

# Camp Barney Medintz

"Our Summer Place"

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## SO...HOW WAS THE SUMMER?

Each September I'm often asked by families and members of many communities "How was the summer?" Well, it was **amazing**, actually! I know, however, that it can be as complex as when you ask your child(ren) the same question on the day they arrive home after Camp and you realize that it really may take months to get a full picture! You see, stories and memories about people and events at a 2 or 4-week overnight camp are destined to be "time-released." But, hopefully, you've received a glimpse of Camp Barney as having been a very positive experience during our **2014 summer season**. (In October, you're welcome to call me at our Atlanta office if you'd like to learn more specifics about your child(ren) while they were at camp).

**OKAY, THEN. WHY WAS IT SO AMAZING?**  
**I LOOK AT SEVERAL THINGS...**

**HOW CLOSELY WE CAME TO MEETING OUR GOALS** which we established long before the summer began, including the very best staff, exciting and meaningful programming, an excellent facility, and being attentive to each of our 1,300 campers.

See *SUMMER*, page 2.



## GOTTA SEE WHAT'S NEW AND SO AWESOME AT CBM IN 2015!

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## CBM LIVE!

**CBM LIVE!** will take place at Camp Barney from **Sunday, June 21-Thursday, July 2** (the second 2-weeks of First Session). Boys and girls, ages 11-15, can **choose one of the two primary "tracks"** offered, spending approximately 3 hours each day in their chosen track. Other activities scheduled each day include creative electives ("chugim") such as dance, film, crafts, ceramics, cooking and yoga. And, both tracks enable campers to participate in classic Camp Barney activities such as swimming, boating, stand-up paddleboarding, beach adventures and the 1000 ft. omega zip line.

**The MUSIC track** is perfect for kids who play a musical instrument (ie. guitar, drums, percussion, horn, keyboard) or sing vocal. Campers will form a band, work with in-camp and guest musicians and culminate the session with a performance on our "Chippie" Amphitheatre stage.

**The THEATER track** is perfect for kids who love to perform on stage. Campers will work with in-camp and guest professional theater staff and participate in acting, writing, sets and scenery, sound & lighting theater tech, and culminate the session with a performance.

**There is a limited enrollment for CBM LIVE! Registration is open beginning at 10:00 am on Monday, October 13th.** All new or returning campers from "everywhere", ages 11-15 years old, are eligible for **CBM LIVE!** New campers may be eligible for One Happy Camper or P.J. Library incentive grants.

For more information, please write us:  
[summer@campbarney.org](mailto:summer@campbarney.org)  
or call the CBM office, (770) 395-2554.

**DIRECT FEEDBACK** from kids, from staff, from families - during and following the summer.

**A TRULY WONDERFUL STAFF** Most "home grown" and all hand-picked, we thoroughly enjoyed our 2014 CBM staff and appreciated their commitment and expressions of warmth, humor, and love for every child. Our staff recognized that their role this summer was to create a special community where each child would thrive and did "whatever it takes" for the campers for whom they were responsible. This is way more than our goal...it's our "culture" and what we choose to be each summer at Camp Barney.

**MY OBSERVATIONS OF SO MANY GREAT MOMENTS** throughout the summer including: watching counselors working hard to **plan extraordinary events as well as problem-solve periodic interpersonal issues**; 1,000 of us simultaneously **singing with tremendous emotion and energy in the dining hall or cheering on a great effort by a child during Sabbath Concert** (our Saturday night talent show); hearing kids tell me about **an awesome backpacking trip up the Appalachian Trail or Ski Trip to Lake Burton**; watching campers make a necklace or pottery during a crafts session; supporting a **camper ascending the Technical Rock Climbing Walls, the High Ropes Course, the "Vertical Playpen", the "Giant Swing", the "Rocket", "Quadrophenia" and the "Flying Squirrel!"** and having artists-in-residence teach campers **fencing, karate, scuba diving and yoga!**

**Other great memories** were: every moment on the 1,000 ft. **Omega Zip Line** and the **"Hurricane" water slide**, playing on the **"Rave" water trampoline, "Iceberg," Log Roll** or the **"Saturn"**, seeing **campers get up on skis** (or drop a ski) for the first time; seeing others becoming comfortable and confident on horseback; riding **Mountain Scooters; "tree climbing"** at CBM or while on their awesome "mappy" trip for 12 year olds; being part of terrific **Shabbat Services created entirely by campers**; joining lots of kids at a "Wildlife Wonders" session **holding snakes and iguanas and skunks and wallabies**; our **Yom Yisrael programs**; coming out of the **"Bog;" Color War** and **"Survivor" Games**, tons of kids **performing in "Peter Pan"** and improv sessions in our awesome **"Chippie" Amphitheatre**.

**And...**Hearing from our 14 year old campers describing their amazing time on their **3-day Nantahala River Trip** or **"Alufim Odyssey"**; being with our **2-week campers** accomplishing their first overnight experience at CBM; hearing 15 year old **JIT campers describing their solo or incredible 6-day trip Whitewater Rafting on the Ocoee River, climbing and caving**; and my dilemma of which staff to recognize during our weekly staff meetings for their outstanding work with kids. **These were just a few of my favorite things that made 2014 an "amazing summer!"**

# CAMP BARNEY 2015 DATES!

So much to consider about our camp dates! Most schools now get out in May, some begin in early August, some campers participate in the Maccabi Games & must be home for practices, some families have Israel trips and Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations.

We've again completed the research from so many states, counties, Jewish Day Schools & various other events and have chosen dates which we hope will accommodate your family. **SESSION I will begin on Sunday, June 7, 2015 and SESSION II will end on Thursday, July 30, 2015.**

## SESSION I: (4-weeks)

Sunday, June 7 - Thursday, July 2, 2015

**A** (2-weeks) Sunday, June 7 - Thursday, June 18, 2015

**B** (2-weeks) Sunday, June 21 - Thursday, July 2, 2015

**NEW  
for  
2015!**

## CBM LIVE!

**(2-weeks/Concurrent with B)**

Sunday, June 21 - Thursday, July 2, 2015

Ages 11-15

For complete details on this exciting new camp session, including program and features, see page 1 and contact us: [summer@campbarney.org](mailto:summer@campbarney.org).

## SESSION II: (4-weeks)

Sunday, July 5 - Thursday, July 30, 2015

**C** (2-weeks) Sunday, July 5 - Thursday, July 16, 2015

**D** (2-weeks) Sunday, July 19 - Thursday, July 30, 2015

**NOTE: OUR REGULAR 2-WEEK PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR 8, 9 AND 10 YEAR OLDS DURING 1ST SESSION IN 2015!**

(and still for 8 and 9 year olds during 2nd session.)

Previous 2-week campers have the option of returning in 2015 for 2-weeks again or 4-weeks (see first sentence above for age/session requirements)



# Camp Barney Medintz REGISTRATION IS EASY ONLINE for 2015!

## RETURNING FAMILIES:

Applications will become available on Monday, October 13, 2014 for returning campers and their siblings at 10:00 am EDT.

To register, simply:

- (a) Go to [www.campbarney.org](http://www.campbarney.org)
- (b) Scroll down to account login
- (c) Your username is your email address
- (d) Enter your password  
(if you have forgotten your password, just hit the request button)
- (e) Fill out and submit your camper application(s) and your payment options

## NEW FAMILIES:

Registration opens on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 10:00 am EDT.

To begin the process:

- (a) Go to [www.campbarney.org](http://www.campbarney.org)
- (b) Click on New Families: Create a CBM account
- (c) Within minutes, you will receive an email explaining how to use your CBM account
- (d) On Tuesday, October 21st, go to [www.campbarney.org](http://www.campbarney.org) and login to your account with your username and password to submit your camper application(s) and payment options.

