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# ALUMNI DAY 2011



It's been 15 years now since I worked on staff at Camp Barney Medintz. I've been back dozens of times for different events during that time. I always get the same feeling when I make that left turn and drive under that sign. That familiar smile comes across my face. You know, the one that almost makes your cheeks hurt it's so big. You drive down the main road and you can feel the gravel rolling underneath your tires. As you pass Lake Louis and the equestrian center (or the Senior Ball Field for those who can recall!) memories of camping experiences start to come to mind. My mind wanders back to my first cabin, growing up each summer, and then finally working on staff as a rover, on waterfront and as a unit head. Thirteen years in all and it seems like a moment ago we ended that last summer with a unit camp fire.

But this time it's different. My wife, Ellie and I have been coming to Alumni Day for a few years now. And mostly it had been a repeat of walking through the JIT village, looking at our unit plaques, then carrying my sons Drew and Brody on my shoulders to the pool where we'd spend the rest of the day. It had really been a day for dad, soaking up the memories and my enjoyment. In my mind most of the happiness was really placing our sons against this beautiful yet somehow timeless backdrop. For our kids, it was another day in the sun. I don't think up until now it had made any kind of real lasting image for them. I'm sure they enjoyed running around

the camp and playing in the cabins, but no set in memories had been created.

Perhaps it was the five chocolate chip cookies my kids had at lunch. Or their obsession with living in a tent in the JIT village. Or maybe it was just a perfect day. But something clicked this time. We spent the whole day with most everyone else who made the trip up to Camp Barney, at the lake. There was constant activity at the slide, swimming in the lake, climbing the iceberg and the grownups (so they claimed) shooting across the zip line. This was the beginning of my kids' love of Camp Barney.

We've all had many phases of happiness at CBM. From that first summer, when your eyes are wide open, everything is new and exciting. Next thing you know, you're getting your Seven Year t-shirt and "running the camp" as a J.I.T. Then that first day on staff when your campers show up smiling and cheering, and you realize your true place at camp, to help your campers grow and learn about what makes CBM so special. But this is a different phase, one of a parent hoping your kids will soon love this place as much as you do, maybe more. And that's really exciting.

One thing I know about next year's Alumni Day... now my kids are just as eager as I am!

**Todd Fierman**  
(Camper 1985-1992, Staff 1993-1997)



**CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ**  
**50TH ANNIVERSARY!**  
**WEEKEND OF**  
**AUGUST 23, 2013**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**ALUMNI NIGHT**  
at **Fuego Mundo!**  
Saturday October 22  
9pm - 11pm  
Great food and drinks.  
Camp trivia for fun prizes.  
**ADULTS ONLY**  
RSVP to [fran@campbarney.org](mailto:fran@campbarney.org) or 678-812-3846  
Be sure to include the number of adults in your party.

Do you have old camp pictures? We would love to have a copy of them to post on our website.  
Please email [fran@campbarney.org](mailto:fran@campbarney.org) with photos or links.

# LIFE·CYCLE EVENTS

engagements / marriages



Rachel Solomon (camper: 1994-2001, staff: 2002-2007) is engaged to Avi Binstock. The wedding will be held on November 13, 2011 in Atlanta.

## FUTURE CAMPERS



*Nicole Marie Bluestein*

was born to Sheryl (Marbach) (camper: 1995-1997) and Greg Bluestein (camper: 1992-1998, staff: 1999-2001) on November 26, 2010 in Atlanta. Nicole weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and was 19 inches long.



*Sophia Katherine Sussman*

was born to Gaby (D'Agostino) (camper 1995-2001) and Michael Sussman on December 22, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. Sophia weighed 6 lbs 3 oz and was 19.5 inches long.



*Cate Joelle Dubovsky*

was born to Allison (Richmond) (camper 1983-1987) and Jonathan Dobovsky on December 26, 2010 in Atlanta. Cate weighed 6 lbs 10 oz and was 19.5 inches long. She was welcomed home by big brothers and future campers Jaron and Dean.

