SO... HOW WAS THE SUMMER?!

Each September, many of us reflect on our days together at Camp Barney. We think about what went well, what we want to improve, what we want to reinvent, and how we can exceed expectations next summer. Fully appreciating the total experience at Camp Barney can be complex, like when you ask your child(ren) on the day they arrive home, "So, how was camp?" and you realize that it may take months to get a full picture! You see, stories and memories about people and events at a two-week or four-week overnight camp are destined to be revealed over time. But hopefully, you've already received a glimpse of Camp Barney as having been a very positive experience during our 2016 summer season. (You're welcome to call or email me if you'd like to learn more specifics about your child(ren) while they were at camp: 678.812.3844 or summer@campbarney.org.)

We're always seeking and receiving feedback, whether it's from our current campers or from our parents who are in touch with us throughout the summer. Feedback reaches us through post-camp surveys and conversations as well as from summer staff (including guest artists, musicians, chefs, rabbis and jewish educators, and community and agency leaders) who provide an invaluable perspective of our experience together. Camp Barney is a large community. We genuinely strive each day to make CBM feel intimate, safe, approachable, comfortable, meaningful, and fun for every child.

HERE'S A LIST OF THE "TOP 8" MOST COMMONLY HEARD FEEDBACK FROM SUMMER 2016 PARENTS:

Felt very well cared for/cared about: felt safe: Incredible Staff!

Made new friends/ strengthened old friendships

Participated in new/fun/ challenging experiences

Increased self-esteem

Heightened problem-solving skills/more independent

Strengthened Jewish identity

Developed new skills and passions; took initiative

Grew appreciation for the natural environment/disconnected from electronics

It is enormously gratifying that the overwhelming feedback from parents was so positive. It reinforces our intention to positively impact Camp Barney families during the summer and throughout the year. While we so appreciate your warm thoughts, we also thank you for the constructive feedback about how we can improve in various areas including our Marcus Health Center, menu offerings, and online photo sharing. We've taken this feedback to heart and are actively planning now how to vastly improve those areas for Summer 2017.

Please read on for a fun recap of Summer 2016 and to find out what's in store for next summer!









CAMP BARNEY 2017 DATES

1ST **SESSION**Sunday, June 4-Thursday, June 29

JUNE 2017

COMPLETING GRADES

| Session 1 (4 weeks) Sunday, June 4–Thursday, June 29 | 2nd-10th |
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| Kochavim A "Stars" (2 weeks) Sunday June 4–Thursday, June 15 | 2nd-4th |
| Kochavim B "Stars" (2 weeks) Sunday, June 18–Thursday, June 29 | 2nd-4th |

Magnivim A "The Cool Kids" (2 weeks)

Sunday June 4–Thursday, June 15

Magnivim B "The Cool Kids" (2 weeks)

Sunday, June 18–Thursday, June 29

Sunday, July 16-Thursday, July 27

2ND SESSION Sunday, July 2-Thursday, July 27

JUNE 2017

COMPLETING GRADES

2nd-4th

5th-6th

5th-6th

| Session 2 (4 weeks) Sunday, July 2–Thursday, July 27 | 2nd-10th |
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| Kochavim C "Stars" (2 weeks) Sunday, July 2–Thursday, July 13 | 2nd-4th |
| Kochavim D "Stars" (2 weeks) | |

NOTE: If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us at summer@campbarney.org or 678-812-3844.

CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ ONLINE REGISTRATION IS EASY FOR SUMMER 2017

RETURNING FAMILIES

Registration exclusively opens for returning campers and their siblings on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 10:00 am EDT and continues through Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 5:00 pm EDT.

TO REGISTER GO TO:

www.campbarney.org

NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES

Registration opens for all on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 10:00 am EDT.

BEGIN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AT: www.campbarney.org

Does submitting an application assure a space for your camper?

Within five business days (usually sooner), we will send acceptance emails. Some campers may be placed on our waiting list, as age groups fill <u>very</u> rapidly—some groups fill by the second day of registration! We will do our best to accommodate families wishing to be a part of our 2017 Summer Season.





INFO SESSIONS AND WINTER REUNION

Each fall, Camp Barney travels all around the southeast, presenting fun musical slideshows and information about the upcoming summer. Attendees have the chance to meet the camp directors as well as new and returning camp families and have all their questions answered.

