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## ALUMNI DAY 2009 AT OUR SUMMER PLACE

Every time I drive through the front gate of Camp Barney Medintz, I get the same excited feeling. In all, I've spent 15 summers at camp and needless to say, I've passed through the front gate many times. I think one of the most incredible things about CBM is that anyone who has also spent a summer there gets that same feeling each time they, too enter camp. This August, 118 CBM alumni had that same excited feeling as they returned to camp for Camp Barney Medintz's 2nd annual Alumni Day. Family and friends brought the total number to 286 people who enjoyed a fun and relaxing Sunday at our favorite summer place.

I know I may be a little biased, but I happen to think that being up at camp is the best way to spend any day. This Alumni Day proved no exception. This year camp has looked better than ever. There are so many new spots to see at camp, and the most special thing is that they all seem to blend seamlessly into camp's landscape, making it feel like they've been there all along. Whether you chose to make a bracelet at Arts and Crafts, relax next to the new Koi Pond, or enjoy what is arguably the best view in camp from Sam's Deck, there are tons of areas to sit and relax. But, come on, lots of us came with kids and friends for the day and relaxing was just not on the schedule! That is where the better than ever Lake Wendy and Lake Wendy Beach came into the picture! This part of camp has truly become the ultimate destination for fun at camp. It was so great to see so many people out in canoes and kayaks, which proved the best view to see an alumni who shall remain anonymous... well, ok... Larry Hoffman... Blob his son who may have broken

all previous Blob records!! The Hurricane is an always popular activity as are the Logroll, the Saturn, the Iceberg, and the Rave. Lunch in the Dining Hall, a stroll around camp visiting old cabins and searching for cabin plaques, a visit with Wildlife Wonders and a dip in the Pool rounded out the very fun day.

As a Mom, I love being at camp with my kids and showing them all around while helping them make their own memories of camp. As a former camper, I still get excited to see my old rovers and counselors. And, it's also fun running into those who used to be my own campers. Camp has had such a major role in my life. I love also knowing that it wasn't just me and my friends for whom camp has had an impact, it's also impacted lives of the campers and staff who came before us as well as those who have been since. Camp continues to thrive directly due to the staff who commit themselves to making camp its best, the beautiful facility we are so lucky to have, and the wonderful campers who annually spend their summers there. I asked for comments or quotes about camp for this article and wanted to share some of the responses. It's obvious what a special place camp holds in many hearts...

If you were unable to attend this year's Alumni Day, I invite you to keep a lookout for next year's date and put it on your calendar. Come back to camp-introduce your family and friends to our most special summer place and remember how good CBM truly is for the soul!

— Debbie Medintz Jacobs

Camper 1985-1990, Staff 1991-1997 and 2008-2009



*"I can't tell you how excited I get taking my son to the buses every year. Knowing that he's going to have the most incredible summer, the lifelong friends he'll be creating and the connection to his Jewish identity are more than a parent can truly wish for."*

— Angie Welch Trimbach

*"Still my summer place! I first went to CBM in 1979, and still think about Shabbos on the lake, JIT solo, and so many other fond memories."*

— Mitchell Blass

*"I was amazed to see that the Barney Medintz spirit runs through my 7-year-old as it still runs through me. After Alumni Day, Rayna is equally as excited to begin her CBM journey as I am to remember mine!"*

— Elissa Granath Fladell

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

Audrey Robbins Siskind (Camper and Staffer) sent us this picture of campers and staff from First Session. Everyone in this picture is a descendant of a camp director or founder.

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FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):  
Debbie Medintz Jacobs (granddaughter of Barney Medintz) and her sons Justin and Harris, Noa Siskind (granddaughter of Eddie Robbins) and her mother Audrey Robbins Siskind

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):  
Rachel Mendelson (granddaughter of Mo Ketovsky), Caitlin Schachter (granddaughter of Bubba Schachter), and Lily Siskind, Harper Laundau, and Eden Siskind (granddaughters of Eddie Robbins)

# remember when

Little did I know that being a camper at CBM would make such a positive impact on my life. My early memories of CBM start in 1980 as a Unit 1 camper. I fondly remember packing my trunk, standing on chairs in the dining hall cheering for my unit and singing "rise and shine" and "Barney Medintz Spirit" with all my heart, crossing the forbidden ditch from village 2 to village 3, making dirt babies on camp outs, painting a cabin plaque to proudly hang in "the arc", making up acts for Sabbath concert, ordering melted Whatchamacallit for canteen, smelling bar-b-q bologna, braving the snake road to the beach, and having to "Stay off the ramp!" at the bottom of arts and crafts, braiding lanyards, brushing my teeth in the bog, and wearing pajamas to milk line. I actually remember Sammy Rosenberg teaching us "oh once there was a wizard" and "apples and bananas," and Marcia Micah singing "Sweet Violets" during Sabbath Concert at the Bhac after "Brett Howser & the Playboys" played tennis rackets as guitars.