### Does submitting an application assure a space for your camper?

Within 5 business days (usually sooner), acceptance emails will be sent. Some campers may still be placed on our waiting list as **age groups fill very rapidly, some groups by the second day of registration.** (There were about 200 kids on our waiting list last year.) We will do our best to accommodate families wishing to participate in our 2015 Summer Season.







## CAMP BARNEY STAFF

### Play the Biggest Role in our "Production!"

Hiring **400 staff who are bright, fun, creative, responsible, mature, enthusiastic, and absolutely committed to every child's experience at camp is a remarkable challenge which I consider paramount.** We were so fortunate to have selected, for the most part, such a group! I was very impressed with **COUNSELORS** who have the most contact and opportunity to help kids grow personally, become connected to others, learn new skills, reinforce Jewish values and appropriate behaviors, challenge themselves to try new adventures and laugh a lot! Our **SPECIALISTS** were very well trained, especially committed "teachers" who enabled campers to create, learn about, and experience a particular activity so that it wasn't just ordinary but instead, really awesome!

Our **SUPPORT STAFF** proved to be outstanding, from the physicians and nurses in the new Marcus Health Center to the cooks, office staff and childcare staff, drivers, and managers of our facility.

**INTERNATIONAL STAFF** from Israel, England, Spain, South America, Mexico, and Eastern Europe blended beautifully with our other returning and new staff and quickly became familiar and very positive members of our CBM community. (Campers loved hearing Hebrew with an English accent!)

**Overall, our staff at Camp Barney weren't merely caretakers or people who escorted kids from place to place. They got to know kids well and remained focused on helping each child have an incredible experience!**

## Annual CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

### Each Winter Make Camp Barney Even Better Each Summer

*Camp Barney Medintz is really one of the most beautiful summer camps in North America.*

I know, I'm a bit bias but I've visited and consulted to dozens of camps and, well, it's still true! We annually invest big in renovating or building the most comfortable, efficient and coolest new projects and adventures surrounding two lakes in our awesome Camp Barney community in the Blue Ridge Mountains!



This past year, many new projects at CBM were completed and made possible through the Framework for our Future: The Capital Campaign for Camp Barney Medintz. We dedicated and opened our new 2nd swimming pool (the Lynne & Howard Halpern Aquatics Center), renovated dozens of buildings and activity spaces, and even got more eco-green, thanks to Isaac and Vanessa Frank who helped us replace all of our plastic utensils with stainless steel flatware!

This year, we will install an important aspect of our infrastructure, a new high-tech septic system at CBM. And, over the next couple of years, we'll do major work on virtually every camper cabin and bath house, our main kitchen and dining hall and our Zaban Chapel, and many many other activity areas and spaces throughout Camp Barney!

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



# WHERE IN THE WORLD

## Did Kids Live When They're Not At Camp Barney?

Some kids see each other all year long, even sitting in the same classes at school before sleeping in the same cabin at Camp Barney! Other kids come from all over and get to spend time together only when they're at camp.



## Here's where 2014 campers came from:

### GEORGIA 64%

Mostly from Atlanta, East Cobb, Sandy Springs, Dunwoody, Alpharetta, Roswell. Also from Savannah and Macon

### FLORIDA 12%

Mostly from Boca Raton/Ft. Lauderdale/Miami, Tampa Bay area, Orlando, and Sarasota/Bradenton

### NORTH CAROLINA 8%

Mostly from Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, and Asheville

### TENNESSEE 6%

Mostly from Memphis and Nashville

### ALABAMA 4%

Mostly from Birmingham and Huntsville

### OTHER 6%

Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington D.C., France, Spain, Mexico, and Israel!

# WHAT ABOUT SCHOOLS AND SYNAGOGUES?!

Here's our "Top 36":

## SCHOOLS

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| 1. Davis Academy, Atlanta                     | 19. Hillel School of Tampa, Tampa              |
| 2. The Epstein School, Atlanta                | 20. Mt. Bethel Elementary School, Atlanta      |
| 3. Walton High School, Atlanta                | 21. Bornblum Solomon Schechter School, Memphis |
| 4. Vanderlyn Elementary School, Atlanta       | 22. Johns Creek High School, Atlanta           |
| 5. Peachtree Charter Middle School, Atlanta   | 23. Austin Elementary School, Atlanta          |
| 6. Autrey Middle School, Atlanta              | 24. Hightower Trail Middle School, Atlanta     |
| 7. Mountain Brook Jr. High School, Birmingham | 25. St. Francis School, Atlanta                |
| 8. Pine View School, Sarasota                 | 26. High Meadows School, Atlanta               |
| 9. Woodward Academy, Atlanta                  | 27. Barnwell Elementary School, Atlanta        |
| 10. Dolvin Elementary School, Atlanta         | 28. North Springs Charter High School, Atlanta |
| 11. Dodgen Middle School, Atlanta             | 29. Oak Grove Elementary School, Atlanta       |
| 12. Greenfield Hebrew Academy, Atlanta        | 30. Providence Day School, Charlotte           |
| 13. Dickerson Middle School, Atlanta          | 31. University School of Nashville, Nashville  |
| 14. Jewish Academy of Orlando, Orlando        | 32. Jay M. Robinson Middle School, Charlotte   |
| 15. Webb Bridge Middle School, Atlanta        | 33. Donna Klein Jewish Academy, Boca Raton     |
| 16. Lausanne Collegiate School, Memphis       | 34. Ocee Elementary School, Atlanta            |
| 17. Heard's Ferry Elementary School, Atlanta  | 35. The Magellan Charter School, Raleigh       |
| 18. Dunwoody Elementary School, Atlanta       | 36. Arthur I. Meyer Jewish Academy, Palm Beach |

## SYNAGOGUES

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|--|---|
| 1. Temple Sinai, Atlanta (reform)                      | 19. Congregation Beth Tefillah, Atlanta (orthodox)        |
| 2. Congregation Dor Tamid, Atlanta (reform)            | 20. Temple Beth-El, Birmingham (conservative)             |
| 3. Temple Emanu-el, Atlanta (reform)                   | 21. Temple Emanu-El, Birmingham (reform)                  |
| 4. Congregation B'nai Torah, Atlanta (conservative)    | 22. Temple Beth Or, Raleigh (reform)                      |
| 5. Temple Beth Tikvah, Atlanta (reform)                | 23. Temple Emanu-El, Sarasota (reform)                    |
| 6. Congregation Etz Chaim, Atlanta (conservative)      | 24. Congregation Kol Tikvah, Boca Raton (reform)          |
| 7. Congregation Geshet L'Torah, Atlanta (conservative) | 25. Temple Beth Shalom, Sarasota (conservative)           |
| 8. Temple Kol Emeth, Atlanta (reform)                  | 26. Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Tampa (conservative)      |
| 9. The Temple, Atlanta (reform)                        | 27. Congregation Bet Haverim, Atlanta (reconstructionist) |
| 10. Congregation Or Hadash, Atlanta (conservative)     | 28. Congregation Shearith Israel, Atlanta (conservative)  |
| 11. Temple Israel, Memphis (reform)                    | 29. Baron Hirsch Synagogue, Memphis (modern orthodox)     |
| 12. Congregation Ohev Shalom, Orlando (conservative)   | 30. Temple Israel, Charlotte (conservative)               |
| 13. Temple Beth Meyer, Raleigh (conservative)          | 31. Congregation Gates of Prayer, New Orleans (reform)    |
| 14. Temple Beth-El, Charlotte (reform)                 | 32. Congregation Or Veshalom, Atlanta (sephardic)         |
| 15. Congregation Beth Shalom, Atlanta (conservative)   | 33. Temple B'nai Shalom, Huntsville (reform)              |
| 16. Ahavath Achim Synagogue, Atlanta (conservative)    | 34. Temple Beth El, Boca Raton (reform)                   |
| 17. Congregation Micah, Nashville (reform)             | 35. Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob, Savannah (orthodox)   |
| 18. Chabad of Georgia, Atlanta (orthodox)              | 36. Chabad of Alabama, Birmingham (orthodox)              |



## NEW CBM SPECIALTY CAMP COMING IN 2015!

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## DID YOU KNOW... AT CAMP BARNEY IN 2014...