CAMP BARNEY INFO SESSION SCHEDULE

GEORGIA

Thursday, Oct. 27, 7:00 pm Sunday, Oct. 30, 1:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 4, 1:00 pm MJCCA, Zaban Park MJCCA, Zaban Park Savannah Jewish Educational Alliance

NORTH CAROLINA

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7:00 pm

Levine JCC of Charlotte

ALABAMA

Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:00 pm

Levite JCC of Birmingham

TENNESSEE

Monday, Nov. 7, 7:00 pm

Gordon JCC of Nashville

FLORIDA

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:00 pm Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:00 pm Sunday, Nov. 20, 2:30 pm Jewish Academy of Orlando Tampa JCC Adolph & Rose Levis JCC, Boca Raton

LOUISIANA

Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:00 pm

Goldring-Woldenberg JCC, Metairie

2016 CAMP BARNEY REUNION

Sunday, December 18, 2016 Stars & Strikes (Sandy Springs, GA)

On December 18, hundreds of campers from around the southeast will come together for our annual Camper Reunion. Please save the date and join us at Stars & Strikes in Sandy Springs, Georgia from 1:00-3:30 pm.





TWO-WEEK SESSIONS FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS WERE AWESOME

AND WILL BE EVEN BETTER IN 2017!

Camp Barney Medintz has always offered incredible four-week options for boys and girls ages 8–16. Many years ago, CBM began offering two-week options for boys and girls ages 8–9 years old.

New last summer, Camp Barney offered Magnivim ("cool kids"), a two-week option in June for boys and girls ages 11–12. Magnivim is designed for older campers who have never been to overnight camp or who want to experience it for two weeks. Campers enjoy all the adventures at CBM including water skiing, the Hurricane water slides, zip lines and ropes courses, horseback riding, field and court sports, music, theater, film studio, dance, crafts, cooking, fencing or scuba diving, a kayaking or climbing trip, and more!

When we announced this new program last year, we quickly received tremendous response. More than 50 campers from Atlanta and around the southeast filled both June sessions to capacity!

FOR SUMMER 2017, MAGNIVIM IS OFFERED: Sunday, June 4-Thursday, June 15 Sunday, June 18-Thursday, June 29

Space is limited in each Magnivim session. For more information, please contact us at summer@campbarney.org or 678.812.3844.



A FEW WORDS FROM CBM PARENTS

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL AND HUMBLED. TODAH RABAH!

Thank you again for such an awesome summer. Samantha had the best summer, loved her counselors (the best yet she said), her letters were enthusiastic and plentiful this year, pictures were great and she was in them regularly. Appy tested her limits and even she, very athletic and fit from playing lacrosse all through June, said it was very hot and hard, but so amazing, and since we are not "outdoorsy" ourselves, we thank you for giving her that experience. She loves her friends at camp, made a ton of new ones, and can't wait to be back next year. She's preparing to be a counselor at Barney someday! I love your standards, your high expectations for the counselors, etc. (I admire you for the difficult decisions you have to make to keep our kids safe, our number one priority). Your staff is fantastic.

- Melissa & Mark Miller, Atlanta, GA

Thank you for a great summer at CBM. The Rice kids had a wonderful time and the boys are still lamenting their separation from their friends. Nothing makes me more sad yet so happy as when the boys cry when saying goodbye to their friends at the bus. Ede had a great time also!

- Rabbi Laurie & Rabbi Flip Rice, Nashville, TN

As second session is now in full swing and Rachel has had a few days to process and share with us all that happened during her JIT year in first session, we couldn't let another day go by without letting you all know what a wonderful session Rachel had at CBM. This was Rachel's third year at Camp Barney and by all assessments, her BEST yet! From the first night at camp and getting reacquainted with her summer buddies to meeting and really getting to know others that she hadn't had a chance to know before to the experience of going on SOLO to the jam packed Six Day trip to being known as a "JIT" and all the activities that went along with living in a tent, to the spirituality associated with Shabbat... Rachel loved ALL of it. Your staff allowed her to be independent and confident with things that she ordinarily would be apprehensive to try. They taught Rachel life lessons that she will take with her forever. Thank you all for keeping Rachel safe and happy and giving her experiences she will get nowhere else.

- Ami and David Estreicher, Birmingham, AL

Eliana had the most fabulous time at Camp Barney this summer! As I dropped her off one month ago, she was little tentative, a bit shy, and not sure what was ahead of her. I received few letters, all of them brief but happy. It killed me to not know what things she was doing, what she liked, what new activities she was partaking in etc... I just tried to let the process play out. Am I ever grateful that I did! What I saw yesterday stepping off that bus was a relaxed, happy, confident little lady with tons of things to tell us about her month away! Thank you so much for letting kids be kids in this crazy world we live in! We will be signing up for next summer as soon as we can especially since Eliana can't wait to get her 3- and 5-year t-shirts!

