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A L U M N I D A Y

Alumni Day 2015 at camp was so much fun! Two alumni share their experiences from the day.

I worked on the waterfront for two summers in the late 90's and mentioned that to one of the lifeguards, while my family and I got ready to swim in the pool, at Camp Barney Alumni Day. Her reply was classic and quickly made me realize that I truly was an alum (or old for that matter!). She said, "I was 2 when you worked here." All I could say was wow and smile.

I came to Alumni Day not to walk down memory lane with my family nor brag about all the fun I had while on staff. I came to watch my daughter, who is a 2 year veteran of CBM, talk about her memories and show me around. I came to introduce my son, who will go next summer for two weeks, to all of the great activities and fun he will have when he attends. I wanted my wife to see everything that my daughter raves about and my youngest 1-year old son to experience the joys of camp even though he is a few years away from being able to attend.

I quickly found myself creating new lasting memories that rival the ones from before. I was like a camper riding the water slides, climbing the iceberg, jumping off the blob and eating in the dining hall. But it was better as I was able to share the experience through the eyes of my family. I got a tour from my daughter, saw her cabin and learned all the new "shortcuts." Everyone got tired of me commenting on all of the new buildings, new pool or updates to the camp grounds, as I experienced them for the first time.

I am envious of my children as they have many summers to come at CBM and know they will experience the magic of camp, as I did. CBM is a truly special place. One you don't want to leave and one you can't wait to come back to each year. For my kids, they get to come back next summer. For me Alumni Day and hopefully Family weekend.

Thanks to CBM for continuing to create experiences like this for my family and for all of the CBM alumni.

Ryan Gottlieb
(Camper 1990's)



In August, I was fortunate enough to bring my parents to Alumni Day. My ten year old daughter Jaclyn and her cousins were also with us. Memories of my CBM days came pouring in... in so many ways, camp has not changed a bit. Sure, there are new lake activities and new buildings. But as I explored camp with my parents and showed them my old cabins as well as their grandchildren's cabins, I was able to tell that camp is still, well, just that... camp

My parents were amazed by the beauty and size of camp. They were able to look at JIT village and imagine their daughters and their grandson living in that tiny tent for 4 weeks! They were able to imagine the friendships that were forged amongst the rustic cabins. They were able to share in the fun as Jaclyn excitedly raced around camp with her friends and cousins and was "blobbed" at the lake. My parents were able to see why my sister and I, as well as their grandchildren, call camp "our summer place."

As a parent, I love what camp teaches Jaclyn. It goes without saying that she tries new, fun activities. But she experiences so much more than that. Camp facilitates independence and encourages creativity. Camp is a place to safely grow up each summer.

When it was time to drive back down the main road and head home, I realized why Jaclyn says she is her "true self" at camp and why her cousins say that camp is the best part of their year. A bad day at camp is still a good day.

Carrie Solin Marx
(Camper 1983-89, Staff 1991)



LIFE·CYCLE EVENTS

ENGAGEMENTS / MARRIAGES

Robyn Beth Liebman (camper 1984-87) married Keith Owen Winnick on March 8th, 2015 in Atlanta. They currently reside in Atlanta.

Lori Tillem (camper 1984-1988) married Jordan Forman on March 22nd, 2015 at The Pavilion of East Cobb in Marietta, GA. They currently live in Roswell, GA. Lori works at Sandy Springs United Methodist Preschool and Jordan is an attorney at Kaufman and Forman.



Hillary Fryer (camper 1993-2000, staff 2002-2005) married Matthew Reiner on April 11th, 2015 at The Foundry at Puritan Mill in Atlanta. They currently reside in Buckhead. Matt is the CIO for Capital Investment Advisors and CEO, Co-Founder of Wela. Hillary will graduate in December of 2015 with a Masters Degree in School Counseling.



Michelle Berman (camper 2009) married Gary Miller at the Hyatt Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina in Atlanta on June 28th, 2015. They currently reside in Atlanta. Michelle is a copy-writer with AutoTrader and Gary is a mechanical engineer at ViaSat.

Jennifer Blass (camper 1999-2006, staff 2007-2010) will marry **Michael Birnbrey** (camper 1995-2003) this winter. Jen is employed by Mud-Pie and Mike is a real estate developer.