- Our 4th Annual List of Top Girls & Boys Names in 2014:
 

1. Sara, Sarah	1. Josh, Joshua
2. Rachel, Rachael, Rachelle	2. Sam, Sammy, Samuel
3. Sophie, Sophia	3. Jacob, Jake
4. Samantha, Sami, Sammi, Sammie Jo	4. Max, Maxx
5. Sydney, Sidney, Sid	5. Zac, Zachary, Zack, Zakk
6. Ben, Benjamin, Benny, Benjy	
- Only 7 days in 2014 without a camper or staff birthday!
- 2014 campers and staff live in 24 states and 12 countries when they're not at Camp Barney!
- We bake about 120,000 warm and tasty cookies for "milk line" throughout the summer!
- There are 10 current flavors of BarneyBars... What's your favorite? Cool new flavors are coming in 2015!
- 89% of our 2014 children and teens at Camp Barney were "returning campers!"

*Yup, we notice every detail, from the most important to the curious!*

## NEW CAMP BARNEY WEB SITE...FINALLY!

Yes, it's true-we've been innovative in every aspect of our operation and CBM experience, from our staff to our facility to our programming. Finally our ancient web site is ready to catch up and launch by Mid-October! It is pretty awesome, user-friendly, and captures some of the essence of what we do at Camp Barney each summer.

Many thanks to hundreds of campers and staff from this past summer who helped us put it all together. Please let us know if you have thoughts or suggestions.

[www.campbarney.org](http://www.campbarney.org)

## TOP 10

### "THINGS THAT REMIND ME OF CAMP BARNEY WHEN I'M NOT AT CAMP!"

1. "Seeing, talking to, or hearing from camp friends."
2. "Hearing a certain song when I'm anywhere besides CBM."
3. "Eating specific food that I ate or cooked at camp."
4. "8:45 pm...when we usually went to "Milk Line!"
5. "Whenever I wear or look at my CBM tie-dyed t-shirt or bracelet, my kavu, chacos, or crazy creek chair."
6. "Being around some school friends who don't know me as well as my camp friends."
7. "Warm-ish showers"
8. "The sound of crickets...or seeing bugs!"
9. "When I'm celebrating Shabbat somewhere else."
10. "Sometimes I dream I'm at Camp Barney!"

### SIBLINGS GALORE!

In 2014, Camp Barney Medintz had 30 pairs of twins, 2 sets of triplets, 351 families with 2 campers or staff, 54 families with 3 campers or staff, and 6 families with 4 or 5 campers or staff. **NOW THAT'S A LOT OF MISHPUCHA!**



# AT CAMP BARNEY... If It's Not SAFE It's Not FUN!

So much goes into designing an experience for 1,300 campers and 400 staff that is safe in every way.

1. Beyond our medical staff, **we only hire staff** who work in "high risk" activity areas (ie. waterfront/boating, naturecrafts, ropes courses, horseback riding and sports) **who have successfully completed and achieved national standards in training and/or first aid certification programs** prior to camper's arrival.

2. **We seek staff in every capacity** who possess "sechel" (common sense) and maturity, are experienced and exercise good judgment in their own lives as well as when caring for campers.

3. **We obsess about safety when we train our staff** in May and every day throughout the summer. **We annually choose vendors** (ie. whitewater rafting companies, rock climbing guides, etc.) who historically have superior safety records and are known as the "cadillac" company in their industry.

4. We use only **"the best" equipment** in activities and "retire" helmets and ropes, boats and lifejackets, bridles and other gear if they're aging or compromised.

5. There is an inherent risk to many activities at camp, from those perceived as "high adventure" (ie. rafting, horseback riding, "tree climbing", technical rock climbing, swimming and mountain biking) to the mundane and ordinary (ie. tennis, cooking, sculpting, karate, "the blob" and walking along uneven paths covered with tree vines or gravel).

Nevertheless, we're constantly teaching and reinforcing safety so that every aspect of our program, in and out of camp, is exhilarating and, of course, safe! **And in 2015**, we're again stepping up our training of staff and communication to every camper **our zero-tolerance no-bullying policy**. Details in our Camp Barney newsletters in the coming months.

**CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ IS ANNUALLY ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVING OVER 600 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS OF OPERATION.**



## TOP 18 SONGS AT CBM IN 2014

1. Don't Stop Believin' – Journey
2. Livin' on a Prayer – Bon Jovi
3. Shiga-on ("Let me tell you how to say") – Israeli
4. World's Greatest – R. Kelly
5. Soul Sister – Train
6. One Day – Matisyahu
7. Wagon Wheel – Old Crow Medicine Show
8. Lean on Me – Bill Withers
9. One Tin Soldier – The Original Caste
10. Our Summer Place – Camp Barney Song
11. Weave me the Sunshine – Peter, Paul & Mary
12. Hallelujah – Leonard Cohen
13. Brown Eye Girl – Van Morrison
14. Al Haritzpah – Israeli
15. Sweet Home Alabama – Lynyrd Skynyrd
16. I'm Yours – Jason Mraz
17. Walls – Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
18. Where is the Love – Black Eyed Peas

## MAZEL TOV!

To **WILLIAM TOVEY, MYA ARTZI, JOEY GOLDMAN, and RONNIE HELFMAN**

for celebrating their B'nai Mitzvot at Camp Barney Medintz last month! Each weekend was a very special gathering of family and friends, a recognition of our rich Jewish heritage, their further emergence into our Jewish community, and their strong connection to and affection for Camp Barney.

## MORE MAZEL TOV!

To our CBM Campers **JAYME DINNERSTEIN and MOLLY PETERS** for speaking to a large gathering of volunteers and prospective donors in late August who are interested in supporting the JFGA campaigns to provide financial assistance for children attending Jewish overnight camps. **Jayme and Molly were articulate, passionate, and... AMAZING! Todah Rabah!**



# TOP 36 THINGS TO DO AT CAMP BARNEY

*Double  
Chai!*



- 1 The "Hurricane" Water Slide!
- 2 Water Skiing (tied with hydro-tubing & the Big Banana!)
- 3 The 1,000 ft. "Omega" zip line into Lake Wendy
- 4 Swimming in our awesome new **Lynne and Howard Halpern Pool & Jacobs Pool**
- 5 **Everything at the beach:** The Rave water trampoline, the Iceberg, the Luge, the Log Roll, the Saturn, canoeing, kayaking and the Blob!
- 6 **Cooking** with Guest Chefs in the new camper kitchen!
- 7 **Shabbat Services** in our amazing Zaban Chapel
- 8 The "Flying Squirrel", vertical playpen, climbing walls, "the Rocket" giant swing & the "Bog"
- 9 **Performing in Sabbath Concert, Videography & WCBM Radio Shows**
- 10 **Being in Tournaments:** Tennis, Roller Hockey, Meatball, 3-on-3 basketball, Golf, CBM triathlon & softball on "Michaels's Field"
- 11 Making movies and **being in 2014 film festivals**
- 12 **Scuba Diving**

