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ALUMNI DAY 2010



It had been around 15 years since I last stepped foot into CBM. My wife and kids had never been so of course I was extremely excited to show them the place I had spoken about ad nauseam. With my wife, our two kids, my brother, his wife, mother-in-law and two kids, we packed ourselves into two cars and began our pilgrimage to "our summer place."

We made our way up 400 and I couldn't help but recall the seemingly endless bus rides as a camper, and even more, the countless trips coming back from my days off as a staff member, hurrying back and wondering what kind of trouble my campers had given the rover while I was gone. I suppose things are never as big as you remember, and time is certainly not as long, because before we knew it, we had arrived in Cleveland. After a quick argument with our GPS that was telling us to go the wrong way, we relied on our faded but somewhat dependable memory, made a left at the round about, and sure enough, a few seconds later we were passing the Kangaroo, Dairy Queen and Huddle House. My memories of late nights on Richard Russell, greasy hash-browns, cherry-wine, and blizzards seemed not so distant anymore.

We arrived at the camp gate, turned in and started down the old dirt road. We passed the groundskeeper house on our right and I remembered, as a child, the idea of someone living at camp year round seemed so crazy to me! Of course this doesn't seem so far fetched to me now. I've never seen Lake Wendy, the chapel, the ball fields or the villages with a coat of white snow on them, but I have to imagine it must be pretty spectacular. Anyway, I digress.

We made our way into camp and immediately the feeling of coming home hit me. We parked (thankfully up at the office- yay no poo-pond) and everything seemed right where we left it. The staircase to the

dining hall, the road to the chapel, our beautiful lakes, with the exception of a few new signs, little gazebo's and such, everything looked pretty much the way we left it.

Of course my brother Stewart and I, being long time alumni, wanted to go and see everything right away - our old stomping grounds, villages, cabins, find our plaques. However, we did have our kids, wives and one grandmother in tow, so while they were willing to humor us to a certain extent, running back to JIT village, the beetle fields and hiking up JIT hill was probably not going to fly (alright, I wasn't really going to hike JIT hill). We settled on a quick walk over to the chapel and teen village. Much to my delight, the chapel was as peaceful and tranquil as I remember, really even more so. I'm certainly not any more religious then I used to be, but I did feel a new appreciation for just how special the chapel is. I don't know of any other place of worship that offers that kind of peace, beauty and tranquility, except maybe a few places in Israel itself.

We made our way up to the teen village, showed off some of our old plaques to our families, and amazingly they were still in pretty good condition, only slightly faded in 20 plus years! It is truly amazing that a little part of me is still hanging up in this place where I spent 14 summers. After a few more minutes of blabbing about "hey, this was my cabin, this was where we used to shower, and this is where we used to sneak out" the families had heard enough and it was time to actually "do something", as our kids would say.

We headed to the lake where all the activities were open. My kids immediately went for the blob, the new mini blob, water slides (um... water slides!?!?!?) and the iceberg climbing wall. Eventually I even talked every one into climbing into a couple of canoes (these are

definitely original canoes and paddles, I'd recognize them anywhere) and we paddled out to the far side of the lake. I have to admit, it's still slightly eerie out there in the far marsh, and when I told the kids about the alligator attacks that have been taking place on kids who don't do their homework or brush their teeth at night, their mood grew slightly tense so we quickly returned to the safer shores.

As the day drew to a close, we made one last tour over to village 3, the junior ball field, and the new stunning amphitheater (where was this when I was performing in my CBM days!?!). I have to say my only disappointment of the day was seeing that the old Ark is sadly gone. Between unit onegs, Israeli song & dance, Ronnen and his accordion, countless games of "ga, ga, ga" and of course it being the home of all the plaques, no other place evoked more memories of my childhood at camp then the Ark. Of course, some things don't last forever and just like The Meadowlands, all things must pass. So, I wiped my nostalgic tear from my eye, sat back and marveled at how amazing the camp looks. Jim, you've done great things here, the camp owes you a lot.

We took our final walk down the snake trail to our cars; again amazingly I remembered every root, crook and cranny in the trail. With the exception of a tiny bit of erosion here and there, the trail has remained the same as it did when I first walked it back in 1982.

I am so thankful we were able to attend alumni day this year. My only regret was we weren't able to do the family camp weekend over labor day, however I can say we're almost a definite for next year, so until then, Shana Tova to everyone and we'll see you next year!

David Szikman (camper 1982-1991, staff 1992-1995)

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

ENGAGEMENTS/MARRIAGES

John Liebman (camper 1986-1993, staff 1995) is engaged to Megan Tackett. They will be married in October of 2010.



