickelback.” Thanks, Weedge.



- Mariana led two songs with her mom Cindy through call and response, engaging the audience to echo her beautiful lyrics in an eerie minor key. Stunning!
- Courtney Stewart came up with her guitar and sang "Sweet Caroline." The audience couldn't resist participating. It must be all the Red Sox fans here. Meanwhile, the Yankees fans sat there and just made fun of the Nissons.
- Tre, Parker and Stefan announced they're doing a "mystery song." After all, what happens at Winni, stays at Winni. (Except when we do a Facebook Live feed.) A soulful ballad followed, provided you didn't listen to the lyrics. As a result, our Evening Coordinators announced that all acts will now need to be vetted by the Porch Potatoes.
- Barb was joined by the Doodle-e-does for Joann Hammill's "Ticket to Happiness." They also recruited the audience who might feel like they want to doodle-e-don't. As is typical for Barb, she said we "can just..." as if it is the easiest thing! Meanwhile, the professionals sang in a 73-part round about lemonade and sitting in the sun. Ahhhh....
- "What do you call a clock with a belt? A WAIST of time." Oh, Weedge...
- Lynn and Lindy took the stage to treat us to a number from their current nationwide tour, a parody of "Blue Bayou"... or rather "Blew by you" (do you feel the draft?)
- The Octogenarian versions of Meredith, Stacie and Deanna came equipped with their fanny packs to perform some of the most popular, mainstream dances. Fortunately, none of these dances are taught by Barb.
- The 2017 Hoot concluded with Chris & Liz Peters performing Adele with tight harmonies as only siblings can accomplish.

Many thanks to the hosts, Kyle<sup>2</sup>. You kept things moving at a record pace! Adding their sidekick of Weedge the Entertainer was a bonus—really; who else but Weedge could tell such jokes and get away with it? Everyone was also grateful to the sound guys, Kevin Weston and Jerod Goldman. The Hoot is always much better when amplified. Finally, the pictures in this issue were shared generously with the Gems by Jennifer Brosious, Charley Smith and Jim Dockendorff. Photos make this newspaper look like respectable journalism! (Don't worry—we won't let it go to our heads.)



## ALTERNATIVE FACTS

- The Hoot will be replaced next year with a new name to modernize the brand. Finalists include "Wednesday Night Live," "Winni's Got Talent," or "So, you think you can Montego Bay."
- Barb is now requiring liability waivers be signed by all those who wish to play "Last Man Stoop."
- Donald Trump tweeted that the Gems is #FakeNews and was disappointed to find out that everyone already knew that.
- Belgium won the battle against France, announcing that Saturday's breakfast will be Belgian waffles. This conflict had been resolved amicably by the diplomatic abilities of Lisa Garcia, who made sure there would be chocolate (as any good nutritionist would).

## MESSAGE TABLE

There is a message table for use by campers located in the far end of the Meetinghouse porch nearest College Row. This was donated by Bill Milford to GPC. In return, he is requesting free massages. (I wonder what he wants for handling the sewage issue in College Row?)



## FROM OUR CHAPLAINS

Wednesday Morning Watch was a beautiful start to a day that allowed us to reflect on the wonder of loss and renewal. A day to acknowledge that the pain of a broken heart can be comforted. Thank you, Laurie Ladr for leading us in this journey, and sharing from your heart. The music from Lynn and Lindy, "Gentle Spirit give me rest", was so healing and beautiful that we asked them to repeat it at the Memorial Service that afternoon. The poem that Laurie read to us by Jan Richardson titled, "Blessing when the World is Ending", was actually printed in yesterday's Gems for all of us to read and treasure.

Tonight's Evening Watch will celebrate how we share our treasures. Please come and participate. We all have a different perspective on what "Treasure" is, and how we can share it. What is it?

Let us know tonight!

Blessings,  
*Diane & Kevin*

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our Memorial Service was called by Hamish playing bagpipes in his Scottish kilt from the rock. Thank you, Hamish, for timing your visit here specifically to keep this tradition. We are also very grateful to Beth LeBar for leading off our remembrance time for Ed Thompson, and bringing Susan and Max (Ed's daughter and grandson) to help us in sharing our memories of Ed. We all knew that Ed loved a glass of milk with each meal, so in his honor, Susan provided a cup of milk for all of us!! We then took the time to lift up other names of loved ones who had passed in the last year. It is in the sharing that we can support one another in the loss.

In addition, we discovered in the Thursday Gems of 1997 (exactly 20 years ago), the mock up rendering of the NNESRE Memorial plaques. It is in real life exactly as envisioned, yet with many more plaques added to remember those who have been here. Thanks to this memorial (and specifically, our craftsman Hans Seitz) those who have left us will always "be" here.

