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Dear Frenchwoodite,

Best wishes for a happy New Year to all of you and your families. I hope 2009 brings you health, happiness and a great summer at French Woods.

So many things are happening all at once. Registration is now over the eighty percent (80%) mark. All CIT positions are officially closed. A few kids have asked me to save them spots and I have, but at this time it is unfair to hold these spots and turn others away. If you are not yet registered as a CIT please call immediately.

It's always amazing the number of alumni that contact the office this time of year. The things they are up to are incredible. More than that, we get contacted from all of the world. Wait until the end of January when Camper Out features French Woods on MTV. I think contacts will be non stop.

Just a reminder, we are starting our search for summer staff. Beth, Larry, Isaac, Cathy, Michael, Gregg and I begin our hiring trips in the next few weeks. Do you know of anyone in need of a summer job?

Look for a very exciting bit of news coming up. Just a hint: Who's going to dedicate our new Fitness Center?



Fondly,
**Ron &
Barbara**

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Show DVDs

At this point 95% of all DVD's have been mailed out. All DVD's will be sent in the next few weeks. We apologize for the delay. If you haven't received your DVD by the end of January, give us a call in the office to be sure that we have your order!

Accommodations

The office has received many calls with regard to accommodations for visiting camp. Please visit www.frenchwoods.com to find our suggested venues.

Go to *for parents* and click on *nearby accommodations*. Act soon!
Hotels in this area book early!

Show Selection

There are many factors involved in the selection of the shows for each summer's schedule. The main factor is that the show must be available for licensing. That is why many of the new shows currently on Broadway are not available for amateur performance and may not be so for many years to come.

We try to select shows in which the subject matter and material is both appropriate and accessible for the age group intended. We also try to select shows that we think campers will enjoy performing. It is also important that each show we select has many opportunities for as many people as possible to shine. The demands of sets, costumes and orchestrations are also taken into consideration. Equally important is how the shows will play against each other in our five theatres. We also try to mix old favorites which we do every four years or so, with shows that may be unfamiliar to most of you.

With the two black box theatre's we are able to undertake shows that are more experimental in nature.

Once the calendar is set we try not to make changes. Sometimes this is unavoidable. We spend countless hours each winter debating the merits of various shows and how they will enhance our schedule. The main goal is to have something for everyone!



Just Registered!