During college a last minute decision brought me back to camp when a friend from my first cabin at camp ended up being a sorority sister who convinced me to go back to camp and be a counselor. Being a staff member at CBM was my best summer ever! Returning to the happy bubble of "Our Summer Place" was like entering a time warp! The place just doesn't change!! (except for additions like a giant water slide.) And inside this little camp bubble the troubles of the current world and everyday life are always miles away. It's a feeling that only CBM alumni can share and relate to and really can't be described or put into words for those who have never had the amazing experience of spending a summer up at camp. As a staff member I made lifelong, best friends who I still speak to all the time, and a big thanks to CBM, I also met my husband Steven at camp that summer too!

CBM entered my life again, coming full circle as we sent our 8-year-old daughter off to camp this past summer. She actually lived in the same "wonder weeks" cabin as I did when I was a "wonder weeks" counselor. Of course I was a little apprehensive sending her away as I look back and realize how oblivious I was as a counselor to the enormous responsibility I had in my hands...for example not thinking twice about leaving my cabin and a village of kids asleep with two OD's on a porch with a flash light as their only supervision or not freaking out when my cabin of 8 year old girls returned from the shower very excited to tell me that they all just shaved their legs for the first time... not memories that are comforting from a parent perspective!

Now as I sign up for family camp, I laugh at the spell that camp puts on me that allows me to all of a sudden care less about the sub-motel, maybe 1 star accommodations. The same spell that as I drive through the gate transforms me from "Bloomingdale's Insider" to proud builder of a "One Match Fire." Happily that same magic has now been passed down to another generation. As we received letters from our daughter saying "camp is like a second home" and "it is awesome here!" Objective achieved!!! She also now "Has that Barney Medintz Spirit" for Our Summer Place.

Fran Singerman Cohen  
Camper and Staff

# LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

## ENGAGEMENTS/MARRIAGES

- Joy Klayman (camper: 1986, 1988, and 1990) and Chris Magyar were married on April 18, 2009 at the JW Marriott in Buckhead and are living in Okemos, MI.

## FUTURE CBM CAMPERS

- Brooke Rose Guggenheim was born on 8/19/08 to Lisa (Sectman, camper: 1988-1994) and Jeff Guggenheim. She weighed 8 lbs and was 22 inches long. Brooke was welcomed to the family by big brother Joey. 
- Ian Lior Lennon was born on 11/28/2008 to Emily (Shipman, camper: 1997-2001) and Marc Lennon. He weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and was 20.5 inches long. 
- Kayla Renee Braunstein was born on 1/13/09 to Jessica (Flax, camper: 1980-1988, staff: 1989) and Glenn Braunstein. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz, and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed to the family by big sister Sarah.
- Chloe Lapp was born on 2/3/2009 to Mara (Peskin, camper: 1989-1993) and Jeffrey Lapp. She weighed 8 lbs and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed to the family by big brother Elliot.
- Mallory Wynn Zullin, was born on 02/03/09 to Marisa (Brown, camper 1987-2001) and Jason Zullin. She weighed 5 lbs 4 oz and was 18 inches. 
- Amy Finkelstein (camper: 1992-2002) and Myles Steiner welcomed their daughter Julie Ilana Steiner to the world on 2/5/09. She was born almost 9 weeks early, weighing 2 lbs 14 oz, was 15 3/4 inches long and spent 7 weeks in the hospital. By her due date of April 5th she was 5 lbs 6 oz and was almost 7 lbs as of April 29th. She's doing great now!
- Ariella Yaira Rosen was born on 2/12/2009 to Jodi and Alan Rosen (camper: 1984-1989). She weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and was 19.5 inches long.
- Rhen Chaite Linsky was born on 3/11/09 to Frankie (Forer, camper: 1989-1997) and Ron Linsky. She weighed 8 lbs and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed into the world by older sister Emrie. 
- Ian Daniel Tabor was born on 4/6/09 at 10:56 AM to Ilyssa (Asman, staff 1994-1996) and Mathew Tabor. She weighed 6 lbs 11 oz and was 21 inches long. 
- Wren Toporek Woodman was born on 4/8/09 to Ashley (Toporek, camper: 1982) and Roger Woodman. She weighed 4 lbs 5 oz and was 17.75 inches long. She was welcomed into the family by older brothers Charlie and Owen. 
- Evan Leo Murnick was born at 2:13 AM on 4/28/09 weighing 6 lbs 15.6 oz and measuring 20.5 inches long to Jodi (Sukloff, camper: 1980-1985) and Jay Murnick. Evan was welcomed to the family by older sister Jacquelyn. 
- Charles (Charlie) Alton Fleischer was born on 5/21/09 to Sandy and Evan Fleischer (staff: 1994-1997). He was welcomed into the family by older brother Isaac.
- Mira D'Agostino was born on 7/19/09 to Anne and Josh D'Agostino (Alumni Chairman, camper: 1989-1991, staff: 1994-1998). She weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and was welcomed to the family by older sisters Elena and Sari.