- 13 **Unit cheers & singing** in the Dining Hall, the Music Center, the Chapel, the Chippie...everywhere!
- 14 **Meals** (wow!), especially the "awesome salad bars"
- 15 Everything at **Arts & Crafts** (including pottery on the wheels)
- 16 Hanging out at **Sam's Deck** and our new **Dorothy's Deck**
- 17 The **780 ft. Zip Line** across Lake Wendy
- 18 **Being in "Peter Pan"** play & dozens of other theatre activities
- 19 **Karate, yoga & fencing** (tie!)
- 20 **Water skiing** at Lake Burton
- 21 **Alufim Odyssey Day** (canopy swings, bike trip, kayak trip, ceramics)
- 22 Chaverim "Mappy" **Climbing Trips**, Tsofim **Appy Trips**
- 23 **"Sababa"** Israeli Cultural Activities



- 24 **Mountain Biking, Mountain Scooters & Horseback Riding** (tie)
- 25 The **Organic Garden** with "the Chickens!"
- 26 **Dancing!** (In the Chippie, dance center, dining hall, etc.)
- 27 **Doing G.I.s** (Group Initiatives - team building activities)
- 28 **Color War** ("Survivor") and **Israel Day!**
- 29 Anything with **"Chalutzim"** (special needs unit - 1st session)
- 30 **Whitewater Rafting** down the Nantahala River
- 31 **JITS:** solo, caving, climbing, whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River
- 32 **Special Activities** (tie): "Tree Climbing", Wildlife Wonders, "Beatles" sessions, "Murder Mystery" dinners, African Drumming, the Rick Recht Band, planning a "day camp" with the local Boys & Girls Club (SITS), campfires & Camp outs (when they're not rain-outs!)
- 33 **Doing something our counselors came up with**
- 34 **"Getting Mail!"**
- 35 **Milk Line!** (warm cookies & milk before bedtime) & **Barneybars!**
- 36 **"Just being with my friends!"**





# TOP CHEFS AND ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE IN 2014

1. **Scuba Diving** – “Undersea Adventures” for 12 years olds
2. **Susan Palace** – Yoga Instructor, Atlanta GA
3. **Rick Recht** – Jewish Rock & Roll Band
4. **African Drumming** – The “Drum Café” and Dave Holland of “Beatin Path”
5. **“Tree Climbing” Adventures** with Genevieve Summers of Dancing with Trees for 8-10 year olds
6. **“Wildlife Wonders”** – Exotic animal programs for our youngest campers
7. **Katy DeMent** – recycling and sustainable art
8. **Lotus Fencing Academy** – for 11 year olds
9. **Rabbi Ed Harwitz and Risa Arkin**  
The Weber School, Atlanta, GA
10. **Tom Williams** – renowned wood sculptor returns to Camp Barney
11. **Brad Rubenstein** – Chef & Manager, The Flying Biscuit
12. **Barbara Vahaba** – Egyptian Cooking Artist
13. **Rabbi Brian Glusman** – Jewish Educator & CBM “Mashgiah”
14. **David Abes (& Julie Abes)** – Director of Operations, Here to Serve Restaurants & Guest Chefs
15. **Sara and Terri Gruber** – Amazing mom and daughter guest chefs, Atlanta, GA
16. **Robert Adler** – The Head “Smokemaster” at Ernie’s BBQ, Charlotte, NC
17. **Matt Friedman** – Founder and CEO of Wing Zone restaurants
18. **Professional musicians** creating awesome “camper bands”
19. **Bill Maher** – Technical Tree Climbing instructor, Sawnee Mountain Preserve, GA
20. **Ben LaChance** – Canoe and Kayak Clinics, Appalachian outfitters, Dahlonega, GA
21. **Chris Brooks** – Director, Folk Pottery Museum of North Georgia
22. **Guest Rabbis:**  
**Fred Greene** – Temple Beth Tikvah, Roswell, GA,  
**Brad Levenberg** – Temple Sinai, Sandy Springs, GA,  
**Michael Weinstein** – Congregation Dor Tamid, Johns Creek, GA,  
**Neil Sandler** – AA Synagogue, Atlanta, GA,  
**Erin Boxt** – Kol Emeth, Marietta, GA  
**Peter Berg** – The Temple, Atlanta, GA
23. **Lior Lipshitz** – Israeli Professional Basketball Player
24. **Gary Lind**, Waffle House Restaurants, Atlanta, GA
25. **Sally Alterman**, owner, The Brickery Restaurant, Atlanta, GA
26. **The Ori Naitali Band**
27. **Charlie and Laurie Albanos**, Executive Chef, Marriott Hotels, Marco Island, FL
28. **Danny Carlson**, Cartoonist, Atlanta, GA
29. **Carla Birnbaum**, Jewish Studies Coordinator, Gesher L’Torah, Atlanta, GA
30. **Deborah Newbrun**, Jewish Educator, San Francisco, CA

# FAMILY FEEDBACK SURVEYS!

Thank you so much for completing and submitting our Camp Barney “Survey Monkey” forms – nearly 500 surveys were received (just before printing this newsletter). We read every word and yes, everything you wrote absolutely matters to us.

**Over 98% of the surveys indicated that you plan to return to Camp Barney in 2015** – that’s so awesome! You wrote about so many outstanding staff, great trips and activities, really attentive and comprehensive health care, our culturally Jewish program and environment; children feeling more independent, making close friendships, loving their counselors, feeling deeply connected to and passionate about Camp Barney – “Our Summer Place!”

**You also provided important feedback** which will definitely guide us as well plan for next summer, including: unhealthy sugary snacks in the canteen, unnecessary and excessive late night snacks, no candy packages provided by other parents, more diverse meals, add more organic and natural foods, better communication from the Health Center and other staff throughout the session, much more consistent online pictures, less electronics at camp and better bathrooms and cabins. In subsequent newsletters, we’ll share how we’ll respond to each of your comments and suggestions.

We’re grateful that you, our “returning” Camp Barney families, feel so comfortable being so honest with us, knowing that we always want to be even better each summer in every way. And, we’re grateful and moved that you found hundreds of incredibly positive words to describe your appreciation and love for Camp Barney!

## TOP 10

### THINGS WE CAN’T WAIT TO SEE AND DO AT CAMP BARNEY IN 2015

*Survey from Session 1 Campers*

- 1 Our Friends
- 2 The Counselors
- 3 New trips we get to do next summer
- 4 The Zip Line
- 5 Everything at the beach!
- 6 The New BarneyBar flavors
- 7 The next cool new activities
- 8 Milk Line & the smell of those warm cookies
- 9 Singing in the Chapel on Shabbat
- 10 Stop counting down ‘til Camp starts!



## TOP 5 "AMAZING MOMENTS" OF THE SUMMER!

(Survey from Session 1 and 2 Campers)

- 1 Accomplishing something previously considered difficult such as getting up on stage at the "Chippie" in front of the whole camp, getting up on a horse, on water skis, or the ropes course, doing the Omega Zip Line, making a movie, doing Appy, whitewater rafting, color war or "solo!"
- 2 Being in a Shabbat Service in our spectacular Zaban Chapel surrounded by everyone, singing awesome music, feeling connected to our Camp Barney and global Jewish community.
- 3 Working through a "cabin issue" with our counselor and the other campers in our group.
- 4 Seeing kids eat Shabbos dinner together as siblings, friends or kids and staff from our home towns!
- 5 Hanging with new or old friends at "milk line", around the koi pond or up at "Sam's Deck".