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| Sandra Artigas | Olivia Conforti | Raven Hathaway | Guimarars | Lyle Oberman | Alessandro Siciliano |
| Josephine Artin | Hannah Crane | Angelo Heimowitz | Benjamin Konigsberg | Lars Odland | Scott Silberberg |
| Nadav Barack | Rachel Curcio | Elizabeth Herman | Rachel Krieger | Torsten Odland | Alexis Silow |
| Jorge Barranco | Michelle Danoff | Erika Herman | Louise Lefkowitz | Ana Ortiz De Zuniga | Eliza Singerman |
| Carly Beard | Noah Davis | Brett Hoffman | Mia Levinson | Teresa Pacheco | Rickie Singerman |
| Rachel Beldoch | Leslie Duke | Nicole Hoffman | Remi Levinson | Tellechea | Caitlin Slatcher |
| Maia Berlow | Carlie Dunn | Tessa Holliday | Max Lewin | Catherine Parker | Ryan Slatcher |
| Maia Bernstein | Shreya Dutta | Isabelle Homberg | Danielle Lichter | Devon Pincus | Emilie Sohl |
| Paige Biderman | Alex Eisman | Oliver Homberg | Liam Longstreet | Samantha Pincus | Ryan Tam |
| Blake Biederman | Eli Elman | Usha Houeix | Vivienne Longstreet | Eve Plank | Zoe Tchapraste |
| Hadley Biederman | Jordan Elman | Isaac Hudis | Corey Lorence | Julia "Kelly" Poleman | Daniel Thimm |
| Amanda Blechman | Kellie Fisher | Sophia Jackson | Nicholas Lorence | Michael Poleman | Ariel Tomback |
| Danielle Blechman | Elissa Frank | Alanna Jacobs | Luna Manela | Milena Pross | Ava Tunnicliffe |
| Meredith Brandt | Daniele Friedland | Elizabeth Jacobs | Ashley Paige Marinello | Rachel Pustejovsky | Karl Skyler Urban |
| Rachel Briant | Carolyn Friedman | Rebecca Jacobs | Devon Marinello | Shoshana Rath | Ana Valles |
| Talia Briant | Andrew Garonzik | Merce Jessor | Nicole Marlin | Viveca Riley | Fernando Valles |
| Nicolas Briner | Daniel Gessner | Anna Johnson | Brian Maroti | Britney Roach | Emilie Van Blarcom |
| Danielle Brooks | Henry Gessner | Katie Johnson | Emily Mattlin | Alex Root | Sara Wachter |
| Matthew Byas | Anya Gips | Alana Joseph | Meredit Mattlin | Rachel Rosen | Samantha Waldenberg |
| Matthew Carbognini | Elena Gold | Elena Juliano | Alexandra Merjan | Justine Rosenblat | Ally Weber |
| Maya Carlson | Emma Goodman | Zach Kantor | Sara Merker | Julia Rutkovsky | Elizabeth Weinstein |
| Brittany Champey | Alexandra Gottlieb | Morgan Kashinsky | Rachael Miller | Samantha Sadicario | Emily Whaley |
| Joseph Champey | Olivia Greene | Emily Kazdin | Alexandra Mills | Veronica Sandler | Lorenzo Whaley Iv |
| Eli Chazin | Chase Gutman | Maxwell Kesicki | Jessica Mitchell | Morgan Schwartz | Jessica Wills |
| Dylan Chenfeld | Hallie Halpern | Taylor Kesicki | Kathryn Morrison | Levi Shaw-Faber | Emilia Yoffie |
| Daniel Cohen | Jovan Hannah | Nell Kessler | Shamir Morrison | Maya Shaw-Faber | Isabelle Zinghini |
| Jake Cohen | Alex Harellick | Leo Kleiman-Lynch | Caroline Murphy | Lauren Sherman | Amanda Zwirn |
| Adam Cohn | Giacomo Hasbani | Diego Klock-Perez | Ian Nelson | Rachel Sherman | Stephanie Zwirn |
| Zoe Colbert | Jonathan Hassan | Heather Knobel- | Julia O'brien | Miriam Sibitz | |

January Birthdays!