## WINNI SWIMMI

While toiling away at yesterday's Gems, both editors worked through lunch. As a result, they weren't privy to the announced change in agenda. Therefore, while one covered the softball game, the other went to report out on the Winni Swimmi, only to discover that it had been

rescheduled back to its original day and time. However, not to let the trip be in vain, we can report that there were many people swimming in the lake, none of them very quickly, none being chased by canoes, but all enjoying themselves. Then at 4:26, the lifeguard blew her whistle and ordered everyone out of the lake due to reports of thunder. We hope the actually Swimmi is a bit more interesting to report.



The above photo is...

- A) The Winni Swimmi-that-wasn't
- B) Some adult version form of "Monkey in the Middle"
- C) The beginnings of "Script Ohio," except without the Ohio State band
- D) A game of "Let's check out each other's butts" (non-canine version)
- E) The Sue Nisson/Melissa Goldstein 3<sup>rd</sup> period exercise class

## ON A SERIOUS NOTE

The Leap family would like to extend a thank you to the camp community for your thoughts, concerns, and well wishes. Waking up to hear that a large scale train derailment had happened near our home was certainly not how we intended on starting our day!

The uncertainty of the situation was the most difficult. Knowing that my father was leading the evacuation operation was also worrisome. We are happy to report that although several homes were struck by the train and a tanker car carrying propane was on fire for the entire day, there were no injuries!

All of the residents of our town have been displaced and most likely will be for several days. We're happy to be here with you all at Camp Winni.

Peace and love,  
Travis Leap

## MINIATURE WINNI

Sue Hartley wants to spread the word about some great wooden pieces representing the Inn, the Barn, and the Chapel. See below.



## WE WERE MADE FOR THESE TIMES

By Pinkola Estes (shared with us by Jennifer Brosious)

My friends, do not lose heart. We were made for these times. I have heard from so many recently who are deeply and properly bewildered. They are concerned about the state of affairs in our world now. Ours is a time of almost daily astonishment and often righteous rage over the latest degradations of what matters most to civilized, visionary people.

You are right in your assessments. The lustre and hubris some have aspired to while endorsing acts so heinous against children, elders, everyday people, the poor, the unguarded, the helpless, is breathtaking. Yet, I urge you, ask you, gentle you, to please not spend your spirit dry by bewailing these difficult times. Especially do not lose hope. Most particularly because, the fact is that we were made for these times. Yes. For years, we have been learning, practicing, been in training for and just waiting to meet on this exact plain of engagement.

I grew up on the Great Lakes and recognize a seaworthy vessel when I see one. Regarding awakened souls, there have never been more able vessels in the waters than there are right now across the world. And they are fully provisioned and able to signal one another as never before in the history of humankind.

Look out over the prow; there are millions of boats of righteous souls on the waters with you. Even though your veneers may shiver from every wave in this stormy roil, I assure you that the long timbers composing your prow and rudder come from a greater forest. That long-grained lumber is known to withstand storms, to hold together, to hold its own, and to advance, regardless.

In any dark time, there is a tendency to veer toward fainting over how much is wrong or unmended in the world. Do not focus on that. There is a tendency, too, to fall into being weakened by dwelling on what is outside your reach, by what cannot yet be. Do not focus there. That is spending the wind without raising the sails.

We are needed, that is all we can know. And though we meet resistance, we more so will meet great souls who will hail us, love us and guide us, and we will know them when they appear. Didn't you say you were a believer? Didn't you say you pledged to listen to a voice greater? Didn't you ask for grace? Don't you remember that to be in grace means to submit to the voice greater?

Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely. It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good.

What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts, adding, adding to, adding more, continuing. We know that it does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up during the first, second, or hundredth gale.

One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks, can send up flares, builds signal fires, causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of soul in shadowy times like these – to be fierce and to show mercy toward others; both are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity.

Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help to calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest things you can do.

There will always be times when you feel discouraged. I too have felt despair many times in my life, but I do not keep a chair for it. I will not entertain it. It is not allowed to eat from my plate.

The reason is this: In my uttermost bones I know something, as do you. It is that there can be no despair when you remember why you came to Earth, who you serve, and who sent you here. The good words we say and the good deeds we do are not ours. They are the words and deeds of the One who brought us here. In that spirit, I hope you will write this on your wall: When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But that is not what great ships are built for.