- Rachel Spector, Atlanta, GA

Thanks for making my grandson's (Ryan) debut at CBM so special and for the care and kindness that you all showed him!

- Lisa & Ron Brill, Atlanta, GA

This year, as always, there were countless HIGHLIGHTS at camp for my three—starting with connections they made with amazing counselors and Unit Heads and staff (thank you Megan, Sam, Alana, Jeff, Michael, Jamie, Braden, Kenny, Sam!; friendships that are different than those during the school year; standing on benches and dancing; a jam-packed

3 day trip; a first week APPY trip (and the APPY "don't change your clothes" challenge); campouts where "we don't even know what time it is"; awesome new cabins; running away from a rain storm down chapel road; doing dance moves in front of the entire camp at Shabbat Concert; leaving camp and boarding a bus in tears; (and those are just some of the things they told me about-never mind all of the stuff that they don't tell me). In short, thank you for these experiences that they will hold onto for the next 10 months until they can once again reignite their camp-fueled fun. After 5 years of not ever entering the health center doors except for screenings and an occasional bug bite, Max finally stayed overnight (actually 2 nights) in the health center. I could not have been more impressed with how dedicated the health center staff is-how they really want to make sure that each camper is better before releasing them back into the wilds of camp life. Thank you to the health center staff for making this not-so-fun camp experience the best it can be... Thank you, thank you, for taking care of everybody. Thank you for giving our kids memories that they will hold onto forever and ever.

- Michelle & Rick Young, Atlanta, GA

Just wanted to thank you and your staff for a wonderful session of camp. Jake got off the bus today in Charlotte with the biggest smile on his face. His first sleep away camp experience couldn't have been better. He loved every second of it and has been non stop talking about camp all day and night! Thank you for taking the time to give us a tour of the camp a few months ago, and thank you for taking the time to put Jake with a group of campers and counselors he would connect with. He made such good friends and is already talking about when they can get together again. Sleep away camp is something I missed out on as a kid, but I am so thankful Jake had this amazing experience, and I hope he (and one day his siblings) is able to come back for many more amazing summers. Thank you for taking care of my son, and for bringing him back to me an even greater person."

- Andrea & Jeremy Davids, Charlotte, NC

It was AGAIN a "best" summer. We expected JIT year to be the best but Chaverim too? We are amazed at how each year can somehow be better than the best year before. It must be magic! When asked why this year was the best, Max would say it was his counselors and the activities and the counselors, definitely the counselors and the cabin. Cole, who rarely shares what he does anywhere, has shared a lot about the JIT experience and every activity was the best but mostly the bonding with the whole unit... and the counselors. I have said it before but I remain truly in awe of all that you do to constantly improve every year on the one before, knowing every face, building an amazing Jewish community, fostering a positive Jewish identity, and instilling a confidence in us, the parents that our kids are taken care of so well. Thank you for another "best" summer," both for them and well, for us too!

- Erin & Lance Chernow, Atlanta, GA

Wow! Charlie came home to us in better shape than when we dropped him off. He loved camp so much. He is more sad than happy to be home and asked to sleep with the windows open so he could he hear the crickets! So, congrats! You have made another CBM lover and probably a lifer. We consider that a huge testament not only to your hard work and dedication, but also of course to Jordan, Matt and Bobby. Simply amazing! We are super impressed with those young men and so grateful that our kids are spending time with such special role models. THANK YOU from the bottom of hearts.

- Kim & Michael Dinerman, Atlanta, GA







ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

EACH WINTER MAKES CAMP BARNEY EVEN BETTER EACH SUMMER!

Camp Barney is one of the most beautiful summer camps in North America. I'm a bit bias, but I've visited, worked at, and consulted to dozens of camps and, well, it's true!