1 Samantha Fanelli	8 Joyia Ford	Alix Romatet	Sonya Gould	Camilla Borgogni	Sophie Raffle
Elisa Johnson	Ben Kates	Adira Schiff	Brett Hoffman	Adrian Garcia	Julia Rosenwald
Rebecca Thrope	Ilan Lindenfeld	Hannah Cohen	Ariana Lewis	Annette Gershovich	Lawson Young
Benjamin Waggett	Kevin O'leary	Abigail Petuchowski	Eli Meyers	Alex Mandel	28 Jaryn Pitkowski
2 Brandon Camner	9 Jeffrey Andersen	Ronen Wolf	Arabella Pringle	Tess Mc Cabe	Janmarco Santiago
Joseph Monteiro	Heather Braverman	14 Alessandra Ahlmen	Samantha Waldenberg	Danielle Merendino	Miriam Sibitz
Michael Ruggiero	Charlotte Durkee	Stephanie (Molly) Arencibia	Zachary Zeren	Nicolas Petersen-Gyongyos	Rachel Spielman
3 Elena Adams	Eve Fiertag	Kaysi Davis	19 Elizabeth Blumberg	Andrew Schwartz	Cora Vasserman
Joshua Alberstadt	Joshua Leifer	Leora Ellison	Julia Ganbarg	Lindsey Wolfram	Jordan Rachel Weiss
Matthew Dershowitz	Andrew Lippe	Russell Rothenberg	Chisako Ogiwara	24 Joshua Abraham-Raveson	Jillian Kovler
Abrielle Josephson	Sasha Young	10 Christopher Anselmo	Sonyia Okon	Max Balka	Adam Krevlin
Adam Leibowitz	10 Christopher Anselmo	Samantha Harris	Tamsin Smith	Carolyne Friedman	Rodrigo Rivero Lake
Joseph Schwartz	11 Daniel Acosta	Harrison Kaufman	Jamie Zeitman	Jonathan Gelt	Preston Lee
Casey Wolen	Sophie Benson	Emily Khodosh	20 Taylor Hirschfield	Michael Mimichiello	Jessica Mckenzie
4 Daniel Blanck	Stephanie Casino	Chloe Menderson	Rebecca Jacobs	25 Marie Barki	Amanda Welch
Alexander Brickel	Sophie Cook	Eric Rivlin	Samantha Stoloff	Eleanor Bent	30 Rachel Benatar
Nicole Burns	Alex Dipaola	Ashley Stern	21 Isabel Abraham-Raveson	Peter Danis	Kaitlyn Brown
Eva Gutt	Kai Fraser Gamel	Ava Tunnicliffe	Samantha Bilinkas	Danielle Dominici	Allison Czalet
Erika Herman	Grace Kaiser	15 Gavin Becker	Erin Blankstein	Jovan Hannah	Lucia Gallipoli
Elizabeth Herman	Ginga Kurihara	Marisa Guerrero	Diana Hirst	Diana Hirst	Gabriele Gross
Daniel Iturralde	Emmaline Lorenzo	Jake Lewtan	25 Julien Majerholc	25 Constance Martin	Sirus Han
Paige Mankin	Allison Scott	16 Philip Anastassiou	Heather Knobel-Guimarars	Chelsea Wolgel	Drew Harrison
Jesse Morris	Julia Tibor	Amanda Berke	Ariella Lindenfeld	Ariana Varvaro	Jamie Martin
Hannah Sugarman	Michelle Zinner	Isabella Chirico	Jordan Weisberg	26 Stephanie Goodwin	Debbie Sachare
William Wang	12 Lucie Corrigan	Allison Kaminsky	Rebecca Werfel	31 Alex Beer	A.J. Senaydin
5 Paula Kröll	Michelle Gershovich	Rebecca Kasmin	Reagan Wolf	Taylor Kesick	Kristina Milanese
Abby Sandler	Rebecca Goldstein	Alyssa Markowitz	22 Elizabeth "Lily" Bou	Sherina Mahtani	Annese Silva
Greg Schwartz	Chloe La Motta	17 Adele Austin	Symphony Howlett	Jacqueline Molnar	Jacob "Jack" Smyth
6 Jana Bernard	Brian Lindley	Natalie Edwards	Bradison Israel	Corinne Olson	Jacques Wales
Bryan Lustig	Emily Nelkin	12 Lucie Corrigan	Natalie Edwards	Rachael Pfiuma	Daniel Wright
7 Sabrina Fuchs	18 Alexander Eisenberg	Jason Goldberg	Jason Goldberg	Samuel Pottash	Lindsey Wales
Rachel Greenblatt	Jordan Goodson	Rebecca Goldstein	Ryan Leopold	Samantha Rosenwald	Daniel Wright
Rachel Hechler	18 Alexander Eisenberg	Rebecca Suskauer	18 Alexander Eisenberg	Sarah Shane	Ryan Zukoff
Joanna Kamien	Alyssa Finfer	Ryan Wolf	Zachary Eisenberg	Stephen Shortz	
Natalia Ochoa	Jordan Goodson	Lindsay Wolgel	Alyssa Finfer	27 Sam Kreski	
Jamie Pellerin	23 Etienne Augustin	Juliette Laurent	Jordan Goodson	Juliette Laurent	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!



Isaac's Corner

As of Jan 1, 2009, (Happy New Year) there are only 160 days left until session one begins and only 180 days to the beginning of session two.

Enid Marcus, will represent French Woods at the following open houses. We would love for some of our Frenchwoodites to join her in order to help her meet new French Woods Campers. Bring a friend or relative and introduce them to French Woods as well.

Saturday, January 17 12 Noon – 4 PM Westchester Marriott Hotel 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591 914-631-2200	Sunday, January 18 12 Noon – 4 PM The Inn at Great Neck 30 Cutter Mill Road Great Neck, NY 11121 516-773-2000	Saturday, January 24 th From 12 Noon – 4 PM At the Doubletree Fort Lee/George Washington Bridge 2117 Route 4 Eastbound, Fort Lee, NJ 07024 Tel: 201-461-9000	Sunday, January 25 th From 12 noon – 4 PM At The Moore-Bernards: 3 St. Bernard's Road Far Hills, NJ 07931 908-234-2702 Park directly across the street at the Gill St. Bernard School
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SummerFare '09	at	GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL 10 Hillside Road Greenwich, CT 06830	Wednesday, January 28, 2009 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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Larry will be in New York City for an open house and could also use your help



Open House '09	at	The Leslie Lewis Residence at 521 East 14 th Street apt 5B (Stuyvesant Town) New York, NY 10009 Buzzer 143	Saturday, January 17 & Sunday, January 18 From 12 noon – 4:00 pm
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Isaac will be in the Boston From Friday January 23rd through Sunday, January 25th, and Philadelphia area on the dates below and would love to see you in those areas.

