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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ryan Gotlieb
(Camper 1990’s)

Carrie Solin Mare
(Camper 1983-89, Staff 1991)
Mikayla Lucy Raidbard was born on April 6, 2015 to Nadine (nee Garrick, camper 1986-1992) and Stephen Raidbard (staff 2001-2006). Mikayla weighed 5lbs 14oz and was 18 3/4 inches long. Amaya has loved becoming a big sister to Mikayla.

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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Thanks to you, we continue to track down people on this list in the last newsletter. Unfortunately, people move and change email addresses so we are always adding people. If you know how to get in touch with anyone on this list or know someone who is not receiving our CBM Alumni Newsletter, please either send their contact information to me or have them email me at fran@campbarney.org.

Thanks again for all of your help with the last list!

Ken Brown
Lori Feller
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Denise Gabor

Jeff Horowitz
Kimberly Laterveer
Dana Levi
Janet Polsky
Jennifer Rosenberg

Julie Rosenberg
Elissa Graham Saperstein
Jeffery Tully
Erica Wells

Today Rabah

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

Stephanie Brownson
Charlie Cohen
Candy Margolin

Thanks!

We couldn’t have done it without your help.

We can always use your help. We need volunteers to help at the airport, at camp for our March “work day”, and in many other capacities. Please contact fran@campbarney.org or call 678-812-3846 to be added to our growing list of volunteers. We appreciate any time you can give.
HANK AZARIA  (Actor)
Camp Towanda, Pennsylvania
Azaria is an American film, television and stage actor, director, voice actor and comedian. He is noted for being one of the principal voice actors on the animated television series The Simpsons (1989–present), on which he performs the voices of Moe Szyslak, Chief Wiggum, Apu Nahasapeemapetilon, Comic Book Guy, Carl Carlson and numerous others.

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

WOLF BLITZER  (Journalist/TV News Anchor)
Camp Ramah
Blitzer is a journalist and television news anchor, who has been a CNN reporter since 1990.

EDDIE CANTOR  (Performer)
Surprise Lake Camp, New York
Cantor is an American performer, comedian, dancer, singer, actor and songwriter. A playhouse/theater at Surprise Lake Camp is named after him.

CHEVY CHASE  (Actor/Comedian)
Camp Tamakwa, Ontario
Chase is an American comedian, writer, television actor and film actor best known for portraying Clark Griswold in the National Lampoon’s Vacation movies and for starring on Saturday Night Live early in his career.

ETHAN & JOEL COEN  (Film Directors/Producers/Screenwriters)
Herzi Camp, Wisconsin
The Coen Brothers are Academy Award-winning American film directors, screenwriters, producers, and editors. Their films include Blood Simple, Fargo, The Big Lebowski, O Brother, Where Art Thou?, No Country for Old Men, Burn After Reading, True Grit, and Inside Man.

LEONARD COHEN  (Singer-Songwriter/Poet)
Camp B’nai B’rith
Cohen, a Canadian singer/songwriter, musician, poet and novelist, attended Camp Hiawatha in the Laurentians north of Montreal as a kid and worked as a counselor at Pripstein’s Camp Mishmar in the Laurentians, Camp B’nai B’rith near Ottawa and Camp Sunshine.

MARK CUBAN  (CEO/Sports Executive/Investor)
Emma Kaufman Camp, West Virginia
Cuban is an American businessman and investor. He is the owner of the NBA’s Dallas Mavericks, Landmark Theatres, and Magnolia Pictures, and the chairman of the HDTV cable network AXS TV. He is also a “shark” investor on the television series Shark Tank.

NEIL DIAMOND  (Singer-Songwriter)
Surprise Lake Camp, New York
Diamond is an American singer-songwriter with a career that began in the 1960s. Diamond has sold over 125 million records worldwide.

SETH GREEN  (Actor)
URJ Camp Harlam, Pennsylvania
Green is an American actor, voice actor, comedian, television producer, television director and screenwriter.

JOSEPH HELLER  (Novelist)
Surprise Lake Camp, New York
Heller was an American satirical novelist, short story writer, and playwright. The title of one of his works, Catch-22, entered the English lexicon to refer to a vicious circle wherein an absurd, no-win choice, particularly in situations in which the desired outcome of the choice is an impossibility, and regardless of choice, a same negative outcome is a certainty.
LARRY KING  (Radio and Television Host)  
*Surprise Lake Camp, New York*  
King is an American television and radio host whose work has been recognized with awards including two Peabodys and ten Cable ACE Awards.

DYLAN LAUREN  (Owner of Dylan’s Candy Bar)  
*Camp Towanda, Pennsylvania*  
Dylan is the daughter of clothing designer Ralph Lauren, and the owner of New York City’s Dylan’s Candy Bar, which claims to be the “largest candy store in the world.”

RALPH LAUREN  (Fashion Designer/CEO)  
*Camp Massad, Pennsylvania*  
Lauren is an American fashion designer and business executive, best known for his Polo Ralph Lauren clothing brand, and a global multi-billion-dollar enterprise.

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

GILDA RADNER  (Actress/Comedian)  
*Camp Tamakwa, Ontario*  
Radner was an American comedian and actress. She was best known as an original cast member of Saturday Night Live, for which she won an Emmy Award in 1978.

SETH ROGEN  (Actor/Comedian/Writer)  
*Camp Miriam, British Columbia*  
Rogen is a Canadian stand-up comedian, actor, producer, director, screenwriter, and voice actor.

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

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

NEIL SIMON  (Playwright/Screenwriter)  
*Surprise Lake Camp, New York*  
Simon is an American playwright and screenwriter. He has written over thirty plays and nearly the same number of movie screenplays, most adapted from his plays. He has received more Oscar and Tony nominations than any other writer.

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

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

[www.summercampculture.com/famous-summer-camp-alumni](http://www.summercampculture.com/famous-summer-camp-alumni)