

# Camp Barney Melnitz

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**First Time Family Webinar**  
**April 26, 2023**

# Introductions

- Danny Herz- Executive Director
- Emily Shapiro- Assistant Director
- Sidra Kennedy - First Time Camper Coordinator
- Debbie Jacobs- Community Engagement Director
- Lisa Light- Office Manager
- Dave Weinberg- Associate Director
- Josh Orphanidys- Assistant Director
- Rachel Salba- Business Operations Director



# Agenda

- Our Camp
- 1st Year Camper Experience
- Packing Tips
- Pre-camp Preparation
- Opening/Closing Day Procedures
- Travel

- Food Services
- Medical / Healthcare Info
- Chugim
- Communication Expectations
- Jewish Life at CBM
- Camp Gear
- Camper Commandments



# DORIS ZABAN CHAPEL





# HALPERN POOL

A wide-angle shot of an indoor basketball court. Numerous people are scattered across the court, some in motion, others standing. The court is marked with white lines. In the background, there are basketball hoops and a large window or glass wall. The ceiling is high with several lights. The overall atmosphere is active and social.

# HALPERN ATHLETIC CENTER

A group of eight people, including children and adults, are standing on a sandy beach. They are all wearing life jackets and are looking towards the camera. Behind them is a large, white, conical inflatable climbing structure with many handholds. The structure is floating on a body of water. In the background, there are trees and a building. The text "LAKE WENDY BEACH" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

# LAKE WENDY BEACH

# Health / Medication Information



- Our medical team is comprised of:
  - 1 Doctor
  - 4 Nurses
  - 3 Health Care Assistants
- Medicine is disbursed by licensed nurses or our camp doctor
- Questions email our Health Center – [MarcusHealthCenter@CampBarney.org](mailto:MarcusHealthCenter@CampBarney.org)





# TRUE Pharmacy

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- Enrolling in True Pharmacy is required by all campers who take the following daily:
  - Prescription Medications
- Click on QR code for instructions regarding:
  - Vitamins and Supplements
  - OTC daily medicine
- Pharmacy paperwork deadlines:
  - Session 1: 5/5
  - Session 2: 6/5
- Questions email

[MarcusHealthCenter@AtlantaJCC.org](mailto:MarcusHealthCenter@AtlantaJCC.org)





# Community Care Team

- Comprised of the following people
  - Director of Community Care
  - First Year Camper Coordinator
  - Unit Heads
  - Division Supervisors
  - Medical Team





# Director of Community Care

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- Danielle Levy, PsyD
- Over 35 years of experience as a licensed professional counseling children and families
- 5th year on Camp Barney Medintz staff
- Camp Barney Medintz parent
- Email Danielle at  
[CommunityCare@CampBarney.org](mailto:CommunityCare@CampBarney.org)



# First Year Camper Coordinator

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- Sidra Kennedy
- Has been involved in camping since 2011
- 2nd Year in the role of First Time Camper Care Coordinator
- Previous Camper, Counselor, Unit Head
- Email Sidra at [Sidra@CampBarney.org](mailto:Sidra@CampBarney.org)



# Preparing for Camp



Your child's journey to success at Camp Barney Medintz will be both a joyful and challenging experience.

With your support and good preparation your camper can be successful at camp.





# Things to Say to Your Child

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- "You are going to have a great time."
- "You are going to make a lot of new friends."
- "Your counselors are there to take care of you."
- "I'm excited for you to try new things!"
- "The camp knows how to get in touch with me"
- "I love you and I am so happy that you get to have this great experience this summer"
- "I am so proud of your courage / strength / commitment to doing this on your own"





# Things Not to Say to Your Child

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- "You can come home if you don't like it there."
- "Call me if you have any problems."
- "Just try camp for a week and we can see how it goes."
- "You have to go to camp so we can get a break from each other."