## THE CAMP BARNEY FAMILY COMES THROUGH

On May 30, 2011, Joe Gadd, a horseback staff member from the UK was injured at camp in an accident when a horse he was riding lost its footing and Joe fell to the ground, landing on his back. He was airlifted to Grady Hospital in Atlanta where he underwent two spinal stabilization surgeries. He was moved to the Shepherd Spinal Center and spent 8 weeks in the inpatient program. Joe has "graduated" and moved to an apartment on the Shepherd campus for a 4-6 week outpatient program. After that time, Joe and his mother will be renting an apartment near Shepherd for 3-6 months to continue daily therapy. He is currently paralyzed from the chest down.

It is important for Joe to have his family's support during his recovery. His parents put their lives in the UK on hold in order to be by Joe's side in Atlanta.

It really has been heartwarming to see how many people have helped the family. The Gadds are such wonderful people and have been thrown into a life-changing experience.

Camp alumna and parent Donna Maslia Chimberoff, camp alumnus and parent Tony Levitas, and camp

alumnus and parent Skip Weiland organized a fundraiser for Joe on August 14th at The Old Crow Bar & Grill. Tony and his band, The Helpers, and Mark Michelson and Friends performed and all proceeds from the cover charge went to help Joe and his family. Camp Alumna Karen Edelberg Gold designed and sold t-shirts. It was well attended by our Camp Barney family, both parents and alumni. Between cover charge, t-shirt sales, and donations, they were able to raise over \$6,000 for Joe and his family.

Donna has been raising money all summer for the Gadd family. She has received many generous contributions from our own Jewish community including many CBM families and alumni. The money is being used to help the Gadd family continue to pay their expenses back home while his parents care for Joe here in Atlanta.

The Marcus JCC of Atlanta has also contributed about \$8,000 to the Gadds and is still receiving donations. And the 2011 Camp Barney staff raised over \$2,000 this past summer for the Gadd family. Please contact me if you are interested in making a donation at [fran@campbarney.org](mailto:fran@campbarney.org).

## Todah Rabah!

### OUR ALUMNI ARE ALWAYS STEPPING UP TO HELP CAMP OUT!

At the end of each camp session, 130 of our 660 campers fly home from Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Many thanks to the CBM Alumni who volunteer to help escort campers to their flights. Amy Budow (alumna) made her second annual trip to the airport on closing day of our second session to escort campers who had late flights.

Barbara Vahaba (JCC employee and mother of alumna Hannah Vahaba) picked up our 3 campers from Paris who flew in a day early to be able to come to Camp Barney again this summer, housed them overnight and took them to the buses on opening day of second session. She also escorted them to their flights on closing day.

Big thanks go to the following people for helping out in various capacities for our Alumni Day this past summer at Camp Barney:

Allison Boaz  
Adam Cohen  
Adam Hirsch

Debbie Medintz Jacobs  
Lewis Perling

Julie Porter  
Jamie Rechtman

## CAMP BARNEY HAS A NEW INFIRMARY/HEALTH CENTER THANKS TO MARCUS FAMILY FOUNDATION

After 48 years, Camp Barney has a brand new Infirmary and Health Center! Across from the dining hall and over looking Lake Wendy, our incredible new Bernie and Billi Marcus Health Center has housing for our five nurses each session, multiple "get well" bedrooms, secured medicine storage and distribution areas, exam rooms, records technology space, and a huge deck with views of Lake Wendy and our beachfront. Construction is complete on this architecturally cool new 7,000 sq. ft. lakeside building.

We are so grateful to the Marcus Family Foundation, as well as the Laureate Medical Group and multiple other very special donors. Billi and Bernie Marcus, founder of The Home Depot, the Georgia Aquarium and so many other meaningful

projects, previously helped us create the Cultural and Performing Arts Complex that includes the "Chippie" Amphitheatre, Halpern Arts & Crafts Center and Benator Cultural Center at Camp Barney in 2004.