## HELP US GET BETTER!

YOU make the difference when it comes to us creating a vision and shaping our Winni Week for 2018! Please take a moment to fill out this online evaluation about your experience this week. You can quickly rate items and you will have the opportunity to write out compliments, concerns, etc. that the Program Committee and Trustees will thoughtfully discuss. We know the Gems can't get much better, but the rest of your comments will be used in detail!

<https://surveygoldcloud.com/s/5D2A5E69B42B4082/204.htm>

## STRATEGIES FOR WET CLOTHES

- Use a clothes line.
- Hang them on a door.
- Use the dryers in the laundry hut.
- Leave them in the shower so they never dry.
- Throw them on your parents' bed so they don't see them until they want to go to sleep.
- Wear them wet! Start a trend.
- Give up. It's going to rain again anyway.

## EXTRA THANKS...

- While Kate Fioravanti has come to terms with the Gems consuming all her time, she expressed gratitude to Marilyn Kendrix for sharing some interesting stuff about Myers-Briggs and couples (since Kate can't go to the class). This may prove useful when Kate attempts to get her husband back from Lorraine Morrissey after Winni.
- Speaking of Lorraine, she has done a great job of keeping Joe fed and cared for as he toils over the Gems and nurses his foot. Joe is incredibly grateful! Kate is also grateful that some of that devoted nurturing is starting to rub off on Tim.
- The Evening Coordinators have outdone themselves this week! We know a lot goes into preparing for these events from surveying campers for Family Feud to providing daily updates. We are particularly glad they replaced Mike Nisson as emcee of the Hoot. Kyle<sup>2</sup> performed admirably and fortunately did not feel the urge to repeat Nisson's tendency to wear bowling shirts on stage.
- To the Nursery class for visiting the weary Gems editors today. While they brought no chocolate or articles to publish, we forgot to care.



*Thomas points in dismay upon catching the Gems staff who had stopped working. (What a task master!)*

- Many thanks to all those who served in the many positions that keep our camp going year after year. A special shout-out to the queen herself, President of Board of Trustees Meredith Smith who has just completed her final meeting of her term, just in time for her upcoming wedding. All hail, the future Mrs. And Mr.!





ADLER & HEARNE  
UPCOMING CONCERTS IN NEW ENGLAND



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**DURHAM, ME**

Sat., Aug. 5 | Smith-Storrow House Concert (hosts Putnam Smith & Ashley Storrow)  
100 Swamp Rd. | (207) 751-8934  
| [putnamsmith@gmail.com](mailto:putnamsmith@gmail.com) | 6 PM

**PEAKS ISLAND, ME**

Sun., Aug. 6 | Ted's House Concert (co-hosted by Fran Silvestri & Suzy Hallwright)  
For details, call or email (603) 882-6579 | [fran@pl.net](mailto:fran@pl.net) | 6 PM

**NEWTON, MA**

Fri., Aug. 11 | Cunningham-Stevens House Concert  
69 Pontiac Rd. | (617) 527-2384  
| [diane.v.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:diane.v.stevens@gmail.com) | 6 PM

**LEXINGTON, MA**

Sat., Aug. 12 | Kaye-Pike House Concert  
6 Abernathy | (617) 240-2020 | [kathypike21@gmail.com](mailto:kathypike21@gmail.com) | 6 PM

**WINCHESTER, MA**

Sun., Aug. 13 | Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church  
(Hope Lucky, minister)  
34 Dix St. | (781) 729-5056 | 9 AM

**LEXINGTON, MA**

Th., Aug. 17 | Ross House | Locke Lane Cul-de-sac Concert!  
26 Locke Lane | (781) 674-2053 | [rjdelisle@gmail.com](mailto:rjdelisle@gmail.com) | 6 PM

**GUILFORD, CT**

Fri., Aug. 18 | Summerlin House Concert (co-hosted by the Fitzpatrick Nagers and Giebish Mohrers)  
RSVP for directions | [summerlin.kate@gmail.com](mailto:summerlin.kate@gmail.com) | 6 PM

**MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Sat., Aug. 19 | The Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts & Cultural Center (please help us fill up this venue so they'll have us back!!!)  
605 Main St. | (860) 347-4957 | [thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com](mailto:thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com) | \$15 general admission seating (cash or check at the door) | 8 PM

**NEW HAVEN, CT**

Sun., Aug. 20 | Trinity Church on the Green (Episcopal)  
230 Temple St. | (203) 624-3101 | 10 AM

**OPEN DATES WE'D LOVE TO FILL!**

In case you'd like to host your own impromptu house concert for your circle of family and friends:

T, W, Th Aug. 8, 9 and 10 | Sunday afternoon/evening  
Aug. 13 | M, T, W Aug. 14, 15 and 16

If interested in learning more, please let us know ASAP!  
| (214) 952-6086 | [lynnandlindy@adlerandhearne.com](mailto:lynnandlindy@adlerandhearne.com)

Note: there is a \$15-\$20 per person *Suggested Donation* for these concerts, but ALL are welcome (i.e., no one turned away for lack of funds.) We'd love to see you again.