## TODAH RABAH TO 2014 CAMP BARNEY PARENTS



### PARENT REPS:

**Susan Lapidus**, Birmingham, AL  
**Cindy Schneider**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
**Laurie Meskin**, Memphis, TN  
**Rabbi Laurie Rice**, Nashville, TN  
**Christina Evans**, Nashville, TN  
**Lisa & Brian Katz**, New Orleans, LA  
**Randi Winter**, Boca Raton, FL  
**Stacey Soll**, Orlando, FL  
**Karen Brooks**, Charlotte, NC  
**Sharyn Shapiro**, Raleigh, NC  
**Dana Kanfer**, Tampa, FL

### PARENT CHAPERONES (Flights & Buses)

**Drew Rosenthal**, Boca Raton, FL  
**Evan Ackerman**, Boca Raton, FL  
**Sheryl Unger**, Boca Raton, FL  
**Harvey Roth**, Boca Raton, FL  
**Myrna Cohen**, Germantown, TN  
**Gayle Oser**, Memphis, TN  
**Audrey Belvin**, Memphis, TN  
**Jen Zlatkiss**, Apopka, FL  
**Phil Senderowitz**, Maitland, FL  
**Damon Weiss**, Maitland, FL  
**Ruth Rossman**, Windermere, FL  
**Tana Copple**, Palm Beach Gardens, FL  
**Joan Kaplan**, Decatur, GA  
**Kim Rubenstein**, Alpharetta, GA  
**Candy Margolin**, Marietta, GA  
**Gail Heyman**, Marietta, GA

## Lead Cast in our 2014 Play, "Peter Pan"

**CAMP  
BARNEY  
PRESENTS:**

**Disney  
Peter  
Pan JR**

### Role

Peter Pan  
 Tinker Bell  
 Wendy  
 John  
 Michael  
 Captain Hook  
 Smee  
 Tiger Lily  
 Chief Tiger Bamboo

### 1st Session Actors

Owen Woodman  
 Leah Schultz  
 Sabrina Leftoff  
 Daniel Maslia  
 Nolan Alper-Esko  
 Mitchell Rodriguez  
 Zachary Saleh  
 Kaylee Farr  
 Jonathan Gale

### 2nd Session Actors

Eli Lubell  
 Erin Yashinsky  
 Zoe Rosenberg  
 Sadie Waldbaum  
 Ethan Povlot  
 Ethan Rubenstein  
 Anna Rogers  
 Lindsey Gelernter  
 Matthew Lapidus

Director: Tommy Walker

*Tov Ma'od and Special Thanks to our other cast members, incredibly talented theatre directors, and wonderful sets, scenery, costumes, sound & light and tech crew!*

# CAMP BARNEY PRESENTATIONS AND REUNIONS!

Camp Barney annually "hits the road" each fall and offers a really fun musical slide production, desserts and information about next summer to returning and new CBM families around the United States.

Then, about 500 people typically from throughout Atlanta's suburbs and from many surrounding states gather for our annual **CAMPER REUNION IN ATLANTA**. Mark your Calendar - this year, it's on **Sunday, December 21st!** (Location TBA)

All other presentation locations, dates and times will be announced on-line. Stay Tuned!

<b>ATLANTA, GEORGIA:</b>	<b>New Family Presentation</b> Monday, October 20, 2014 - 7:00pm, MJCCA/Zaban Park  Sunday, October 26, 2014 - 4:00pm, MJCCA/Zaban Park
<b>NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE</b>	Monday, November 3, 2014 - 7:00pm, Gordon JCC of Nashville
<b>MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</b>	Tuesday, November 4, 2014 - 7:00pm, Memphis JCC
<b>BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA</b>	Thursday, November 6, 2014 - 7:00pm, Levite JCC of Birmingham
<b>CHARLOTTE, NC</b>	Monday, November 10, 2014 - 7:00pm, Levine JCC of Charlotte
<b>RALEIGH, NC</b>	Wednesday, November 12, 2014 - 7:00pm, Raleigh-Cary JCC
<b>SARASOTA, FLORIDA</b>	Sunday, November 16, 2014 - 4:00pm, Hyatt Regency Sarasota
<b>TAMPA, FLORIDA</b>	Monday, November 17, 2014 - 7:00pm, Tampa JCC
<b>ORLANDO, FLORIDA</b>	Tuesday, November 18, 2014 - 7:00pm, Jewish Academy of Orlando
<b>FT. LAUDERDALE, FL</b>	Monday, December 1, 2014 - 7:00pm, The David Posnack JCC
<b>BOCA RATON, FL</b>	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 - 7:00pm, Adolph & Rose Levis JCC
<b>NEW ORLEANS, LA</b>	Monday, December 8, 2014 - 7:00pm, New Orleans JCC/Metairie
<b>CAMP BARNEY REUNION</b>	Sunday, December 21, 2014 Location TBA

## ADAMAH ADVENTURES JOINS MJCCA FOR 2015!

**ADAMAH ADVENTURES** is the only Jewish Adventure Camp and Teen Travel Program in the South. We offer one-week adventure camps for rising 5th - 9th graders, three-week treks for 8th-12th graders, and family camping weekends for all ages. We help our participants develop self-confidence, independence, and a sense of adventure while building a strong community focused on environmentalism, outdoor living and the joy of Jewish life. Join us to experience both the thrill and the quiet - the whitewater and the campfire - in some of the most awe-inspiring places in the country. Financial aid is available.

Please contact Adam Griff at 678-812-4107 or [adamah@atlantajcc.org](mailto:adamah@atlantajcc.org). Please visit our website at [adamanadventures.org](http://adamanadventures.org).

**Adventure Camp (5th-7th graders):**  
June 1-7, June 8-14, July 13-19

**Adventure Camp Mini Trek (8th-9th graders):**  
June 18-July 5

### SUMMER 2015 TEEN TREKS:

#### 8TH-10TH GRADERS

**North Carolina Peaks and Paddles:** June 18-July 5, July 9-July 26  
**Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains:** June 18-July 5

#### 9TH-11TH GRADERS

**Southern Utah:** June 18-July 5  
**Washington Pacific Northwest:** July 9-July 26

#### 10TH-12TH GRADERS

**Virginia Packs & Paddles:** June 18-July 5  
**Colorado Rocky Mountains:** July 9-July 26  
**Oregon Service:** July 9-July 26

**FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND:** May 1-3







## INCREDIBLE TRIPS, ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS & ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE For Every Age Group!

**Each Unit (age/grade) is designed almost like a separate, unique "camp"! Most activities are available to everyone, but we added:**

**KOCHAVIM** (2 week campers completing grades 2,3) enjoyed the "PUPU PLATTER" of Camp Barney! Waterskiing, "The Big Banana," Horseback Riding, Tennis, Music, Dance, Theatre, Crafts, All Sports, Campouts, "Sababa", The Blob, Boating, The Bog, "Wildlife Wonders", "The Iceberg," presenting our Havdalah Services, the "Rave" and much more!

**RISHONIM** (4 week campers completing grades 2, 3) **Camp Outs** and Technical **"Tree Climbing."**

**SHOMRIM** (Grade 4) Technical **"Tree Climbing," "Wildlife Wonders"**, pool parties, and **tubing** down the Chattahoochee River near Helen, GA!

**GIBORIM** (Grade 5) **Fencing, Mountain Biking & Mountain Scooters, The "Giant Swing", full-day kayak trip, golf and eco-art project.**

**CHAVERIM** (Grade 6) **Scuba Diving**, ascended the **Climbing Wall**, did the **"Flying Squirrel"**, had a **"Film Festival"**, and went to Sawnee Mountain Preserve for their awesome new **"Tree Climbing/Rock Climbing"** trip.

**TSOFIM** (Grade 7) Participated in an exciting **"Survivor"** program during Color War, went on a **Water Ski Trip to Lake Burton**, a **3-day backpacking trip climbing the Appalachian Trail**, ascended the **High-Ropes Course, Climbing Wall & Vertical "Playpen" and 780 ft. Zip Line across Lake Wendy, Coffee House**, had an **African Drumming Circle**, and BBQ **"Throw Downs"**!