# Things to do Before Camp

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- Send mail before they leave for camp
- Discuss a typical day with your child
- View our online video
- Discuss all the exciting opportunities they will have





# Safety and Security



# TRAVEL TO AND FROM CAMP



**ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM (S1), CHARLOTTE (S2)**



**ATLANTA AIRPORT**



**UPS, FEDEX, SHIPCAMPS, IFL**



# Atlanta Bus

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- June 4th, June 29, July 3rd and July 28th
- Ameris Bank Amphitheatre – All Atlanta campers **must** use this option. Others welcome to use it also.
- Drop off times are between 12:30pm and 2:30pm.
- Pick up times are between 12:30pm and 3pm with specific times and other details supplied via email when we get closer.
- Upon arrival staff will guide you through the drop off and pickup process.



# Alternate Travel Dates by Bus: Dunwoody Elementary

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- Opening days for campers with sessions beginning on dates other than 6/4 and 7/3
- Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338
  - **Gather by 1pm and depart at 2.**
- Closing days for campers with sessions ending on dates other than 6/29 or 7/28
  - Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338
  - **Buses arrive between 11am and noon**



# Birmingham Bus

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- Opening and closing day 1st session.
- Picks up and drops off at the **Levite Jewish Community Center** 3960 Montclair Rd, Birmingham, AL 35213.
- On opening day we will gather and board by 10AM CDT and depart at 10:30am.
- Closing day return 12 noon CDT. Staff and parents will be there to help. You will receive emails with details when closer to the end of the session.



# Charlotte Bus

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- Opening and closing day 2nd session
- Picks up and drops off at **Levine Jewish Community Center** (lower level parking lot).  
5007 Providence Road Charlotte, NC 28226.
- Opening day: gather at 10:30 and depart at 11.
- Closing day returns between 12:30pm and 1pm. You will receive emails with details when closer to the end of the session



# Arrival by Plane

- All campers who fly to camp will be met by staff in the airport at baggage claim in Atlanta (Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport)
- Camp Barney staff will be wearing a Camp Barney shirt and name tag
- All campers should travel with the CBM nametag sent to them prior to camp.
- Campers board the bus beginning at 12:00pm



# Arrival by Plane

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- Unaccompanied Minors
- Luggage
- Technology
- Pocket Money for travel





# Luggage

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- Shipping Bags
  - IFL
  - ShipCamps
  - UPS
  - FedEx
- Camper Transportation Form

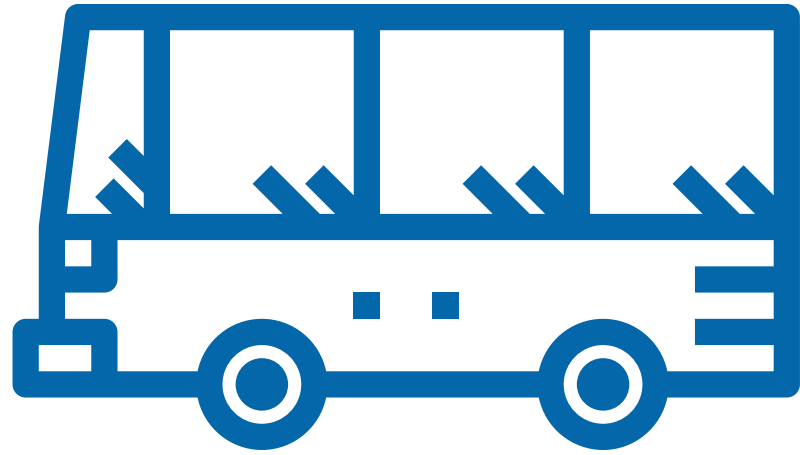
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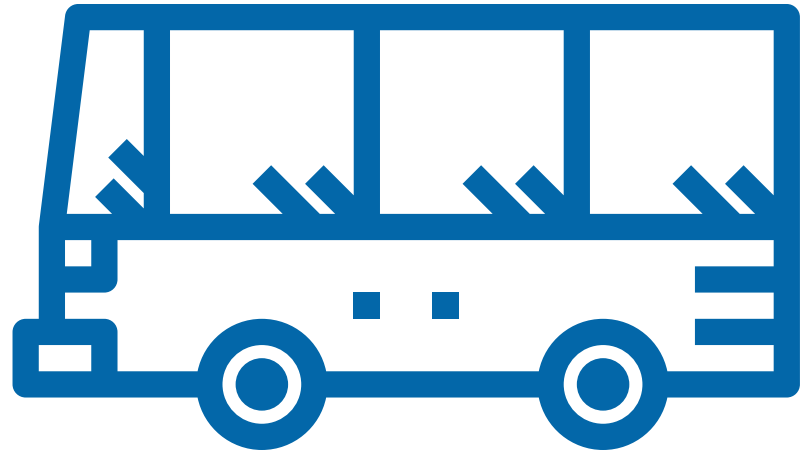
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# Travel Summary