NEWTON MARRIOTT HOTEL
The address is:
2345 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02466
PHONE: 617-969-1000

You can meet with Isaac at the KIDS Opportunities Fair 2009
Sunday, January 25 2008, 12pm - 3pm
Brookline High School • 115 Greenough St • Brookline MA • 02445

You can also see Isaac at the following camp fairs in the Philly, Cherry Hill, and Delaware areas:

 2009 Main Line Camp Fair Wednesday, January 28 5:30-8:30 pm Conestoga High School 200 Irish Road Berwyn, Pa 19312	 COMMONWEALTH CAMP FAIR Thursday, January 29 th 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. In the field house at Tower Hill School, Rising Sun Lane (off Route 52), Wilmington, De	Chestnut Hill Academy's Camp Fair 2009 Saturday, January 31 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM 500 West Willow Grove Avenue Philadelphia PA 19118 215.247.4700
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Call us or email us and let us know that you can participate in these fairs and open houses. We look forward to seeing you then.

We are also planning an open house in Atlanta, Ga, and one in Chicago. I will keep you all posted.

Staff & Camper News

Brent Mason and **Matt Herman** are working together on the production musical *Pope Joan* which **Matt** is starring in. **Brent** will be working as the scenic designer. The musical is being produced by the original *Hair* Broadway producer Michael Butler.

Rachel Vetesi is playing Frenchy in *Grease the Megillah* in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Nicole Mizrahi dreams of French Woods and can't wait for summer.

Tracy Naschek has made the Dance Team at Dance Arts Centre in Port Washington.

David Fertik has just been cast in his high school's production of *Urinetown the Musical* as Tiny Tom, who is one of the poor and an idiotic man-child.

Alana Joseph went on an open call for *Spiderman - the musical on Broadway* cast by Bernie Telsey with Julie Taymor Directing. After 4 weeks of call backs - singing and dancing and acting - Julie Taymor wanted to cast **Alana** as Spiderman's girlfriend's younger sister (16-18). The music was created by Bono of U2. She actually got to sing the whole score with Bono and was alone with him for an hour and a half. Unfortunately, the producer pulled the backing, so it won't be produced after all. So close!

Matt Dershowitz was selected for Nassau's All-County Chorus.

Heather Fisch was the lead as Clara in *The Nutcracker* with the Philadelphia Dance Theatre. She did a great job! Our entire family was also in the performance and we had a great time being on stage together.

Lillie Farr is auditioning for her school's production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. Break a leg!

Jaden Jules auditioned and made it to *Durham Middle School All County Band* and playing the clarinet. On December 11, 2008, he performed on stage with *Kenny Rogers' Holiday Celebration* in Durham NC. **Jaden** also appeared in Langston Hughes' *Black Nativity* as an Angel and dancer in December.

Hannah Frishberg just completed performing the role of Maricello in her school's (Berkeley Carroll) play, the first adaptation of Paul Fleischmann's *Seed Folks*.

Yael Haskal has landed the role of Puck in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, to be per-

formed at the Gilman School in Baltimore, Maryland.

Xander Trop starred as Nathan Detroit in a Bergen county New Jersey production of *Guys and Dolls*.

Wade Lahrman is in *The Wizard of Oz*, **Dane Lahrman** and **Jake Lahrman** are both auditioning for *West Side Story*.

Carolyn Stock has been having great rehearsals with all of her musical groups and her production of *Oklahoma!* closed in November. The baby due date is coming soon!

Ignacio Tambunting (Nacho) is currently in *A Christmas Carol* where he alternately plays, Scrooge at 12 and Jonathan.

Alison Klineman will be playing Kate Murphey in *Titanic* at New World School of the Arts.

