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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAMP IN 2015!

Once again, lots of construction projects are happening up at Camp Barney Medintz.

Why do we do them? So much of our camp facility sits out in the weather during the non-summer months and ages from lots of rain, wind, snow, and wildlife that it requires regular updates. Nearly 1700 campers and staff are with us this summer, plus thousands of guests will join us this fall during CBM Family Camps, Weddings, Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, Reunions, and other gatherings, so restoration is always necessary! We're always thinking about what's next for every age group to **enrich, excite, and provide the coolest new adventures**, and the best, most beautiful and comfortable everything! New for Summer 2015: a state-of-the-art septic system (so exciting!), new roofs on our Zaban Chapel and many cabins, new docks on our CBM beachfront, renovated tennis "shack," 6 totally re-surfaced tennis courts, improvements to bathrooms and staff living spaces, and new features in the dance center, film studio, water ski docks, **new ropes courses**, and more!

We are humbled, proud, and excited to have registered nearly **1300 boys and girls** (as of March 10th) for this summer, a rather amazing pace in our Camp history. Of course, this is remarkable considering today's economy so we're trying to help: raising fees less than 3% from last year and pursuing incentive grants

for first-time campers and sources of assistance from the MJCCA and the JFGA. We're so grateful that families consider CBM not a luxury but rather an annual and **valuable life experience**.



Hundreds of prospective staff have pursued CBM jobs for 2015. This is so fantastic because it means we'll get to again choose the "Best of the Best" from last summer, previous summers and **awesome new staff** from throughout the U.S., Israel, England, Australia, etc. Yes, we are not only "Our Summer Place" for Atlantans, but also for kids and staff from all over the world!

LIFE·CYCLE EVENTS



DEATHS

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of former CBM camper and staff member **Charlie Franco** who passed away on December 30, 2014.



Generation of Change: How Leaders in their Twenties and Thirties are Reshaping American Jewish Life

An extensive 2010 study done by Jack Wertheimer, Professor of American Jewish History at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, examines the identities and attitudes of today's young cohort of Jewish leaders and explains the effect of their childhood involvement in Jewish activities on their adult leadership behavior.

A whopping **71 percent of young leaders surveyed attended Jewish summer camp**, as the study explains: "The rates of participation by these leaders in Jewish summer camps, youth movements, Hillel, and other forms of Jewish education are extraordinarily high, suggesting that many of the young leaders were groomed rather than having bloomed on their own."

Clearly, the potential of raising leaders at Jewish camp is enormous, and we are proud to be a part of that effort!

CHCHCHCHCHANGES

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You Say Goodbye and I Say Hello!

This year we said goodbye to our longtime Assistant Director and Camp friend Adam Levin. Adam has been on our camp staff in some capacity for the last 22 years. We were sad to see him go and wish him the best at his new endeavor in Birmingham as Director of Camping and Youth Programming at the Levite Jewish Community Center. We wish him much success!

We also welcomed Michael Drucker as our new Operations Director. He will be responsible for managing all aspects of Camp operations to include compliance, risk management, transportation, camp systems management, purchasing, website and social media communications. Michael has served the MJCCA in many capacities for several years including serving on the MJCCA Board of Directors and the CBM Committee. Prior to joining the MJCCA, Michael was Vice President and General Counsel for IMG Worldwide, Inc. where he began his career as a Partner Service Representative and later an Associate General Counsel. As Vice President and General Counsel he was responsible for drafting and negotiating agency, license and broadcast radio agreements. He also oversaw the trademark enforcement program and provided counsel to internal and external clients. We are excited to have Michael join our team.

Welcome Michael!



SAVE
the
DATE!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

ALUMNI DAY 2015
DETAILS COMING SOON!



Lu Ann Cahn

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, hear from another camp alumnus who has taken the creative route.

I was not a great camper, and yet I loved going to Camp Barney Medintz.

Go back... way, way back: 1967, 1968, 1969, 5th, 6th, 7th grade I think. I remember waking up to a mix of music from Woodstock and Diana Ross and the Supremes blaring through the camp. I hated sleep overs in the woods. I loved dances on the tennis courts. I hated getting my hair wet and trying over and over again to get my Junior Life Saver Certificate. I never succeeded in saving anyone. I couldn't get enough of water skiing, canoeing, horseback riding, and anything that involved a stage and a microphone.

Did my 40-year career as an Emmy award-winning tv investigative reporter have its beginnings at Camp Barney? Probably.

Here's my big claim to fame at camp. There was a contest to name a new building at camp one year. The prize was a tape recorder with a microphone. I wanted that tape recorder.

My entry name was "Barney's Ark." Yep, that was me. I named the Ark and won the tape recorder. And the rest is history.

I remember being hit with shaving cream in cold showers, meeting boys on the archery range, beautiful shabbat services, a boys bunk called the Wombats. I remember Jeff Lefkoff and Mark Balsler and my best friend Jan Landau sharing a bunk bed every year, and Robert Arogeti, who had to be the funniest person at camp. I remember color wars and sitting by a big camp fire and laughing so hard I couldn't catch my breath.

Today I'm married, 32 years to Phil Houser, the man who taught me most about love and tv news. Our daughter Alexa is 27 and of course, I sent her to a Jewish overnight camp outside of Philadelphia where we live.

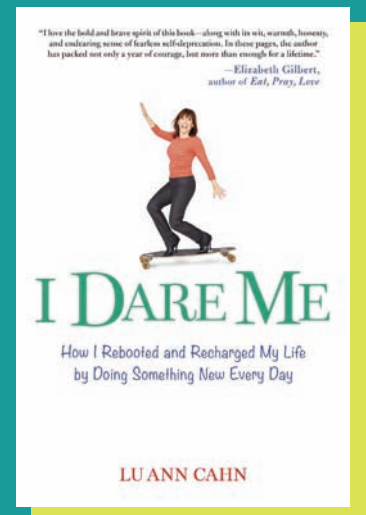
I survived breast cancer, kidney cancer and having my colon removed for ulcerative colitis. I've lived a public life on many stages.

In 2010, I did something new every day for a year and blogged about it. It became the basis of a book published by Penguin in hardback and paperback in 2014. It's called "I Dare Me." What did I do? The Polar Bear Plunge, zip lining over a crocodile infested lake, I ate a scorpion, I went back to school.

Today, I dare the next generation of communicators at Temple University where I help launch them into their careers.

Perhaps my personal I Dare Me adventures have been a throwback... a nod to that child of the '60s who experienced dares and Firsts every day at Barney; a time when every day was an adventure.

I can hear it now... *"ain't no mountain high enough, ain't no valley low enough..."* I'm grateful my memories of Barney are vivid and strong and I proudly carry them with me... *"ain't no river wide enough to keep me away from you, babe."*



Lu Ann Cahn
Camper 1967-1969

(Be sure to check out her website for more about her and her book that she mentions in this article at www.luanncahn.com)

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Brochures and applications for our 35th Annual Family Camp at Camp Barney Medintz will be mailed out soon.

Typically, our Labor Day Weekend Family Camp fills rapidly with new and returning families (and even a few grandparents) from Atlanta, throughout the Southeast and beyond who come for the amazing activities, southern buffets, and great family fun! This is an awesome experience for alumni families, those wanting to share Camp Barney with their children for the first time, families considering CBM for 2016, and families who return to family camp year after year!

Questions? Contact Lynn Light:
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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 email addresses so we are always adding people. If you know how to get in touch with anyone on this list, please either send their contact information to me or have them email me at fran@campbarney.org.

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

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