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Questions? Email Fran at [fran@campbarney.org](mailto:fran@campbarney.org)

# Electronics Policy



**Please do not send the following items to camp:**

- Cell Phones / AirPods
- Gaming Systems/iPad/Nook/Kindle
- Anything that can access the internet or send emails (including watches)

**You are welcome to send the following items to camp:**

- iPod shuffle (no video screens)
- Inexpensive Digital Camera/ Disposable Cameras

# Post Camp Surveys



- We partner with Summation Research to gather information from parents at the end of each summer
- "CSI" survey will be emailed to you on closing day
- Please complete the survey as it helps camp with our preparation and planning

# Cabin Information



- Groups are assigned by grade in school.
- Average between 10 and 12 campers per cabin.
- We don't give out cabin assignments until your camper arrives to camp.

# Bunk Requests



- Bunkmates can be requested.
  - Requests must be mutual.
  - 1 request is guaranteed.
- This can be done on your Confidential Camper Questionnaire which is available in your Forms Dashboard (CampInTouch).

7:15 AM

Boker Tov (Wake Up)

8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:45AM

Health Call, Med Line,  
and Cabin Clean-up

9:15 AM

Activity 1 – Ropes  
Activity

10:30 AM

Activity 2 – Kickball

11:45 AM

Lunch

12:45 PM

Activity 3 – Tie-  
Dye

2:00 PM

Rest Hour (mail and canteen)

3:00 PM

Activity 4 – The Blob!

4:15 PM

Activity 5 – Theater  
Games

5:45 PM

Dinner

6:45 PM

Activity 6 – Archery

8:00 PM

Activity 7 – Pool Party

8:45 PM

Milkline (cookies and  
milk!)

9:15 PM

Lights out (younger campers)  
Activity 8 / Evening Programs (older campers)

10-11 PM

In Cabins /Lights Out (older  
campers)



# Chugim

- Current 5th Graders and above who are at camp for 4 weeks.
- Recreational in design and fun in nature.
- Examples could include painting, advanced clay, music, water skiing, climbing and ropes, and specific sports.
- Teen Village campers will have free play sessions approximately 8 times per session.



# Food at Camp



- Our food is served family style; campers sit by cabins except on Shabbat dinner.
- Kosher.
- Water – our best friend.
- Please do not send food to camp in your camper's luggage.

# Food at Camp



- Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Cereal at Breakfast
- Salad Bar and Sandwich Bar at Lunch and Dinner
- Fruit options
- Vegetarian options
- Plain pasta / sauce
- Questions about food / allergies?  
Email Kate at - [Kate@CampBarney.org](mailto:Kate@CampBarney.org)



# Laundry

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- Laundry will be washed three times during each four-week session and once during each two-week session.
- There is no laundry service for one-week campers.
- A laundry service washes, dries and folds the contents of each camper's clearly marked laundry bag.
- Please pack a durable laundry bag- mesh bags don't hold up well.
- Camp can handle any emergency laundry situation.
- **Please label all of your child's belongings.**
  - (Mabel's Labels works really well)



# Special Programs

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- Color War!
- Israel Day
- Barneyroo

# Other Information

- Package Policy - no packages at camp.
- Pack pre-addressed & stamped envelopes.
- Campers do not need money during the session.
- Bring sunscreen.
- Please pack a water bottle.



