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## *Camp Robindel*

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## A MESSAGE FROM JOLLY & CORI

While we hoped that this letter would be solely focused on the successes of last summer, and our optimism for Robindel's future, our lives were all changed on October 7. The impact of the atrocities committed by Hamas terrorists in Israel are widespread, both within our Robindel family and the world at large. It is not easy to continue day-to-day life knowing that so many people are suffering, and this is especially true when our own values and existence are being challenged. Now more than ever, it is important to lean into our community. And, now more than ever our children stand to benefit from unplugging in nature, living and playing together, and embracing the traditions carried by generations of Robindel women.

We spent four meaningful days together in October, attending a camp conference in Colorado. Our in-person time together in the off-season is always productive as we reflect on the previous summer and plan for the future. We discuss our goals, schedules, staffing, campers, construction projects, programming and more, always guided by our mission.

Jolly is on the road for the month of November, visiting with families throughout the northeast. Her calendar is filled with meeting both new and returning campers, as well as alumni. Jolly's family will spend Thanksgiving in New Hampshire, joined by Nicole and Jake who are now year-round New Hampshire residents. Check out page 3, where we "welcome" Nicole and Jake.

The momentum of growing Robindel from the bottom-up is palpable. Like last summer, we expect our youngest cabins to be full. We also have a high return rate of staff, with over 60 who have already committed to the 2024 summer. Naty has been interviewing new staff, setting goals with returning staff, and creating systems to improve our workflow. Having three directors on three time zones requires organization and systems!

We remain grateful for each other, for our wonderful year-round team, and for our CR community.

*Jolly & Cori*



# WELCOME NICOLE & JAKE



Nicole joined The Robindel Family in the summer of 2013 as a Willow counselor, working in the Arts & Crafts department. At the time, she was an Art Education major at Minnesota State University. She completed her degree and went on to work as a high school art teacher. In the summer of 2019, Nicole invited her boyfriend Jake to visit her at camp in hopes that he may want to come work in a future summer. He was a high school physics teacher, so he also had his summers free. Jake joined the CR team in 2021 and the rest is history! Well, let's not forget when the J'21 girls were their bridesmaids in their surprise camp wedding. (They had a real wedding in March of 2022.)

Jake and Nicole are now married, "retired" from their teaching jobs, and have moved out to New Hampshire to join our year-round team. They share our vision for the future of camp and they are overflowing with ideas to improve the CR facilities and expand our off-season rentals. We are beyond excited to have them on board!

Jake is officially our new Facilities Director. He has worked closely with both Joel and Chuck over the last couple of years and is so happy to take the baton. Nicole is working on growing The Robindel Lodge, our off-season retreats and rentals business.

Keep an eye on our Instagram page as Nicole and Jake document the beauty of camp through the seasons. We are @instarobindel on Instagram.





## INTRODUCING THE LODGE AT CAMP ROBINDEL

Far from being *new*, The Lodge was the original building at Robindel. Formerly known as Robinson's Lodge, Robindel was originally a small resort that prospered in the 1940s. It was known for its beautiful setting and delicious food.

We are now putting our camp-oriented mission to work while hosting off-season events. Our intention is for guests to enjoy the interwoven nature of play, community and gratitude while making memories in our beautiful outdoor space.

We hope you will help spread the word and consider us for your next rental.

**WEDDINGS, FAMILY REUNIONS,  
CORPORATE GROUPS, BAT MITZVAHS,  
BACHELORETTE PARTIES,  
OUTDOOR EDUCATION OUTINGS,  
ATHLETIC GROUPS,  
MINDFULNESS RETREATS,  
RELIGIOUS GROUPS, SCOUTS.**

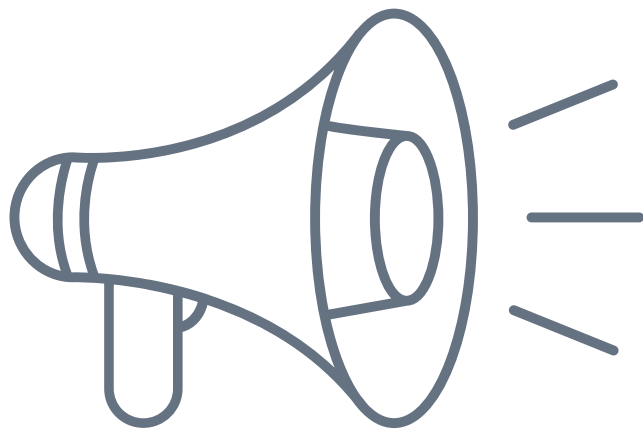


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More information can be found on our website [HERE](#).





hello  
**ALUMNI**

**Would you like to know about regional CR get togethers?**

*Be sure to update your address in the CR Alumni system.*

HERE is a link to login to your alumni account.

*If you received this newsletter via email, you already have an account.*

HERE is a link to register for an account if you don't have one.

email us with any questions.