**ALUFIM** (Grade 8) **Water Ski Trip to Lake Burton**, went on a **3-day trip to the Tennessee Smoky Mountains rock climbing and whitewater rafting down the Nantahala River**, and ascended the new **High Ropes Course, Climbing Wall & Vertical "Playpen" and "Omega" Zip Line**, Trio, created a very cool **Film Festival**, had a **Coffee House**, and **Alufim Odyssey Day!**

**J.I.T.S** (Grade 9) **Led Shabbat services**, went on a **6-day trip to the Tennessee Blue Ridge Mountains including rock climbing, caving at the "Lost Sea", tubing & Whitewater rafting down the Ocoee River**, went to **Dollywood**, went on a **water ski trip to Lake Burton**, had a **"solo" camping experience** and **"J.I.T. Review"**, **Coffee House**, and ascended the **high ropes course, climbing wall, vertical "playpen", the "Rocket" and the very cool 1,000 ft. "Omega!"**

**S.I.T.S** (Grade 10) **Led a Havdallah service**, also went **water skiing at Lake Burton**, had "Dinners out", their own S.I.T. Lounge in between opportunities to "rotate" assist **teaching all of our activities** and **working with cabin groups** of younger campers! And S.I.T.'s **taught an African Drumming Circle**, planned a "day camp" with kids from our local Boys & Girls Club, **became "color war" leaders** and created amazing projects for kids for Camp Barney.

**CHALUTZIM** (Our 1st session "Special Needs" campers) **"DID IT ALL"** at Camp Barney plus, **performed in our Sabbath Concerts** (talent shows), **led a Shabbat Service** and were part of our **Disability Awareness Programs** with many other campers

And...The Teen Village participated in the **Triathlon** and entered the **"wing-off"** challenge. We saw live performances like **Rick Recht** perform in our **Saturday Night Talent Shows** and **"Coffee Houses"**, were part of our **Shabbos Festivals** each Friday night including dancing, improv, and "electric" music sessions from our own **CBM Camper Bands**, had unit dances, were part of **Color War** and much more!

**(SEE TOP CHEFS & ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE ON PAGE 9.)**

# INCREDIBLE TRIPS



## CAMP BARNEY FAMILY CAMP 2014 “Better Than A Cruise!”

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! Nearly 50 families from 5 states converged at Camp Barney for dozens of activities like everything around our beach, the 1,000 ft. “Omega” zip line, cool crafts projects, water skiing, mountain bikes, cooking classes, yoga, 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!

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! **Look for info throughout the year and join us for our 33rd Annual Family Camp at Camp Barney in 2015!**



## WHAT’S COOKIN’? At CBM?

Hopefully, campers enjoyed the food we cooked and served throughout the summer. Over 3,000 meals prepared by our professional chefs each day included foods that were healthy, fresh (including lots of herbs and veggies grown in our own gardens), had lots of variety and were yummy and delicious! We created massive upscale salad bars, vegetarian alternatives, dozens of cereals and attention to every special diet (ie. lactose intolerant, gluten-free, dairy-free, peanut/nut-free, ingredients, alternative entrees, milks, desserts, snacks, etc.).

And at Camp Barney, 3 Kosher meals a day isn’t the whole story! There’s “canteen” snacks, cleanest cabin/area, pizza parties, warm cookies (or fruit) and juice or milk each night at “milk line”, Israel Festivals, outdoor cooking at our b’tayavon pavilion in the woods, cooking in our “Camper Kitchen” with Master Chef Co-

ordinator, Wendy Fox, campouts, off-site trips (ie. 3-day Appalachian trail or Nantahala River trips), special Shabbat meals, multiple birthday cakes each day! And, there’s always special food for campers with special dietary needs.

Whewwww, thank goodness we’re burning tons of calories in between every meal and snack!



### DID YOU KNOW?

**Camp Barney** is also a leader amongst all summer overnight camps in the U.S. in being **Eco-Green.**

# And Now... A Few Words From CBM Parents!

**Excerpts from over 400 emails and letters. We are so grateful and humbled. Todah Rabah!**



"This is the month (when my children are at Camp Barney) when they are truly at their happiest and most confident selves. I love that my son, Max, who is a big sports player chose this month of camp over summer travel baseball. I love that my son, Avi, dances freely in the dining hall and puts a spoon on his nose throughout meals. I love that Noa is beyond imaginative here.

At Camp Barney, my children are not afraid to put themselves out there...what an amazing place this is. Thank you for everything that you and your staff have given our family...just know that your dedication, energy and commitment does not go unnoticed. Thank you for making Camp Barney Medintz the Young family's summer place for years to come.

**Michelle Young, Atlanta, GA**

"I just got back after seeing you at the buses as Sam, Max and Evie returned home from Camp Barney, and just want to thank you for making their summers so memorable every year. Each summer is better than the previous summer and they say without hesitation that they are definitely going back next year.

You (all) have done something magical at Camp Barney, and I hope you are at it for many more years because of your devotion, enthusiasm and passion for Camp Barney, the staff, the kids and the programs that you provide each summer means a lot to my kids and me. I imagine that I am speaking for many parents who are fortunate to send their kids to Camp Barney. You (all) have shaped our kids as people, given them some independence and have provided experiences that they will use the rest of their lives. I can't thank you (all) for everything you have done for my children and family."

**Michael Drucker, Atlanta, GA**

"Thank you for a great summer at Barney! The (3) Rice kids had a blast! Asher has declared that he would like to return for 8 weeks, Shai is plotting how we can get him to all the Bar Mitzvahs of the boys in his cabin (New York, Sarasota, Memphis, New Orleans, Atlanta, etc.) and Ede shed not one tear of homesickness. I think what put it best was when we asked on the ride home 'what was the best and worst part of camp?' and the answer across the board: 'the best part was going and the worst part was leaving.' Thank you!!"

**Rabbis Laurie and Flip Rice, Nashville, TN**

"Here I sit, in the silence of anticipation of the return of my campers tomorrow. You must have a margin of understanding the miraculous impact you (all) have on campers, staff, parents and communities, but I'm writing to tell you it is so much more... Lucy and Ethan start counting down the days when they get off

the bus to next summer. Thank you for helping shape my children into more confident and more complete people."

**Sherrie Reish, Atlanta, GA**

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The boys had their best summer yet! We are so appreciative to you for their incredible counselors and cabin. There were no complaints (when they came home) yesterday, only smiles and dirty feet - all great signs of a terrific summer! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

**Julie and Jonathan Elster, Atlanta, GA**

"As always, Matty was not emotionally ready to leave camp! He had the best summer ever....always! Thanks for our kids' amazing - summer place!"

**Margo and Mark Fogelman, Memphis, TN**

"I have bad news....my kids didn't want to come home!!! They miss camp, their friends, their memories - not sure how to compete with that!

Ryan is so proud of himself for doing his Appy. He said it was hard but they all had a great attitude - and that's a great lesson to learn in life. Megan said, as a SIT (Staff-in-Training), she really appreciates all that the staff does...she loved having leadership responsibilities. But most importantly, the friendships that both my kids made were the biggest highlight of all. Thank you for all that you do for our family."

**Shelly and Barry Danz, Atlanta, GA**

"Both of my kids had a stellar experience at Camp Barney this summer! ...Once again, it was the "best" summer yet. The laundry is (finally) done but the stories are thankfully not done as they will carry us all year until next summer. Thank you (all) for everything you do for our family!"