FUTURE CAMPERS

Mikayla Lucy Raidbard

was born on April 6, 2015 to **Nadine** (nee **Garrick**, camper 1986-1992) and **Stephen Raidbard** (staff 2001-2006). Mikayla weighed 5lbs 14oz and was 18 3/4 inches long. Amaya has loved becoming a big sister to Mikayla.



Natan Bennett Gelbaum

was born on July 4, 2015 to **Staci** (nee **Kinsler**, camper 1992-1993, staff 2010-2012) and **Jesse Gelbaum**. Natan weighed 6lbs 10oz and was 19 inches long.



Miles Sidney Nguyen-Khoa

was born on August 15, 2015 to **Marcy** (nee **Rosenberg**, camper 1989-1996) and **Nhan Nguyen-Khoa**. Miles weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and was 19 inches long. He is named in loving memory of his great grandfather, Sydney Haskins.



Abigail Sadie Brodzki

was born on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 6:17 pm to **Tara** and **Marcus Brodzki** (Camper 1995-2001, Staff 2002-2006). Abigail weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and was 20.25 inches long.



DEATHS

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of former CBM staff member **Scott Saban** who passed away on June 5, 2015. Scott's wife Hillary is part of our summer office staff and his 3 children have all attended Camp for years.

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of former CBM camper **Susan Arnovitz Saltz** who passed away on August 12, 2015.

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 or know someone who is not receiving our CBM Alumni Newsletter, 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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| Ken Brown | Jeff Horowitz | Julie Rosenstein |
| Lori Feller | Kimberly Laterveer | Elissa Graham Saperstein |
| Terry Furie | Dana Levi | Jeffery Tully |
| Denise Gabor | Janet Polsky | Erica Wells |
| | Jennifer Rosenberg | |

TODAY RABAH

We would like to thank the following people for stepping up and helping us at the airport to escort campers to their gates at the end of the sessions this summer.

Stephanie Brownson
Charlie Cohen
Candy Margolin

THANKS!

We couldn't have done it without your help.

We can always use your help. We need volunteers to help at the airport, at camp for our March "work day", and in many other capacities. Please contact fran@campbarney.org or call 678-812-3846 to be added to our growing list of volunteers. We appreciate any time you can give.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?

There are Camp Barney Medintz alumni all over the globe doing all kinds of interesting things with their lives. These people all attended a resident Jewish camp growing up! See if you recognize any of them.

HANK AZARIA (Actor)

Camp Towanda, Pennsylvania

Azaria is an American film, television and stage actor, director, voice actor and comedian. He is noted for being one of the principal voice actors on the animated television series *The Simpsons* (1989–present), on which he performs the voices of Moe Szyslak, Chief Wiggum, Apu Nahasapeemapetilon, Comic Book Guy, Carl Carlson and numerous others.

BEN BERNANKE (Economist)

Camp Ramah

Bernanke is an American economist and the current chairman of the Federal Reserve, the central bank of the United States. His nieces attended Camp Barney!

WOLF BLITZER (Journalist/TV News Anchor)

Camp Ramah

Blitzer is a journalist and television news anchor, who has been a CNN reporter since 1990.

EDDIE CANTOR (Performer)

Surprise Lake Camp, New York

Cantor is an American performer, comedian, dancer, singer, actor and songwriter. A playhouse/theater at Surprise Lake Camp is named after him.

CHEVY CHASE (Actor/Comedian)

Camp Tamakwa, Ontario

Chase is an American comedian, writer, television actor and film actor best known for portraying Clark Griswold in the *National Lampoon's Vacation* movies and for starring on *Saturday Night Live* early in his career.

ETHAN & JOEL COEN (Film Directors/Producers/Screenwriters)

Herzl Camp, Wisconsin

The Coen Brothers are Academy Award-winning American film directors, screenwriters, producers, and editors. Their films include *Blood Simple*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski*, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, *No Country for Old Men*, *Burn After Reading*, *True Grit*, and *Inside Man*.

LEONARD COHEN (Singer-Songwriter/Poet)

Camp B'nai B'rith

Cohen, a Canadian singer/songwriter, musician, poet and novelist, attended Camp Hiawatha in the Laurentians north of Montreal as a kid and worked as a counselor at Pripstein's Camp Mishmar in the Laurentians, Camp B'nai B'rith near Ottawa and Camp Sunshine.