Thank you very much!

# 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.



## Direct from Israel: New party concept introduced in Atlanta

Refrigerators in Israel aren't just a place to keep things cold. In recent years they have become colorful high-quality photo galleries displaying candid photos taken at simchas ranging from weddings to birthday parties and every celebration in between.

The concept of high quality magnetized photographic mementos is now available in the southeast. **Andrew Levison** (camper and staff 1996-2011) has joined forces with **Roey Shoshan** (staff 2010) to introduce "Mag-nificent" to the Atlanta party scene. The Mag-nificent duo has already provided these small magnetic treasures to guests at a BBYO Alumni event, birthday parties, sorority events, and bat mitzvahs. And with more events already scheduled for the year, the instant photo magnet concept seems poised to take off.

After working with the client to design and customize the frame in the weeks leading up to the event, the Mag-nificent photographers take hundreds of photos of the event in action. Every 30-45 minutes, the photos are developed onto magnets for guests to grab.

"While party guests in Atlanta continue to take party-favor photo keepsakes home from celebrations, the shots are often very staged and require the guests to take time away from socializing to stand in line to be photographed," said Andrew. "Mag-nificent photographers move through the crowd to capture those candid shots – the amazing moments that can never be relived in a photo booth. Guests can just enjoy themselves while our roaming photographers do the work."

"The best part is that the photos are laminated, magnetized, personalized (with a frame designed by the party hosts) and ready within minutes. The guests simply walk over to the giant Mag-nificent Board and grab the photos they want," explained Roey.

Roey & Andrew would love to give the CBM community a 10% discount on any package. Visit [www.mag-nificent.com](http://www.mag-nificent.com) for more information and to see samples from past events!

**Allison Boaz, a CBM camper and counselor from 1988-1998, recently launched two new businesses.**

Allison can be reached at [boaz.allison@gmail.com](mailto:boaz.allison@gmail.com).



Digital Image Matters, LLC ([www.digitalimagematters.com](http://www.digitalimagematters.com)) specializes in creating affordable, professional and effective websites, blogs, social media, email communications and other digital content for small businesses and organizations. Allison began Digital Image Matters in 2011 following 11 years of digital marketing experience on both the agency and client sides. Allison understands how a company's online presence can influence a potential customer's decision to work with that company. She will make sure your online content, the always-on face of your business, reflects the positive image customers expect to see.



Aunt Bobo Photography, LLC captures affordable, quality photos at casual special events like birthday parties, anniversary parties, baby namings and wedding showers while you enjoy spending time with friends and family. Posed sessions are available as well.

Check out the Gallery on [www.auntbobo.com](http://www.auntbobo.com) where you may see some familiar camp (or future camper) faces in addition to a few CBM Alumni Day shots. Alumni who mention code word "Sharshabar" during the next 30 days will receive \$10 off a one-hour photo session.

If you would like your business or service to be featured in a future newsletter, please contact [fran@campbarney.org](mailto:fran@campbarney.org).

## 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 new feature at Camp Barney, added 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 will be 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 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, GA 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, 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 the last list!

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Elissa Graham Saperstein  
Jeffery Tully  
Erica Wells  
Jonathon Winner

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

Some of our 2011 staff members with their relatives who are all camp alumni and were "Guest Storytellers" to campers this past summer!



Left to right: Staffer Ethan Bagen (with parents Laury & Terri), Marcia Mika (aunt of Debbie Jacobs), Staffer Debbie Medintz Jacobs, and 2011 Staffer Martin Steine (with dad Fred).



### CBM ALUMNI GATHER ON THE WEST COAST

M. Fred Schuster, Michael Ginsburg, Randie Robinson Weisberg, and Dena Cohen Lakritz celebrate 4th of July in San Francisco. Michael and Dena currently live in San Francisco. Fred was visiting from Atlanta. Randie was visiting from Weston, Massachusetts but will be moving soon to Washington, DC. All were at CBM in the 70's.

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