Brittany Champey went to **Heather Tepe's** sweet 16 with many Frenchwoodites, including: **Hali Garber**, **Christina Ames**, **Annette Gershovich**, **Lyle Oberman**, **Lisa Prywess**, **Hillary Kooistra**, **Gabe Greenspan**, **Tucker Caploe**, **Michael Kushner**, **Zach Zeren**, **Cole Doleman**, **Alexa Lebersfeld**, **Alana Jo**, **Rebecca Kuznick** and **Anna Reese**. **Brittany** also received a superior & 2 excellence at the December 13th district thespian competitions.

Joe Champey and his HS basketball team played in 2 basketabl tournaments. They came in 2nd with the first tournament & they won the second. **Joe's** team is now 13-2 with just over a month to go in the season. He then he took a flight to Maryland and met up with his sister **Erin** and **Rachel Besser**, who all went to bring in the new year with **Laura & Tommy Thomas**.

Jamie Goodson begins rehearsals in March for the Kennedy Center's production of Ragtime. She will be playing Tate's little girl. Performances begin in March.

Amy Danoff landed the role of Demetrius in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with MacGuffin Theatre and Film Company, which is going to be performed at the Adrienne Theaterin Philadelphia.

Lisa Graye celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in October with a table full of Frenchwoodites. The very next day she started filming an independent film called *Standing Up*. It's now a wrap.

That's the news and we're outta here!!!

French Woods Mini-Camp 2009

French Woods is now offering a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls ages 7 through 12. We are inviting those children interested in attending French Woods, to "test the waters." It is an opportunity for your children to spend a weekend at French Woods to get a taste of what would be in store for them, should you sign your children up for camp.

The mini-camp tuition is \$100.00, which will be credited back to you, should you sign your child up for the 2009 or 2010 camp seasons. This is a perfect opportunity for siblings and friends of current campers to check out camp!

If you have any questions, please call us at 800-634-1703.

Beth Backstage

Hiring will kick into high gear this month when Larry, Ron, Gregg, Cathy, Michael & I leave on our respective hiring trips to the UK, Australia, Mexico and South Africa.

In other travel news, Michael and I have been back and forth to New York several times this year visiting with all sorts of camp alumni along the way. We even got a chance to see Anne Nathan in the off Broadway production of Stephen Sondheim's *Road Show* at the Public Theater.

I hope that you all had happy holidays this year. For us, the holidays are a great time for catching up with camp people visiting in sunny Florida. Voice instructor Andrea Wivchar was down for the holidays, as was David Weinstein. David spent several days in the office planning a new catch phrase for 2009. Andrew Schwartz stopped by the office just after the new year also.

Do you have someone to recommend to work at camp for 2009? If so, have them contact me in the office or by e-mail. The earlier people apply, the better chance there is that there will be a position open.

As you can see, things are starting to take shape. I look forward to seeing you in the summer!

Sincerely,
Beth



First Session Shows 2009!

Once on this Island

This highly original and theatrical Caribbean adaptation of the popular fairy tale *The Little Mermaid* sings and dances the story of Ti Moune, the peasant girl who rescues, nurses and falls in love with Daniel, a boy from a wealthy family. When Daniel is returned to his people, the gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death. This show will feature continual singing and dance for ages 7-11.

The Jungle Book

Join Mowgli, Baloo, King Louie and the gang as they swing their way through madcap adventures and thwart the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan. Specially adapted from the beloved film, this musical includes all your favorite Disney tunes. With colorful characters and that toe-tapping jungle rhythm, *The Jungle Book* is sure to be a crowd-pleaser for 7-11 olds.

The Wizard of Oz

Dorothy lives on a farm in Kansas until a cyclone arrives, and picks up her house, her dog and Dorothy herself, depositing them all in the land of Oz. Things in Oz are strange and beautiful, but Dorothy just wants to get back home. She's helped by the Good Witch of the North, but she's also in trouble with the Wicked Witch of the West, who seeks revenge for the death of the Wicked Witch of the East, for which she blames Dorothy. 7-11 year olds will enjoy performing this beloved classic.