# ALUMNI DATABASE ONLINE

We're excited to tell you that you can now access the alumni database through our website!

You should have gotten an e-mail letting you know about this and giving you a password. To access the alumni information, go to:

**www.campbarney.org and click on CBM Account Login**

Use your e-mail address and the supplied password to login.

Navigate to login details to update your personal password.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page to the alumni section.

You can update your personal information and search for other alumni.

If you didn't receive a password, please contact me and I will get it to you: [fran@campbarney.org](mailto:fran@campbarney.org).

## WHAT'S NEW... IN THE PAST 5 YEARS?

YEAR	FACILITY	WHAT	WHERE
2009	SAM'S DECK	PAVILION HONORING LIFE OF CAMPER SAM LAPIDUS	HILL TOP OF CHAPEL
	MERCAZ HORESH	ISRAELI CULTURAL CENTER, LIBRARY	BENATOR CENTER
	LAKE WENDY DAM	NEW DAM	LAKE WENDY
	KOI POND	KOI POND	BENATOR CENTER
	"THE SATURN"	COOL LAKE ADVENTURE	LAKE WENDY
	LAKEHOUSE	ADULT STAFF HOUSING	NEW ADDITION
	BATH HOUSE	RENOVATION	VILLAGE 2
	BEACH	DEVELOPED NEW BEACH	ON LAKE WENDY
2008	ZALKIN BASEBALL FIELD	BASEBALL, SOCCER FIELDS, REC CENTER	BEHIND TEEN VILLAGE
	SPORTS COMPLEX	MARTIAL ARTS, FITNESS, & PING PONG CENTER	HALPERN CENTER
	HALPERN CENTER	RENOVATION	HALPERN CENTER
	CAMPER KITCHEN	GUEST CHEFS, COOKING CLASSES	BEHIND DINING HALL
	"THE RAVE"	LAKE TRAMPOLINE	LAKE WENDY
	CLIMBING ADVENTURE	ROPES COURSES, CLIMBING WALLS	THROUGHOUT CAMP
2007	TENNIS COURTS	EICHEL TENNIS CENTER	NEXT TO JR. BALLFIELD
	"THE HURRICANE"	COOL WATER SLIDE	LAKE WENDY BEACH
	TEEN CABINS	NEW PORCHES	TEEN VILLAGE
	BABBIT CENTER	ENLARGED REC CENTER	NEAR CHAPEL
	DECKS	TRIPS & EXPEDITION DECKS	NEXT TO DINING HALL
	ART SCULPTURES	METAL, WOOD SCULPTURES	THROUGHOUT CAMP
	BATH HOUSE	RENOVATIONS	TEEN VILLAGE
	DINING HALL KITCHEN	AIR CONDITIONED	MAIN STREET
2006	BENATOR CENTER	RADIO, VIDEO, NEWSPAPER, MUSIC, & CULTURE	ABOVE THE BEACH
	CLIMBING ADVENTURE	ROPES COURSES, CLIMB. WALLS	THROUGHOUT CAMP
	"THE ICEBERG"	LAKE ADVENTURE	LAKE WENDY
	SWIMMING POOL	WOOD DECK ADDITION	MAIN STREET
	VILLAGE PORCHES	ENLARGED PORCHES	VILLAGES 1,2,3
	GARDEN	CAMPER VEGGIE/FLOWER GARDEN	BEHIND HALPERN CENTER
2005	TEEN SPORTS COMPLEX	SOCCER, TENNIS, BBALL	TEEN VILLAGE
	THE "CHIPPIE"	AMPHITHEATER	ABOVE THE BEACH
	HALPERN A&C	ARTS & CRAFTS/POTTERY CENTER	ABOVE THE BEACH
	DINING HALL	ENLARGED	MAIN STREET
	THE ZIP LINE	780' ZIP LINE	ACROSS LAKE WENDY
	BATH HOUSE	RENOVATION	VILLAGE 3
	OFFICE	RENOVATION	ENTRANCE
	SWIMMING POOL	RENOVATION: POOL/DECK	MAIN STREET
	CLIMBING ADVENTURE	ROPES COURSES, CLIMBING WALLS	THROUGHOUT CAMP
	BEACH	DEVELOPED NEW BEACH	ON LAKE WENDY
	CANTEEN/DECKS	NEW	MAIN STREET