# OUR WARMEST CR CONGRATULATIONS

## MELISSA LEBER

*Juniper 1997, CR MEDICAL DIRECTOR*

**Dr. Melissa Leber, CR alumna, current CR Medical Director and CR Mom, was the Director of Player Medical Services at the US Open. Below is an excerpt from an article in which Dr. Leber was interviewed.**

In 2023, the US Open Tennis Championships featured its first all-woman leadership team overseeing player medical services, following the appointment of Mount Sinai physician Melissa Leber MD, to Director of Player Medical Services—the second woman in the tournament’s history to hold the position. In her role, she managed a multidisciplinary medical team from Mount Sinai, which has served as the official medical services provider for the US Open for more than a decade.

“Serving on an all-woman leadership team at the US Open was such an honor,” says Dr. Leber, Director of Emergency Department Sports Medicine and Associate Professor of Orthopedics and Emergency Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. “Not only did we demonstrate Mount Sinai’s dedication to gender equality — both at the US Open and in orthopedics — we also sent a strong message to the world that sports medicine is a career women can and should pursue.”





## BEA OWENS

*Juniper 2009, CR STAFF 2015,16,18,19,22,23*

Bea is part of the cast of *Fiddler on the Roof* at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, NJ this holiday season.

The show runs from December 6 though January 7.

More information about the show can be found [HERE](#).

Tickets are available [HERE](#)

*Everybody at camp already knows how talented Bea is, and we are beyond excited for her to share her talents on the big stage!*





## SYDNEY WOLCHOK

*Juniper 2010*

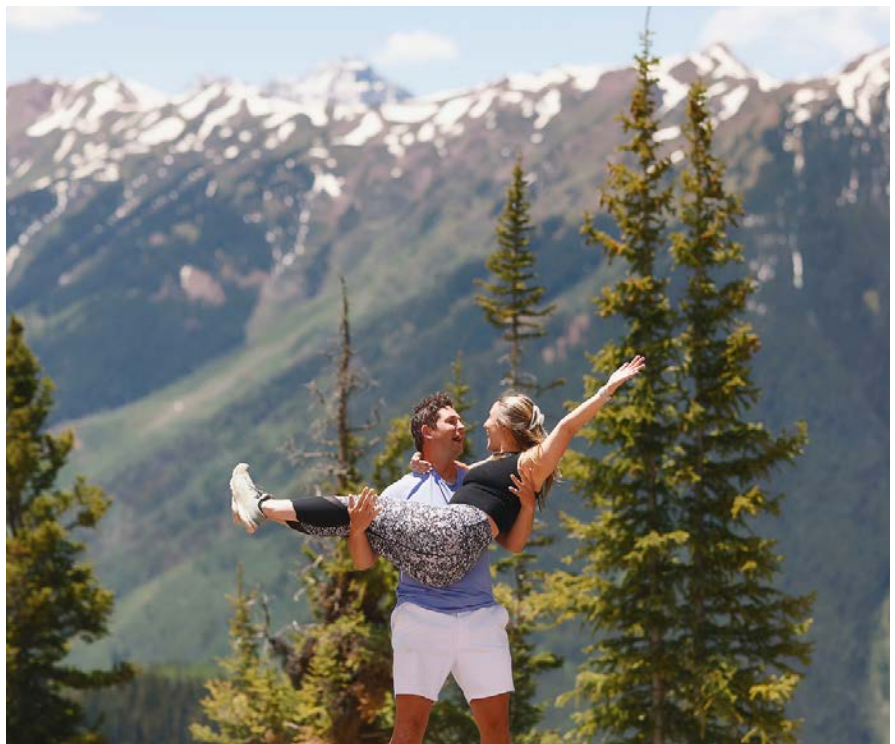
Syd got engaged to Matt Schwartz on June 24, 2023 on a rooftop in NYC and had both of their families waiting nearby to celebrate (her mom Randi Daitch and sister Marni were both Robindel girls too). Syd and Matt both went to Emory, but met through mutual friends after college. They are getting married in June 2024 and Marni (J'12) will be her Maid of Honor.



## ALLIE SHAPIRO

*Juniper 2009*

Allie got engaged to Andrew Schwartz on June 27, 2023. They were in Aspen, Colorado where they hiked up to the top of Ajax Mountain. Andrew proposed at the overlook atop the mountain. They took the gondola down, where Allie's family was waiting to celebrate. Then, they headed to the Hamptons to celebrate with his family, as well as all of their best friends. They are getting married in Palm Beach, Florida next November.





## REBECCA REVZIN

*Juniper 2012*

Rebecca got engaged to Ricky Delbuono on October 22, 2023. They had been dating for 7 years and he was very patient with her as she wanted to finish her Family Nurse Practitioner degree before planning a wedding.



## NICKI LEAVITT

*Juniper 2006*

Nicki got engaged to Justin Abramovitz on October 6, 2023. They live in Colorado where they enjoy road trips and adventures, including an annual Telluride leaf-peeping trip. This year's visit was extra special because Justin proposed while they were taking photos – he had secretly arranged for a photographer to capture the moment. The next surprise came when they went for dinner and their families were both there to celebrate. Justin also grew up attending summer camp so he truly appreciates and understands the significance of traditions and experiences.