Also, let's stay connected via Facebook, our web site [www.adlerandhearne.com](http://www.adlerandhearne.com), and our Adler & Hearne page at [BandCamp.com](http://BandCamp.com) where you can listen to and purchase all our music online! We love Y'ALL, and thank you to our house concert hosts. These shows enable us to make our living so we can make the journey to our beloved Camp Winni. ~ Lynn & Lindy

P.S. This just in: beloved WFUV (Fordham University/Bronx, NY) radio host Robert Sherman of the "Woody's Children" program will be re-airing an in-studio interview/performance of ours this coming Sunday! It airs from 4 to 5 p.m. EST and usually is archived for a couple of weeks following. [www.wfuv.org](http://www.wfuv.org).

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Mildred Stephenfield, friend of Joann and Bill Milford who died last week... This was one of her favorite meditations:

*May I dwell in my heart.*

*May I be free from pain and suffering.*

*May I be healed and whole.*

*May I be at peace.*

*May I know the joy of my own true nature.*

## TO ALL OF YOU NIGHT OWLS

Dear Late Night Partiers Who Return from the Beach at 3-4AM,

We're glad you are enjoying yourselves at whatever hour the Winni spirit moves you, and doing so safely. Please know that late at night the sound of your voices carries far beyond your intended company. It especially carries to the Winni campers whose nearby bedchambers have only the benefit of one layer of nylon to dampen the outdoor sounds. As a new camper, I'm not clear on whether getting woken by loud, emphatic conversations between 3 and 4am each night is part of the Winni tradition. However, I submit this is *not* a tradition that serves our community well. I request that you consider if waking fellow campers is really the change you want to be in the world. Thanks for considering.

- A new camper



*Ugh, now they're even dressing alike. #Twinsies*

## JEW WITH A VIEW ☆ BARI PRINCE

• *Lifecycle Events: Confirmation* •

We've barely finished paying off the Bar Mitzvah, and now it's Confirmation time! Where have the years gone?

Confirmation does not have the long history that the Bar Mitzvah does. It was developed by the Reform movement, which didn't buy into the idea that a 13-year-old was an adult. So the Bar Mitzvah was abolished and Confirmation took its place as a coming-of-age ritual. Today it's common for children to celebrate both a Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation, although far fewer kids "make it" through religious school to Confirmation age (10<sup>th</sup> grade).

Confirmation is tied to the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which celebrates the Jews receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. Today it is a celebration of Torah, education, and activity choosing to participate in Jewish life.

Unlike a Bar Mitzvah, which is usually an individual endeavor (in some congregation's celebrants "double up", but each has separate responsibilities and reads a different part of the Torah portion), Confirmation is celebrated by the group of students who reach 10<sup>th</sup> grade. These students study together in religious school starting after their B'nai Mitzvot, and often they have social events, trips with Jewish themes, and participate in social action activities together.

Confirmants lead the Congregation in a worship service, usually focused on a theme such as learning, social justice or Israel. This theme is incorporated into the service and the sermon. The service may be very creative, with students offering less known variations on common prayers, poetry readings, and personal reflections.

The service is usually followed by a group or individual celebrations, which of course include bagels and lox!

### What is lox?

You are at the party, surveying the buffet table, and you wonder what the heck that slimy salmon-colored stuff is. It's slimy salmon! But not just plain old slimy salmon. This salmon has been salt-cured or brined and then cold-smoked and the result is a delicacy so coveted that my grandmother once knocked an unsuspecting teenager out cold with her purse to get to the last piece. Okay, not really, but if you knew my grandmother you know she was perfectly capable of this.

Lox is smoky, salty and delicious and is usually loaded onto a bagel on top of a nice schmear of cream cheese and under some red onions and capers and eaten open sandwich style. Yum.

And speaking of food:

"The Jewish people have observed their 5,777<sup>nd</sup> year as a people," the Hebrew school teacher informed his class. "Consider that the Chinese have observed only their 4,710<sup>th</sup>. What does this mean to you?"

After a reflective pause, one student volunteered, "Well, for one thing, according to my calculations, the Jews had to do without Chinese food for 1,067 years."