## WHAT'S ON THE DRAWING BOARD FOR THE "NEAR" FUTURE?

NEW INFIRMARY (HEALTH LODGE)  
 NEW 2nd SWIMMING POOL  
 NEW "LUGE" WATER FLUME  
 NEW "TREE HOUSE" NATURE CENTER  
 NEW ZIP LINE INTO LAKE WENDY  
 NEW ANIMAL FARM

NEW STAFF HOUSING  
 NEW WATER SKIING CENTER  
 DINING HALL ADDITION  
 DECK RENOVATIONS  
 BATH HOUSE & CABIN RENOVATIONS  
 EQUESTRIAN CENTER ADDITION

SPORTS COMPLEX ADDITION  
 MINIATURE GOLF/PUTTING GREEN  
 STAFF LOUNGE ADDITION  
 FISHING DOCK ADDITION  
 INTERNET CENTER ADDITION

# Camp Barney Medintz

## OVERHEARD FROM ALUMNI

Barney is a very special place and I am thrilled that my daughter "gets it." She had an incredible time at first session this year! My 7-year-old son is very eager to go as well!

– Seth T.

It was 1963 – the civil rights movement was in full swing, including at camp – a lot of folk songs by Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary, et al. around the campfires. As I recall, it was the camp's first year. I also recall helping build several hiking trails.

– Gus B.

CBM is my favorite place on earth. I turn into a kid the moment I pass through the gate.

– Larry H.

(About Alumni Day) What a fun day at Camp Barney! I think the kids are ready to sign up, already! We even showered in the front staff house. Ah, the good old days!

– Margo M.

Wow... where do I begin? I will never forget the amazing people I met over my 11 years at CBM. When I think of camp, I think of the bonds I made with people. I also remember how I looked so forward to every summer so I could go to camp. I remember everyday in the dining hall singing unit cheers, campouts with my cabin, learning to water ski and ride a horse for the first time, JIT-year going mountain climbing, caving, white water rafting, solo, 5-day, JIT-swim and our counselors calling solo while we were in the middle of Lake Wendy for our JIT-

swim, singing camp songs at camp fires, waking up to the horseback staff riding horses through the villages waking everyone up on Color War days... and so many more. My most favorite summers were spent at camp. I am looking forward to seeing how camp has changed and being up there with my friends!

– Rachel S.

To me, the meaningfulness of Camp Barney was in the camp itself. Most people make lasting friendships and have the time of their lives interacting with the people around them. Unfortunately, the group of students that I was with did not have that dynamic, but I continued to return because of the magic that's held in the very soil of Camp Barney Medintz, and I don't think I'll ever forget the summers that I spent there.

– Halli S.

Best seven summers of my childhood!

– Amanda B.

I always hated getting on the bus, determined that I would hate it. But I always left wishing I could stay just one more week.

– Shana C.

I can't wait until my kids are old enough to go to Barney! I had the best summers I can remember when I was there.

– Lisa G.

Wish I could be a camper all over again!

– Andrea F.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS...

These are people who we have lost contact with. If you know how to get in touch with any of them, please either send their contact information to me or have them e-mail me at [fran@campbarney.org](mailto:fran@campbarney.org). Thanks again for all of your help with previous lists!

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