## NIKKI MENDELL

*Juniper 2004*

Nikki married Eric Edelman on September 9, 2023 at Hutton brickyards in Kingston NY. Many Robindel girls were present including Ali Horowitz, Alex (Rosen) Rubin, Jordan (Zarrilli) Green all from Juniper 2004, and Nikki's cousins Samantha Wenig, Jody Wenig, Dylann (Katz) Sands and Jamie Berger Katz.



## MELISSA HOROWITZ

*Juniper 2007*

Melissa married Jesse Frankel on May 20, 2023 in Purchase, NY. The two met through their mutual best friend, Ali Levine (J'07 and Jesse's friend from Armonk, NY). Melissa's bridesmaids included CR alumnae and Maid of Honor, Ali Horowitz (J'04), and Melissa's J'07 bunkmates Ali Levine, Ali (Nathanson) Evans and Hayley Brooks.





## ALI BARENHOLTZ

*Juniper 2009*

Ali married David Leight on October 7, 2023 in Boston, MA. They had the best time celebrating with their friends and family including CR alumnae – Mallory (Minster) Sanderson, Ali Saltz, Melissa Blotner, Danielle Barenholtz, and Jessie Barroway.



## TAYLOR KAMINSKY

*Juniper 2010*

Taylor married Cliff Gelb on June 10, 2023 at Cedar Lakes Estate in New York. The two met their freshman year at Vanderbilt and tied the knot in a camplike setting (inclusive of bunkbeds, s'mores, and lake activities!) surrounded by friends and family, including sisters Katie (J'12) and Charlie, cousin Carly Konsker (J'08), bridesmaid Jess (Weingarten) Leiber (J'10) and friends Amanda Milberg (J'10) and Dani (Berger) Gildin (J'09).





# AOIFE O'CONNOR

*CR Staff 2016 - 2021*

Aoife married Oran Quinn on May 11, 2023 at home in Ireland. CR friend Orla Whelan was Aoife's Maid of Honor and they were lucky to have Aoife's co-counselors Nat Ellison, Kezia Dixon and Aishling Hehir also join them for their special day.





## NATY ARANGUREN

*CR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR*

Naty and her husband Andres welcomed baby girl Belen on July 12, 2023. She is the 6th grandchild on her father's side and the 1st grandchild on her mother's side. Naty and Andres can't wait for her to be at Robindel, where they first met.



## JEN (BERGER) KYRIAK

*Juniper 2006*

Jen and her husband Michael welcomed baby girl Willow Stella on September 19, 2023. She is named after Jen's loving grandparents Sandy, Steve and Shirley!





## ALI (LAZARUS) ROSEN

*Juniper 2004*

Ali and her husband Josh welcomed baby boy Jackson Miles on September 30, 2023. Big brother Cameron is so proud of his baby brother!



## MICHELLE KATZ

*Juniper 2003*

Michelle and her husband Ezra Wise welcomed baby boy Benjamin in June 2023 (pictured with big sis, Bear). He can't wait to be a Winaukee camper like his Dad!





## EMILY (GUADAGNO) WEINREB

*Juniper 2003*

Emily and her husband Matthew welcomed baby boy Ajax Max on July 13, 2023. Big sister Bryn and big brother Meir are thrilled he has joined their crew!



## ALYSSA (POTOLSKY) MANDEL

*Juniper 2005*

Alyssa and her husband Jonah welcomed baby girl Andie Jade on August 26, 2023.





## DANIELLE (WACHS) ROSENBERG

*Juniper 2009*

Danielle and her husband Shelby, along with their daughters Jocelyn (4.5) and Raquel (2.5) welcomed baby boy Levi in August 2023.



## JESSICA (STEINER) JOSEPHBERG

*Juniper 2002*

Jessica and her husband Brandon welcomed baby girl Devyn Rae on January 2, 2023. She is already so loved by her big brother Jake.





## CLAUDIA (DE BOTTON) O'LEARY

*Juniper 2007*

Claudia and her husband A.J. welcomed baby girl Dylan on May 14, 2023 (Mothers Day!). She can't wait to be a future Robindel girl!



## CLAUDIA (KRONENFELD) WILLIAMS

*Juniper 2004*

Claudia and her husband Jonathan welcomed baby girl Hannah Rachel on May 26, 2023. She borrowed big sis Michelle's CR onesie for the photo (much more CR gear to come in the future!).





## ALYSON (SHORE) SIMON

*Juniper 2007*

Alyson and her husband Matt welcomed baby girl Juliet Ava on September 23, 2023. Juliet can't wait to be a Robindel girl!



## THE LOVELY CURATED

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Founded by Mother-Daughter CR Alumnae, Stephanie Goldman and Sam Pittel, The Lovely Curated's mission is to champion Israeli creatives, vendors and designers during a trying time by providing a platform that showcases their exceptional creations. 100% of the proceeds go to the designers. You can browse their collection, and when purchasing you will be directed directly to the designers' website so you can purchase direct.

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