MARK CUBAN (CEO/Sports Executive/Investor)

Emma Kaufman Camp, West Virginia

Cuban is an American businessman and investor. He is the owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, Landmark Theatres, and Magnolia Pictures, and the chairman of the HDTV cable network AXS TV. He is also a "shark" investor on the television series *Shark Tank*.

NEIL DIAMOND (Singer-Songwriter)

Surprise Lake Camp, New York

Diamond is an American singer-songwriter with a career that began in the 1960s. Diamond has sold over 125 million records worldwide.

SETH GREEN (Actor)

URJ Camp Harlam, Pennsylvania

Green is an American actor, voice actor, comedian, television producer, television director and screenwriter.

JOSEPH HELLER (Novelist)

Surprise Lake Camp, New York

Heller was an American satirical novelist, short story writer, and playwright. The title of one of his works, *Catch-22*, entered the English lexicon to refer to a vicious circle wherein an absurd, no-win choice, particularly in situations in which the desired outcome of the choice is an impossibility, and regardless of choice, a same negative outcome is a certainty.

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LARRY KING (Radio and Television Host)

Surprise Lake Camp, New York

King is an American television and radio host whose work has been recognized with awards including two Peabodys and ten Cable ACE Awards.

DYLAN LAUREN (Owner of Dylan's Candy Bar)

Camp Towanda, Pennsylvania

Dylan is the daughter of clothing designer Ralph Lauren, and the owner of New York City's Dylan's Candy Bar, which claims to be the "largest candy store in the world."

RALPH LAUREN (Fashion Designer/CEO)

Camp Massad, Pennsylvania

Lauren is an American fashion designer and business executive, best known for his Polo Ralph Lauren clothing brand, and a global multi-billion-dollar enterprise.

WALTER MATTHAU (Actor)

Surprise Lake Camp, New York

Matthau was an American actor best known for his role as Oscar Madison in *The Odd Couple* and his frequent collaborations with *Odd Couple* star Jack Lemmon, as well as his role as Coach Buttermaker in the 1976 comedy *The Bad News Bears*. He won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in the 1966 Billy Wilder film *The Fortune Cookie*.

GILDA RADNER (Actress/Comedian)

Camp Tamakwa, Ontario

Radner was an American comedian and actress. She was best known as an original cast member of *Saturday Night Live*, for which she won an Emmy Award in 1978.

SETH ROGEN (Actor/Comedian/Writer)

Camp Miriam, British Columbia

Rogen is a Canadian stand-up comedian, actor, producer, director, screenwriter, and voice actor.

WILLIAM SHATNER (Actor)

Camp Massad, Quebec

Shatner is a Canadian actor, musician, singer, author, film director, spokesman and comedian. He gained worldwide fame and became a cultural icon for his portrayal of Captain James Tiberius Kirk, commander of the USS Enterprise in *Star Trek*, from 1966 to 1969.

GENE SIMMONS (Musician)

Surprise Lake Camp, New York

Simmons is an Israeli-born American rock bass guitarist, singer-songwriter, record producer, entrepreneur, and actor. Known by his stage persona *The Demon*, he is the bass guitarist/co-lead vocalist of *Kiss*, a heavy metal band he co-founded in the early 1970s. With *Kiss*, Simmons has sold more than 100 million albums worldwide.

NEIL SIMON (Playwright/Screenwriter)

Surprise Lake Camp, New York

Simon is an American playwright and screenwriter. He has written over thirty plays and nearly the same number of movie screenplays, most adapted from his plays. He has received more Oscar and Tony nominations than any other writer.

JERRY STILLER (Actor/Comedian)

Surprise Lake Camp, New York

Stiller is an American comedian and actor who spent many years in the comedy team *Stiller and Meara* with his wife, Anne Meara. Stiller and Meara are the parents of actor Ben Stiller (with whom he co-starred in the movies *Zoolander*, *Heavyweights*, *Hot Pursuit* and *The Heartbreak Kid*) and actress Amy Stiller. Jerry is best known for his recurring role as Frank Costanza on the television series *Seinfeld*, and his supporting role as Arthur Spooner on the television series *The King of Queens*.

This is just a sampling of the list. For a more complete list of famous people who attended a residential camp (not all Jewish) you can check out their website. It is very interesting.

www.summercampculture.com/famous-summer-camp-alumni

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