- We annually invest in renovating or building the most comfortable, efficient, and coolest new facility projects and adventures surrounding our two lakes in the North Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains.
- In the past couple of years, many new projects at CBM were completed and made possible through the **Framework for our Future Capital Campaign**, including opening our second swimming pool, the Lynne M. and Howard I. Halpern Aquatic Center, and developing the Lodge, housing on Lake Louis for senior Jewish educators and supervisors during the summer, families during our Family Camp over Labor Day Weekend, and bar and bat mitzvah weekend celebrations in the fall.
- **√** We built **10 new cabins** in Village 2 (for girls ages 10-12).
- We completed construction of **Fogey's Treehouse**, the beautiful new 38-foot high feature with incredible views of one of our lakes and the Blue Ridge Mountains, thanks to Margo and Mark Fogelman of Memphis.
- The **Finn Double Water Luge** on Lake Wendy was dedicated in honor of the life of Finn Dana, son of Liesl and Scott Dana and brother to Jack. Thanks to the Dana family and so many of their loving family and friends.
- We added **Charlie's Challenge**, a bungee leap off of our high ropes course, in honor of the life of Charlie Franco, son of Marcy and Lenny Franco, brother to Jake. Thanks to the Franco family and so many of their loving family and friends.
- This year, we're building **six new cabins** (with new wooden bunk beds) in Village 3 (for boys ages 10-12) and doing major renovations to **Village bathrooms**.

As always, our goal is to improve and create the very best and most comfortable experience for campers each year at Our Summer Place!

WHERE IN THE WORLD DO KIDS LIVE?

GEORGIA 68% • FLORIDA 10% • NORTH CAROLINA 6% • TENNESSEE 5% • ALABAMA 3%

OTHER: 8%: Arizona, California, Colorado, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Australia, Belgium, France, Mexico, Israel

SCHOOLS

- 1. Davis Academy, Atlanta
- 2. Epstein School, Atlanta
- 3. Peachtree Charter Middle, Atlanta
- 4. Vanderlyn Elementary School, Atlanta
- 5. Autrey Mill Middle School, Atlanta
- **6. Atlanta Jewish Academy**, Atlanta
- 7. Galloway School, Atlanta8. Austin Elementary School, Atlanta
- North Springs Charter High School, Atlanta
- 10. Dodgen Middle School, Atlanta
- 11. St. Francis School, Atlanta
- 12. Dickerson Middle School. Atlanta
- 13. Heards Ferry Elementary School,
- 14. Johns Creek High School, Atlanta
- 15. Walton High School, Atlanta
- **16. Mountain Brook Elementary School,** Birmingham
- 17. Weber School, Atlanta
- 18. Lausanne Collegiate School, Memphis
- 19. Ridgeview Charter Middle, Atlanta

- 20. Taylor Road Middle School, Atlanta
- 21. Webb Bridge Middle School, Atlanta
- 22. Dunwoody High School, Atlanta
- 23. Jewish Academy of Orlando, Orlando
- 24. Hightower Trail Middle School, Atlanta
- 25. Woodward Academy, Atlanta
- 26. Cliff Valley Elementary School, Atlanta
- 27. Dolvin Elementary School, Atlanta
- 27. Dolvin Elementary School, Atlanta
- 28. Oak Grove Elementary School, Atlanta
- 29. Morningside Elementary School, Atlanta
- 30. Paideia School, Atlanta
- **31. Dunwoody Elementary School**, Atlanta
- **32. Kittridge Magnet School**, Atlanta
- 33. Mt. Bethel Elementary School, Atlanta
- 34. Pace Academy, Atlanta
- 35. Univ. School of Nashville, Nashville
- 36. (tie) Savannah Country Day School, Savannah / Cary Academy, Raleigh / Eastside Elementary School, Atlanta / Elizabeth Lane Elementary School, Charlotte / Metairie Park Country Day School, New Orleans

SYNAGOGUES

- 1. Temple Sinai, Atlanta (R)
- 2. B'nai Torah, Atlanta (C)
- 3. Temple Emanu-el, Atlanta (R)
- 4. The Temple, Atlanta (R)
- 5. Dor Tamid, Atlanta (R)
- 6. Beth Tikvah, Atlanta (R)
- 7. Chabads of Georgia, Atlanta (O)
- 8. Congregation Or Hadash, Atlanta (C)
- 9. Congregation Gesher L'Torah, Atlanta (C)
- Congregation Etz Chaim, Atlanta (C)
- io. Congregation Etz Chaim, Adama (C)
- 11. Congregation Ohev Shalom, Orlando (C)
- 12. Temple Israel, Memphis (R)
- 13. Temple Kol Emeth, Atlanta (R)
- 14. Temple Beth El, Charlotte (R)
- 15. Congregation Bet Haverim, Atlanta (RC)
- 16. Congregation Micah, Nashville (R)
- 17. Temple Beth Meyer, Raleigh (R)
- 18. Congregation Beth Shalom, Atlanta (C)
- 19. Temple Emanu-el, Birmingham (R)
- 20. Congregation Beth Tefillah, Atlanta (O)
- 21. Congregation Ahavath Achim, Atlanta (C)