Nadine Garrick (camper: 1984-1989, staff: 1992) and Stephen Raidbard (staff: 2000-2006) were married on December 5, 2009 at the Defoor Centre in Midtown and are living in Atlanta.

Jodi Stark (camper: 1990-2002, staff: 2003-2005) is engaged to Greg Smith. The wedding will be held in December of 2010 in Charleston, SC. They currently reside in Reston, VA.

Kim Solomon (camper 1994-2003) married Brian Chodash on November 7, 2009 in Boca Raton, FL.

Kim Orleck and Eli Nachamkin (camper 1987-1993, staff 1994 - 2000) were married on May 30, 2010 in Newton, Massachusetts. The couple resides in Decatur, GA.

Lindsey Light (camper 1991-97, staff 1998-2003) and Michael Kuniansky (camper 1990's) were married on August 21, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt in Atlanta. The couple resides in Atlanta (Brookhaven). Lindsey's mother, Lynn Light, is also a camp alumna and works in the Camp Barney office.

FUTURE CAMPERS



Miko Hudson Fineman was born to Nicole and Aaron (camper 1985-1988, 1990-1992, staff 1993) Fineman on November 10, 2009 in New York City. He weighed 9 lbs 5 oz and was 21.5 inches long.



Madison Lue Weiss was born to Tova (Horowitz) (camper 1979-1983) and Jason Weiss on December 25, 2009. She weighed 5 lbs 13 oz and was 18.5 inches long. Madison was welcomed home by her big brother and future camper Logan.



Madison Emma Cole was born to Shana (Price/Gordon) (camper 1986-89) and Craig M. Cole on April 22, 2010 in Greensboro, NC. She weighed 6 lbs 13 oz.



Lila Beth Behar was born to Pamela (Cohen) (camper 1989-1994, staff 1997-99, 2002) and Aaron Behar on March 10, 2010 in Tampa. She weighed 6 lbs and was 19.25 inches long. Lila was welcomed home by her big sister and future camper Sari.

Olivia Brill was born to Staci (Covin) (camper 1986-1989) and Matt Brill (camper 1982-87, staff 1991, 1998-2000) on April 9, 2010. She weighed 6 lbs 4 oz and was 19 inches long. Olivia was welcomed home by her big brother and future camper Ryan.



Jordan Leah Flome was born to Traci (Wienroth) (camper 1984-6) and Jeff Flome (camper 1987-88) on June 29, 2010. She weighed 6 lbs 11 oz and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed home by big brother and future camper Noah.



Becker Ryan Lazar was born to Jamie (Alperin) (camper 1991-6) and Jeff Lazar on July 31, 2010. He weighed 6 lbs 4 oz and was 19 inches long.

DEATHS

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Richard Kaufman who passed away on May 3, 2010.

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Debra Bernes who passed away on July 20, 2010.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

There are Camp Barney Medintz alumni all over the globe doing all kinds of interesting things with their lives. In this issue, we are featuring three more Atlanta alumni who have that entrepreneurial spirit.

Julie (Joffre) (Camper and Staff 1972-1987) and Mark Benveniste (Camper 1975-1979) announce the market availability of **skoopz**® natural sweetener. The **skoopz** companies got their start in the Atlanta suburb of Dunwoody, when Julie and Mark and some friends and neighbors combined their resources, expertise and network of contacts to pursue development and distribution of all-natural products to national and international retail channels. While searching for natural products to produce and market, they came across an all natural sweetener that they felt could create a niche in the sugar substitute market.



skoopz is the all-natural, economically-priced sugar substitute that offers consumers sweet satisfaction without compromise. **skoopz** is made from a proprietary blend of all-natural ingredients, making it a perfect option for consumers seeking a no-calorie, chemical-free alternative to sugar. **skoopz** also fits well within a diabetic diet. **skoopz** is owned by their Atlanta-based MySkoopz, Inc., a company committed to producing and distributing high-quality, all-natural products which are part of a healthy diet.

To determine if **skoopz** is available at a retail location in your market - or to request that your local grocer carry **skoopz** - or to purchase skoopz online - simply visit www.skoopznatural.com. Just taste it!

All CBM Alumni can receive a free coffee mug and earth-friendly shopping bag when buying skoopz online. Simply enter promo code CBM.