Once Upon a Mattress

In this hilarious tweaking of the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea", Queen Aggravain has ruled that none may marry until her son, Prince Dauntless marries. However, she has managed to sabotage every princess that comes along. When Sir Harry and Lady Larken learn that they are going to be parents, wed or not, he goes off to the swamps and brings back Princess Winnifred ("Fred" to her friends). The queen is horrified and immediately begins to scheme, but Winnifred, with some help from Sir Harry, the Minstrel, and the Jester, isn't going to be quite so easy to get rid of. This musical farce will be a blast for 11-14 year olds in session one.

The Pajama Game

The dangers of a workplace romance are explored to hysterical effect in this romantic comedy from the creators of "Damn Yankees." Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between new superintendent Sid Sorokin and Babe Williams, leader of the union grievance committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 7½-cent pay increase, setting off not only a conflict between management and labor, but a battle of the sexes as well. Bright and brassy, this unconventional, fast-paced Broadway favorite is every bit the embodiment of legendary director George Abbott at his very best. The energetic score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross is brimming with songs and dances, which have become popular and musical theatre standards. Ages eleven to fourteen are sure to enjoy this classic.

Evita

This is the hit musical based on the life of Evita Duarte, a B-picture Argentinian actress who eventually became the wife of Argentinian president and dictator Juan Perón, and the most beloved and hated woman in Argentina. This large cast star vehicle will feature 11-17 year olds.

Cabaret

It is the city of Berlin in 1930, a time when political unrest racks the country, the economy has been destroyed and millions of unemployed roam the streets. Enter into this chaos an American cabaret dancer working at the downtown "Kit-Kat Club" where anything goes on the stage. Into this young dancer's life come several characters such as a rich German politician, a young man struggling with his identity, an English teacher from London, and of course the all-knowing, all-seeing Master of Ceremonies. This is a sure fire hit for ages 11-17.

Into the Woods

A bewitching crew of classic fairy tale characters romp through a "happily ever after" kingdom in James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim's musical fairy tale. Interweaving a hilarious mix of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, The Baker's Wife, Jack and the Beanstalk and Rapunzel in a multi-layered plot which ends "happily ever after" in Act One and then explores the ever after in Act Two as previous actions come home to roost - with a vengeance.

Wait Until Dark

A sinister con man, Roat, and two ex-convicts, Mike and Carlino, are about to meet their match. They have traced the location of a mysterious doll, which they are much interested in, to the Greenwich Village apartment of Sam Hendrix and his blind wife, Susy. Sam had apparently been persuaded by a strange woman to transport the doll across the Canadian border, not knowing that sewn inside were several grams of heroin. When the woman is murdered the situation becomes more urgent. The con man and his ex-convicts, through a cleverly constructed deception, convince Susy that the police have implicated Sam in the woman's murder, and the doll, which she believes is the key to his innocence, is evidence. She refuses to reveal its location, and with the help of a young neighbor, figures out she is the victim of a bizarre charade. But when Roat kills his associates, a deadly game of cat and mouse ensues between the two. Susy knows the only way to play fair is by her rules, so when darkness falls she turns off all the lights leaving both of them to maneuver in the dark until the game ends.

Marvin's Room

Winner of the 1991 Dramatists Guild Hull-Warriner Award and the John Gassner Award. Winner of the 1991-1992 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Play and the 1991-1992 Drama Desk Award for Best Play. A hilarious and wondrous account of one woman's commitment to loving others first, and her belief that giving such love has made her life unbelievably rich, even as she faces her own death.

Larry's Lines

Happy New Year to all Frenchwoodites! I have to admit, it was a little strange not being in England with 50 campers for New Years this year. The memories of the London trip from 07' - 08' are still fresh in my mind. Who knows maybe next year....

This New Year I found myself in San Francisco meeting up with many old alumni yet again. It's amazing that in any major city in the world you can find someone from French Woods. If you are in London, Manchester, Edinburgh or Budapest, I will be there in the beginning of February. Look for me at the Camp America and Camp Leaders fairs.

Until then I wish all of you a happy and healthy start to the new year.

Take care,

Larry



Billy Elliot Trip

As many of you know, French Woods will be taking select campers to the Broadway's show, *Billy Elliot*, during the third session of the 2009 summer season. Please call the Camp Office for further details!

Due to the shows smash success on Broadway, we feel that the trip will fill. Pre registration is a must!

See you there!

The French Woods Family

One Act Play Festival (11-17) - To be announced.

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**All shows are subject to change.