**Erin Chernow, Atlanta, GA**

"Thank you for an amazing summer! As the inevitable tears flowed upon Sydney and Haley's return, followed by incessant texting, face-timing and group chatting with those they hadn't seen in "hours", it occurred to me that it's the one time a year it's an actual joy to watch that sort of behavior - because I know it means they had the time of their lives and they don't want it to end! Haley's closest friends, from Georgia to North Carolina to Ohio and Maine communicate almost every day, go to each other's Bat Mitzvahs, plan reunions and countdown to CBM every year. And their counselors: 'funny, outgoing, helpful, easy to know, nice, understanding, attentive and the best counselors they ever had'. Which is saying a lot because they've loved them all! CBM holds a special place in our hearts now and forever."

**Nancy and Steve Joffe, Atlanta, GA**

"Picking up Sam last night from camp was bittersweet. It was great to see him but so hard to pull him away from what was clearly his best summer yet! I was amazed at the tremendous send off he got and couldn't believe the amount of tears from girls and boys alike! His JIT year was almost indescribable - the bond they all developed. Each day and adventure was better than the one before."

**Audrey Frey, Atlanta, GA**



"Thanks for yet another fantastic summer at CBM! I'm not sure how it is possible that each summer is better than the precious one. Thank you for creating an environment that so thoroughly encourages self-confidence, friendship and Jewish pride. We are forever a Barney family!"

**Nancy Agasi, Raleigh, NC**

"Thank you for everything you did to make two of our kids have a terrific camp experience. Syd loves being there and now, Isaac does, too. He came back in one piece, relatively clean, very happy and more independent. They're already talking about next summer at Camp Barney!"

**Manny and Stacy Fialkow, Atlanta, GA**

"Daniel came home after an incredible month at Camp Barney - truly an amazing experience. From the bottom of my heart, thank you...I truly believe this JIT year was life changing."

**Jodi Benck, Birmingham, AL**

"We knew going away and being able to do lots of new things would be fun for our daughter, Rachel. We knew meeting new Jewish friends, from different places would be awesome. We knew 'roughing it' would be worthwhile. But we want you to know that our expectations were far exceeded. Perhaps the most important part was the 'spirituality: she looked forward to Friday night and Saturday morning services where everyone celebrated as a community and no one was judged by their degree of involvement elsewhere. New skills, experiences, self-confidence and high self-esteem were among the results. Her counselors were 'the best' - kind, sincere and gave them enough space to foster independence but also enough guidance to let them know they were safe. Thank you for giving Rachel an amazing summer at Camp Barney!"

**Ami and Dave Estreicher, Birmingham, AL**

"I just want to share how amazing Morgan's JIT experience was.... she loved the unity and the bonds made this year, and "solo" was also amazing - the letter she wrote home (during her solo) enabled her to reflect on her past year and I think she realized so much about herself. Todd and I will cherish that letter forever. Thanks for providing a loving, nurturing camp where kids feel safe, take risks and make good choices, and learn from the not so good choices. Our family is truly grateful for this one of a kind summer experience at Camp Barney."

**Christina Evans, Nashville, TN**

"You did an amazing job with Andrew's cabin and his counselor. He absolutely loved both. And Sara has always loved CBM but she said this was far and away her best summer ever. You have camper(s) for life and a big advocate for all that Barney stands for. Thanks again for taking care of my two kids this summer - you truly hit a home run!"

**Karl Altmann, Atlanta, GA**

"We just want to say thank you for taking such great care of Aiden at CBM, and dedicating your summer to working with kids to help they form life long memories."

**Julie and Billy Kramer, Atlanta, GA**

## SPECIAL STAFF Recognized by Peers in 2014!

During a special gathering after Camp concluded, several staff were selected and recognized by their peers for their exceptional commitment to kids and our overall program. We are so proud of all of our staff and wish to acknowledge those five individuals whose significant efforts, huge hearts and tremendous dedication positively impacted Camp Barney in 2014:

**JORDY BERNE, Counselor**

13 years at CBM, University of Georgia  
Atlanta, GA

**LAUREN SAAG, Naturecrafts Director**

11 years at CBM, Tulane University  
Birmingham, AL

**AARON CHASAN, Counselor**

9 years at CBM, Vanderbilt University  
Oak Ridge, TN

**OFER FINKELSTAIN, Songleader**

2 years at CBM  
Misgav, Israel

**JOSH SEIDEN, Counselor**

11 years at CBM, Kennesaw State University  
Marietta, GA

# MAZEL TOV!



# TOP 10

## PLACES FOR CAMPERS TO JUST HANG OUT!

1. "Sam's Deck"
2. "The Beach", especially at "The Hurricane" and "The Rave!"
3. At a Campout!
4. Around Arts & Crafts, the Chippie, the Benator Center Deck, at "Dorothy's Deck", and the Halpern Swimming Pool
5. "At our Village Porch"
6. Around the Koi Pond
7. "Our Cabin"
8. The Dining Hall Deck
9. "The JIT Village"
10. The Ski Dock Overlook & The Sukkah (tie)

## BARNEYBARS...YUM!

Yup. That amazing chocolate candy bar made just for Camp Barney campers, is about to "retire" a couple more flavors, keep the ones you love, and come up with the latest and greatest for 2015!

**Retired:** Mocha Hazelnut, Chocolate Pretzel

So, **email us with your favorites** and we'll let you know the results in the coming months.

### Here's the total list of current BarneyBars:

Pop Rocks (*imported from Israel*)

Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup\*

Caramel

Cookies & Cream

Tater Chip\*

S'mores

Dark Chocolate Peppermint

Crispie

Gluten-Free/Nut free/Non-Dairy

\* New in 2014



## CAMP BARNEY IS THE MOST AMAZING "SUMMER PLACE" .....REALLY?!

**I mean, really?!** You've been to Sonoma or St. Moritz, Yellowstone or Yosemite, Malta or Maui so..... why Camp Barney?!

**Well, I should explain.** Yes, Camp Barney is quite beautiful, positioned at about 2000 ft. altitude in the North Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains on 540 acres of dense pines and hardwoods surrounding 2 private lakes. Colorful in fall, a wonderland in winter, bursting in spring and mountains of blues and greens each summer.

But Camp Barney is about more than spectacular vistas! **It's about intent and sense of purpose.** **It's about our rich Jewish culture** and feeling welcomed and connected. **It's about safety and discovery and exhilaration** in literally hundreds of adventures. **It's about extraordinary facilities** by design or as part of nature's wonder - dynamic, engaging, beautiful and comfortable. **It's about the staff**, who are leaders amongst their peers, the ones everyone describes as having integrity, being a role model in every setting, warm, kind, nurturing, cool, hilarious, invested, the one you want your kids to be with when they're not with you... and when they are with you.

**It's about the values of Camp Barney:** K'vod/ respect for each other in every way, intolerance for diminishing one another, pursuing opportunities to elevate our knowledge, heighten our sense of self and even deepen our soul. **And it's about being valued, connected and "friended"** in the most personal, appreciated and potentially sustaining relationships in one's life time.

**For 52 years, Camp Barney is more than "our summer place". It's one of the most important places we'll ultimately articulate as to where we discovered who we'd become.**



**Bernie & Billi Marcus Health Center at CBM**

## TRAVEL TO CAMP BARNEY:

# Planes, Trains & Automobiles!



On the first day of each session, **Atlanta Families (and those who choose to drive into Atlanta from other communities)** meet at Perimeter College North near the MJCCA on Tilly Mill Road at 1:00 pm. Air conditioned coach buses transport campers directly up to Camp Barney Medintz at precisely 2:00 pm.

Some **Out-of-State Families** may choose to drive directly up to CBM. Arrive at 1:00 pm, Depart by 3:00 pm.

Some **Birmingham, Raleigh and Charlotte Families** may have chartered buses to transport campers directly up to CBM.