# Packing for Camp



# Communication Information

- Counselor Letters- first week of camp!
- When will we call home?
- Don't panic when you see a call or missed call from camp!
- If you have a question- email is the best way to get it answered quickly





# Summer Communication

- Our website is a great starting point:
  - [www.CampBarney.org](http://www.CampBarney.org)
- CampIn Touch
  - E-Letters
  - Photos
- Instagram
  - [Camp.Barney.Medintz](http://Camp.Barney.Medintz)
- Facebook
  - [Facebook.com/CampBarneyMedintz](http://Facebook.com/CampBarneyMedintz)
- Call our office – we are here for you!
  - 706.865.2715
- Weekly Email from Danny
- Mail: from you & your camper



# Campanion App

- Photo Sharing App
- Login Using CampInTouch Login
- Facial Recognition
- Updated Daily



- We have 2 photographers on staff and 2 videographers on staff. We want to capture great photos and video to share with you!
- Every parent will be able to see up to date photos from the summer through Companion and your CampInTouch account.
- We will upload the weekly video and share a link with you.





# Weekly Emails Leading up to Camp

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- Every Tuesday
- Haven't seen them? Catch up below!
- Follow the instructions in the emails to add Camp Barney to your address book!
- Learn more about the small things at camp and get excited!





# Help Support Camp Barney Medintz

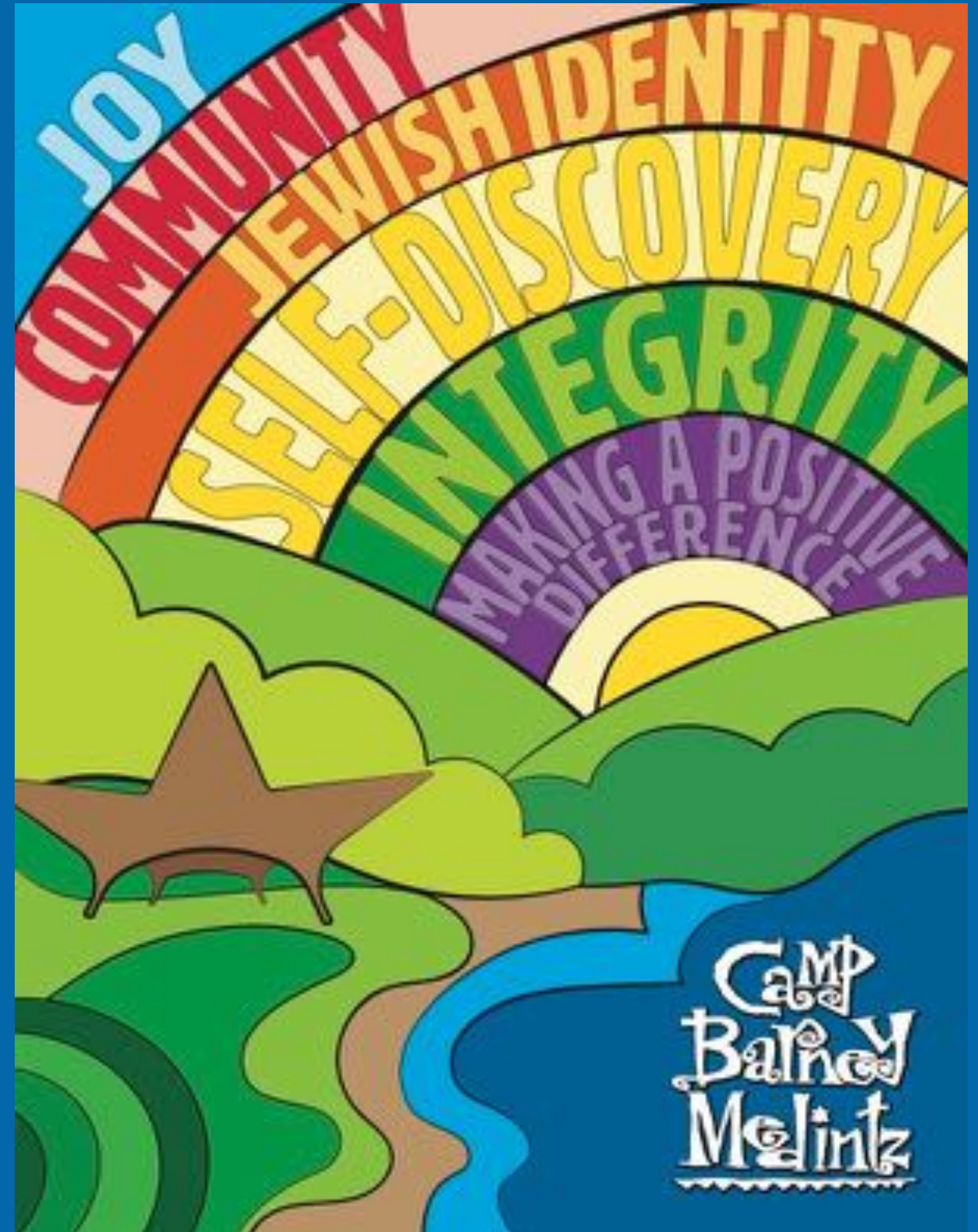
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- Help campers attend CBM this summer and in the future.