- 22. Congregation Shearith Israel, Atlanta (C)
- 23. Temple Israel, Charoltte (R)
- 24. Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Tampa (C)
- **25. Congregation Shaarai Zede**k, Tampa (R)
- **26. The Neshamah Institute**, Boca Raton (I)
- 27. Temple Beth-El, Birmingham (C)
- **28.** Congregation B'nai B'rith Jacob, Savannah (O)
- 29. Temple Beth Or, Raleigh (R)
- 30. Congregation Mickve Israel, Savannah (R)
- 31. Temple Emanu-El, Sarasota (R)
- 32. Congregation Kol Tikvah, Parkland (R)
- **33. Touro Synagogue**, New Orleans (R)
- **34. Congregation Or Ve Shalom**, Atlanta (S)
- **35. Congregation Gates of Prayer**, New Orleans (R)
- **36. Baron Hirsch Synagogue**, New Orleans (O)

(C) Conservative (I) Independent (O) Orthodox (RC) Reconstructionist (R) Reform (S) Sephardic

TODAH RABAH...

TO OUR 2016 CBM PHYSICIANS & NURSES

Many, many thanks to all of the outstanding physicians, nurses, and health center assistants who provided exceptional health care to more than 1,700 campers and staff during our 2016 summer season. You were outstanding and very much appreciated!

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TO OUR 2016 CBM PARENT REPS & CHAPERONES

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Laurie Meskin, Memphis
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Christina Evans, Nashville
Tara Biller, Nashville
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Candy Margolin, Atlanta
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Shauna Grosswald, Atlanta





MAZEL TOV!

To MOLLIE MEYEROWITZ, LOGAN SUCAN, OWEN WOODMAN, and RAINA GROSSWALD for celebrating their b'nai mitzvot at Camp Barney Medintz in August and September! Each weekend was a very special gathering of family and friends and recognition of our rich Jewish heritage, their further emergence into our Jewish community, and their strong connection to and affection for Camp Barney.

SPECIAL STAFF RECOGNIZED BY PEERS IN 2016

During a special gathering after Summer 2016, several staff were selected and recognized by their peers for their exceptional commitment to our campers and our overall program. We are so proud of all of our staff and wish to acknowledge these four individuals whose significant efforts, huge hearts, and tremendous dedication positively impacted Camp Barney in 2016.

JAMIE ROSTON Unit Head

From Pinner, UK 3 Years at CBM University of Nottingham, England LINDSEY HARNACK Unit Head

From Roswell, GA 14 years at CBM University of Georgia RYAN GROSSWALD Counselor

From Norcross, GA 9 Years at CBM University of Arizona ADRIANE MIRAKHOR Horseback Director From Atlanta, GA 14 years at CBM

Georgia State University

CAMP BARNEY FAMILY CAMP IN 2016...

"BETTER THAN A CRUISE"

Each holiday begins with a beautiful Shabbat service in our spectacular Zaban Chapel and ends with friendships and memories that will last until returning the following year! All the best of Camp Barney was squeezed into three fantastic days (and three really fun nights) earlier this month during our **Annual Family Camp** over Labor Day weekend! 50 families from three states converged at Camp Barney for dozens of activities, everything around our beach, the 1,000 ft. "Omega" zip line, cool crafts projects, water skiing, mountain bikes, cooking classes, yoga, tree climbing, tennis, theatre improv troupe, exotic animals, the Talent Show, hanging out at the Halpern and Jacobs Pools, and so much more. And of course, the endless southern buffets and bar-b-ques were enjoyed by all!

Look for info throughout the year and join us for our 35th Annual Family Camp at Camp Barney in 2017!



I hope you're enjoying a fantastic beginning to the school year. It was our privilege and pleasure to have your family at CBM during our 2016 Summer season. We truly miss seeing our campers and look forward to seeing you again soon at an info session, reunion, or at Camp Barney in 2017. As I begin my 25th year as Director of Camp Barney, I want to send you and your family my best wishes for a very healthy, happy, and sweet New Year! L'Shana Tova.

Jim Mittenthal, M.S.W., Director Camp Barney Medintz



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