Hannah Vahaba was at Camp Barney from 1989-2001 as both a camper and a staff member. She was always very outgoing, whether she was a camper, or she was working with the special needs kids in Chalutzim. After studying PR at UGA, she held several PR/marketing jobs with UPS and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She then noticed there was much potential for her family business to expand both online and physically, and she joined her dad at **Izzy Maternity**.

While pursuing her MBA at Mercer, she joined forces with her father, Israel Vahaba to start marketing his maternity store brand around the Southeast. As a result, they now have a thriving website with e-commerce capabilities and a second store in Buckhead, which she runs.

Izzy Maternity is an upscale maternity boutique that offers top maternity designer lines such as Noppies, Olian, Japanese Weekend, Citizens of Humanity and Michael Stars. **Izzy Maternity** caters to the customer's individual needs and recommends clothing to fit each unique body type. Not only can you shop online at www.izzymaternityclothes.com, but you can also visit the two stores in Alpharetta (North Point Village) and Buckhead (Peachtree Battle Promenade). **Izzy Maternity** is open seven days a week, Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Vahaba said, "It has been an exciting couple of years working in the family business and seeing friends from high school, college and even Camp Barney walk through the doors and shop for the new additions to their growing families."

We are offering a 10% OFF discount to all Barney Alumni for the next 30 days. This discount is available at both the Alpharetta and the Buckhead stores and can also be applied to phone orders. It is a one time discount. You can either bring the newsletter in for your discount or just say the code "Barney" at checkout.

For more information on **Izzy Maternity** or to shop online, visit www.izzymaternityclothes.com. You can also follow us on Twitter, twitter.com/izzymaternity and Facebook, www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Atlanta-GA/Izzy-Maternity/59221162662?ref=ts



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THE CBM ALUMNI CLOCK FUND

It's "about time" we had something at camp that was dedicated to and funded by alumni! The CBM ALUMNI CLOCK is a special new feature at Camp Barney in 2010. It is located at the beginning of chapel road in front of Lake Wendy where everyone will see it upon arriving, when coming down from the Dining Hall, on the way to the pool and younger villages, the Halpern Center and Barn, or the Chapel and teen village. It is approximately 12 feet high with a huge 42" face displaying Hebrew numbers. It is a very cool, very unique reflection of this culturally Jewish place that surely transcends time. And it is called the CBM ALUMNI CLOCK with names of those who choose to support it listed in each camp and alumni newsletter!

TODAH RABAH to the following who have recently donated to the CBM Alumni Clock Fund:

Laura and George Fuhrman (Atlanta)
Laura and Jonathon Kramer (Raleigh)
Susan and Billy Lapidus (Birmingham)
Candy and Jeff Margolin (Atlanta)
Susan and Frank Slotin (Savannah)

Please send your tax deductible contribution with your name clearly written to: "CBM ALUMNI CLOCK FUND", 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338. Then, join us next year for Alumni Day in August and "make time" to see the clock!

Where in the world is....

Thanks to you, we continue to track down people on this list in the last newsletter. Unfortunately, people move and change e-mail addresses so we are always adding people. If you know how to get in touch with anyone on this list or know of other Camp Barney alumni going all the way back to 1963, please either send their contact information to me or have them e-mail me at fran@campbarney.org.

Thanks again for all of your help with the last list!

Mark Adelman
Douglas Anderson
Ken Brown
Laurie Cohen
Lauren Diamond
Lori Feller
Terry Furie
Denise Gabor
Jeff Horowitz
Karen Klaus

Kimberly Laterveer
Elichana (Henri) Lifshutz
Robin Lubin
Janet Polsky
Jennifer Rosenberg
Julie Rosenstein
Elissa Graham Saperstein
Jeffery Tully
Jonathon Winner

TODAH RABAH

We would like to give a special **TODAH RABAH** to Camp Barney alumni **Amy Budow** and **Adam Cohen** and also to **Herchelle Haysman** who took time out of their busy day to help us at the airport. Thanks for going down to the airport and helping us make sure that campers got safely to their gates on their way home. There are dozens of different volunteer opportunities for **CBM Alumni....**Please email me at fran@campbarney.org if you would like to offer your time or talent to Camp Barney in 2011!

LOST AND FOUND

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Did you leave something at Alumni Day?
We found 2 youth shirts at the pool. If you left a shirt (or two) please contact me: fran@campbarney.org or 678.812.3846.

DO YOU HAVE OLD CAMP PICTURES?
We would love to have a copy of them to post on our website.
Please e-mail fran@campbarney.org with photos or links.

DO YOU GET TOGETHER WITH CAMP ALUMNI IN YOUR AREA? PLEASE TELL US ABOUT IT!
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