# Connecting Judaism and Campers

- Values based experiential education
- 6 core values integrated into everything we do
- Designed to enhance Jewish pride and connection to something bigger than self





### Friday nights:

- Special Meal
- Services
- Song Session

### Saturdays:

- Services
- Cheer Session
- Israel Day
- Havdallah



# Camp Store

- CBM shirts, draw-string bags, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and more!!
- Shipped directly to you.
- Open now.





# My Commitment to Camp Barney Medintz:

- I will treat everyone with kindness and respect.
- I will help others feel welcome and valued.
- I will embrace people who are different from me and the things that make each of us unique.
- I will be present and connect with the people at camp.
- I will challenge myself to have new experiences.
- I will take care of my body, mind, and soul.
- I will think about the physical and emotional safety of others before I act.
- I will strive to make a positive impact in my community and help make the world a better place.
- I will show appreciation for the Jewish traditions we share.
- I will have fun and help others find joy.



# Pre-Camp Checklist



- Submit all outstanding forms
- Meds to True pharmacy
- Make plans to ship luggage
- Double check flights
- Update transportation form



# Parent Handbook



- Linked below with QR code
- We try to answer all questions tonight and in the parent handbook
- Please read it all the way through!
- Includes:
  - Packing List and Packing Tips
  - Arrival and Departure Information
  - Electronics Policy
  - Camper Code of Conduct
  - Dress Code
  - Health and Wellbeing Information
  - A Typical Day
  - .... And More!



# Who to Contact for What

- General questions:
  - Email **Summer@CampBarney.org**
- Questions regarding financial matters:
  - Email Rachel Salba - **Rachel@CampBarney.org**
- Medical questions concerning your child
  - Email our medical staff at **MarcusHealthCenter@CampBarney.org**
- First Time Camper Questions:
  - Email Sidra Kennedy - **Sidra@CampBarney.org**
- Non-medical issues related to your child (Mental, Emotional, Social Issues)
  - Email our Camper Care Specialist at **CommunityCare@CampBarney.org**
- Travel questions:
  - Email Fran Harrell - **Fran@CampBarney.org**