## IF YOU ARE FLYING TO ATLANTA...

**(1)** Families from Memphis, West Palm/Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa/Sarasota/Bradenton, Orlando and New Orleans: **Book flights which we've identified for you.**

**(2)** All Families: Arrive into Atlanta between **11:00 am – 1:00 pm on the first day of camp**, depart from Atlanta between **11:00 am – 1:00 pm on the last day of camp.**

**PLEASE LOOK FOR AN EMAIL IN FEBRUARY WITH INFORMATION ON FLIGHT, REGISTRATION, TIMES AND LUGGAGE.**

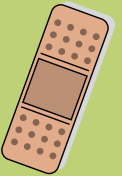
## TODAH RABAH TO OUR 2014 CBM PHYSICIANS and NURSES



Many, many thanks to all of the outstanding physicians, nurses, and infirmiry assistants who provided exceptional Health Care to over 1,700 campers and staff during our 2014 summer season. You were exceptional and very much appreciated!

Billy Lapidus, MD  
David Askenazi, MD  
Todd Cooper, MD  
Scott Kleber, MD  
Jeff Roth, MD  
Dina Linfoot, MD  
Rich Schlossberg, MD  
Drew Rosenthal, MD  
Jodie Rodriguez, RN  
Melissa Yashinsky, RN  
Rachel Bearman, RN  
Karen Cohen, RN

MarE Francis, RN  
Suzanne Grosswald, RN  
Lisa San Felice, RN  
Michelle Tauber, RN  
Julia Wener, RN  
Renee Winoker, RN  
Robyn Barocas, Health Center Asst.  
Terri Goldman, Health Center Asst.  
Lauren Perlman, Health Center Asst.  
Sherri Weissman, DDS, Health Center Asst.



## IN 2015, LOOK FOR

cool new trips, new jet skis, mountain bikes and scooters plus new ropes course adventures, and a cool tire swing into Lake Wendy! Plus, more WCBM Radio shows, new beach adventures, more sports & games, and movie productions at the Benator Center, plays, live performances at the "Chippie" Amphitheatre, plus tons of new crafts & ceramics projects at the Halpern Arts & Crafts Center, and lots of Sports Tournaments!

## TODAH RABAH TO OUR 2014 CBM OFFICE STAFF

- Lisa Light, Administrative Assistant (Year-Round)
- Lynn Light, Administrative Assistant (Year-Round)
- Michelle Young
- Laura Weinkle
- Debbie Medintz Jacobs
- Susan Lapidus
- Sharon Albright
- Lorraine "Spanky" Silverman
- Kim Rubenstein
- Alisa Roth
- Hillary Saban
- Lisa Weinbach
- Donna Peljovich





# TODAY RABAH • Thank You Very Much!

We are delighted to recognize those individuals and families who choose to make very thoughtful and generous contributions to the **Camp Barney Medintz Fund!** (beginning June 1, 2014)

## BARBARA & IVAN H FRIEDLAND CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Barbara Friedland Gold  
*To The Weiss & McCoy Family  
in memory of Judith Weiss*

Susan & Lance Friedland

## CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ GENERAL FUND

Lea and Rich Artzi, Terri and Ricky Goldman  
CBM Adirondack Chairs

*In Honor of Mya and Joey's B'nai Mitzvah*

Mark Balser

Judy & Robert Benowitz

Jessica & Matt Dickson  
*In honor of Jason Levenstein*

Bradley Erbesfield  
*In honor of Staff Scholarship*

Rebecca Feldbaum

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establish and positively reinforce Jewish identity.

At Camp Barney, we recognize the power of opportunity we have to create such an environment. This past summer, we welcomed our "Chizuk" (strengthening) Fellow, Jodie Goldberg and lots of Jewish educators, plus dozens of musicians, Rabbis, supervisors, counselors, theatre & crafts Staff. "Tikum Olam" projects and Judaic crafts, Middle Eastern cooking sessions and fun activities were created every day. In Shabbat services we heard animated biblical stories that captured our attention with their relevancy and humor, read from the Torah and helped us connect our experience at CBM to our global Jewish community.

12 shlichim (our Israeli staff) taught us all about "Sababa" ("It's Cool!"), Israeli folk dancing, the Israeli Army, games, songs, cooked meals, planned

an incredible Israeli Day, and helped us to understand the realities, land and people in the Middle East. They also shared their love for Israel, their warmth and enthusiasm with us - as "Sababa", naturecrafts, arts & crafts, music, dance, theatre, sports, and martial arts staff.

We enjoyed high-energy singing, Israeli Folk Dancing and we learned about our Jewish heritage during "onegs" each week after Saturday morning services and before Havdalah. In between Hebrew blessings before and after meals we learned so many amazing things about Israel from our talented "Sababa" specialists.

**Shabbat Services are actually an amazing and very special time at Camp Barney. Traditional prayers are spoken and sung along with guitars, African drums, saxophone, flute or violin and the awesome voices of staff and campers. There are "Torah Skits", stories, original poems, songs and a "spiritual" feeling evoked under our incredible Zaban Chapel mogen david roof like "no other place on earth!"**

Jewish learning at Camp Barney is always active! Depending on which session and which age group, campers were making shofars, baking matzah, making challah covers, creating mezuzahs and tzedakah boxes, planting trees, participating in Mitzvah projects, experiencing Yom Yisrael Festivals and welcoming professional live music performances like the Ori Naftali Band, Rick Recht Band, and more.

# FRAMEWORK FOR OUR FUTURE

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ

Camp Barney Medintz is committed to providing the first-rate camping program on which we have built our reputation.

For the past two years, we have been planning and conducting the **Framework for our Future Capital Campaign** to fund essential improvements at Camp Barney Medintz including exciting elements like a second swimming pool and renovations to our camper and staff cabins, and less visible features like the waste treatment system.

We shared our plans with the entire CBM community – current and alumni families – and invited everyone to join the effort to update Camp's infrastructure. **We are proud to announce our completion of our campaign and are truly grateful to our campaign leadership and donors who stepped up with gifts of all sizes to help us reach our goal.**

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*"I love every day I'm here at camp. There's never a bad day - not when it's raining, not when it's sort of a silly activity, or even a fight in the cabin. It always turns out to be one of the best days of my year!"*

From a 12 year old girl

*"The person I want to be all year is who I am when I'm at Camp Barney!"*

From a 14 year old boy



## CBM FEES...

In today's economic climate, we are determined to keep our fees as low as possible while recognizing the cost incurred to create the very best experience for children and families in every aspect of our operation. Therefore, CBM fees reflect an average increase of only 2 1/2% - 3 1/2% or about \$4 per day.

I hope you're enjoying a fantastic beginning to this school year. It has been our privilege and pleasure to have your family at CBM! We truly miss seeing "our" kids since they were at Camp Barney this past summer and look forward to seeing you again soon at a presentation, reunion, "around town" or at Camp Barney in 2015!

As I begin my 23rd 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!

Sincerely,

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

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## TOP 18 FOODS AT CBM IN 2014!

- 1 Pizza
- 2 Chicken Schnitzel on Shabbat
- 3 Chocolate Chip Pancakes
- 4 Baked Ziti & Garlic Bread
- 5 Make-Your-Own Tacos
- 6 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
- 7 Caesar, Madarin, or Thai Chicken Salad
- 8 Spaghetti
- 9 Mac n Cheese
- 10 Brisket on Shabbat
- 11 Burgers & Dogs
- 12 Quesadillas
- 13 Falafel
- 14 Bagels
- 15 The Salad Bar!
- 16 Bar-B-Que Chicken
- 17 Baked Potato Bar
- 18 Chicken Tenders



Also making the list: pb&j, tofu stir fry (veggies!), wings, falafel, Italian ices, and warm cookies for "milk line."

Next Summer: more of "the best" and lots of new favorites.