



**DEAR CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ FAMILIES,**

During the past three months, all of us have been living through massive challenges and changes that have impacted us globally and personally. We've had to adapt our thoughts, routines and plans moving forward and navigate disruption. Along the way, we may have discovered the power of resilience and ingenuity, our capacity to recognize the things that truly matter to us, and our appreciation for family, friends and community.

**Our year-round Camp Barney team** has been a part of hundreds of conversations during these months with campers and parents, staff and alumni, vendors and communities who have each shared personal stories as well as their remarkable support for our decision about camp for this summer, and their positive and sustaining connection to "our summer place."

**Literally thousands of emails, texts and posts have included pics of families** displaying very fun Camp Barney "signs" in their yards (throughout Birmingham), CBM staff members delivering Barneybars to every camper (throughout Charlotte), parents arranging 'socially distant' reunions of camp friends (in Tampa), other families creating complete 'Shabbat and Schmooze' evenings for cabin groups (throughout Atlanta), CBM families hosting swim parties and challah making parties (in Nashville and Orlando), baking their own 'double milkline' cookies (in South Florida), tie-dyeing and 'kumihimo' bracelet-making weekends, cookin' up camp recipes for quesadillas and shakshuka (in Sarasota and Israel!), being part of our very cool CBM community art project, tons of CBM s'mores parties around the fire pit, returning CBM families reaching out to new Camp Barney families, campers gathering and posing in their favorite CBM T-shirts (in Savannah and New Orleans), kids making and submitting music videos for our CBM virtual High School Musical Event (NYC and England), CBM staff road trips around the country (safely, of course) for their own reunions, CBM staff organizing 'day camps' at home for campers, other CBM staff working at the MJCCA 'Days at the J' so they can still lead and mentor kids, the big virtual event

last week for hundreds of CBM alumni spanning five decades, and the countless 'watch parties' with more than 25,000 'views' so far for our Camp Barney virtual events this summer, including many who are watching over and over all of our Camp Barney Shabbat and Top 10 Music Events.

## COMING ATTACIONS!

Go to [campbarney.org/summer2020](http://campbarney.org/summer2020) to check out all of our upcoming events, videos, activities, resources and updates that our CBM team and community are creating throughout the summer.

Each week, more and more great events including:

**The Camp Barney Community Art Project.** Download the template for a leaf on the CBM community tree created by Angela Faustina, our Arts & Crafts Director. Draw in your own artwork and send it back to us. We'll share it throughout the summer and everyone's contributions will be displayed at camp in 2021!

Visit: <https://www.campbarney.org/summer2020/#COMMUNITREE>

**S'bread the Love Challenge.** Created by Wendy Fox, our CBM Old City Kitchen Cooking School Coordinator, every family who is 'challenged' bakes two challah loaves and delivers them to two other CBM families. Each of those two families do the same, s'breeding the love (and their challahs) through our CBM community! Check out:

[Wendy's video for more information on the challenge and her excellent challah recipe.](#)

**Plus...**weekly activity guides created by Dave Weinberg and former CBM Jewish Educator Jodie Goldberg, our upcoming mini-concert by Jewish recording artist and musician **Rick Recht**, CBM campers and staff perform songs from **High School Musical** with CBM theater pros Tommy Walker and Chloe Bromley, more **drone** action of Camp Barney, videos from some of our **fun CBM staff** and music from our awesome CBM songleaders **Deddy, Tal and Matan!**

**Our big virtual events, "Under Your Amazing Roof", is moving to Thursday nights beginning this Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm!**

**We're grateful to our year-round staff** Dave, Emily and Michael who have been arranging and producing all of our virtual events, **and dozens of our extended CBM family of summer staff and alumni** who volunteer to sing, perform, cook, teach and remain connected to Camp Barney this summer. They're all pretty awesome!

**We're also so grateful to parents** who have been making extraordinarily thoughtful and generous donations which have been matched dollar-for-dollar by the Massachusetts – based Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

**Most of all**, even beyond the activities and events we're doing all summer, **we love the countless voices of campers and parents, staff and alumni who have expressed our Camp Barney heart and soul during these past three months**. Your voices have reflected our core values of inclusion and respect, our focus on the environment and the joy of experiential Jewish learning, our pursuit of very cool fun adventures, our warmth, humor and passion to positively impact kids, and our annually having an absolute blast with our Camp Barney staff & campers and new & old friends.

**In the next couple of months, we'll share our plans for 2021** including health and safety measures, which "units" (age/grade) campers will get to experience at CBM next summer, info about registration, "Open Houses" and reunions, and much more.

We all wish we were at Camp Barney this summer. However, we've discovered that our camp community has remained connected regardless of where we are. And we will do everything in our power to be back on **"the most special 540 acres on earth"** in 2021 because we really are **"Better Together!"**

We send hugs and hope that you and your family are healthy and doing well.

Sincerely,

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