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Celebrating 50 Years

RE-CONNECT, RE-KINDLE AND REMINISCE AT THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

In 1963, friends of **Barney Medintz** choose to honor this remarkable leader of Atlanta's Jewish community shortly after he passed away. They knew he spoke often and quite passionately about children in the south participating



in a Jewish overnight camp up in the mountains that could offer experiential opportunities to grow culturally and recreationally, connect to Israel, make new friends or strengthen old ones and ultimately, become future leaders of their respective Jewish communities.

For 50 years, Barney Medintz's dream has been realized countless times.

Thousands of children and staff are now among the alumni of Camp Barney who consider their days or years at CBM the **"best times in their life,"** and **"the beginning of what shaped them"** as they became

adults. Testimonials are routinely shared from current and former campers, staff, families and others from nearly everywhere in North America and yes, from throughout the world about the powerful impact of specific Camp Barney staff, Shabbat Services, the activities, facilities, mountain air, music, stories and friends who matter more

than many can intelligently articulate!

Throughout 2013, there will be lots of Camp Barney celebrations of our past summers and how we've evolved as the leader in Jewish overnight camps today, all culminating next August. **Details will be revealed soon but count on this:**

(1) We will gather at Camp Barney Medintz to re-connect, re-kindle,



reminisce, tour, eat and play!

(2) We will have the opportunity to ensure that the next generation of campers at "our summer place" have the most meaningful and exciting and special experience in the future!

Be sure to ask your alumni friends and family if they receive our alumni emails and newsletters. If they don't, that means they are not in our **alumni database** and we want to be in touch with them! We want to have contact information for everyone possible before celebrations begin. Contact fran@campbarney.org

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



ENGAGEMENTS / MARRIAGES

Herschelle Haysman and Adam Cohen married on March 25, 2012 in Savannah, Georgia. Adam went to camp from 1994-2006 where he was a camper, counselor, unit head, and program director.



Herschelle is a Nurse Practitioner in the field of Allergy. Adam misses camp every day of his life but it remains his passion. He is currently the Manager of Special Events for Camp Twin Lakes, a network of non-profit camps in Georgia that serve children with serious illnesses, disabilities and life challenges. Herschelle and Adam enjoy their life in Atlanta together with their two dogs Wylie and Munson!

Jamie Sistino (camper 1996-2000) married Daniel Cahn on April 14, 2012 in Boynton Beach, Florida. They live in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Susan Arnovitz (formerly Plasker) (camper 1964-68) and David Saltz married in Atlanta on April 22, 2012. David is native of Morgan City, Louisiana, who moved to Atlanta in 2005. The couple resides in Atlanta.



Marcy Rosenberg (camper 1989-96) married Dr. Nhan Nguyen-Khoa in Palm Coast, Florida on June 2, 2012. They will honeymoon in the Greek Isles and are living in Orlando, Florida.



FUTURE CAMPERS



Jonah Daniel Blick

was born to Randi (nee Zanville and camper 1990-96) and Adam Blick on November 29, 2011. He weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and was 19 3/4 inches long.



Amaya Sage Raidbard

was born on January 21, 2012 to Nadine (nee Garrick and camper 1986-1992) and Stephen Raidbard (staff 2001-2006). Amaya weighted 6lbs 6 ozs and was 18 inches long.



Max Louis Kuniansky

was born on September 7, 2012 to Lindsey (nee Light, camper 1991-1997 and staff 1998-2003) and Michael Kuniansky (camper 1990's). Max weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and was 19 inches long. Max's grandmother is Lynn Light who works in our camp office.

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, 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
Laurie Cohen
Lori Feller
Terry Furie
Denise Gabor
Jeff Horowitz
Brett Kornberg
Kimberly Laterveer
Dana Levi

Janet Polsky
Jennifer Rosenberg
Julie Rosenstein
Elissa Graham
Saperstein
Lauren Simonds
Jeffery Tully
Erica Wells

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Over 2,000 pounds of "previously used" paper collected from our office, campers in each village, and specialty areas around camp were taken to our Arts & Crafts center, shredded and re-used for hundreds of projects and programs.

CAMP BARNEY RECEIVES GRINSPON GRANTS

The Massachusetts-based Harold Grinspoon Foundation has again selected Camp Barney Medintz to be a part of their matching grants program in 2013! Harold Grinspoon has long been an exceedingly strong supporter of experiences that immeasurably enrich Jewish life for children and families such as P.J. Library and P.J. Goes to Camp. Recently, they matched money raised for Camp Barney projects including rebuilding our Lake Wendy Dam, our Israeli/Teen Cultural Center Mercaz Horesh, and "Sam's Deck". The Grinspoon Foundation will again match funds raised this year for major facilities as well as "legacy grants" (CBM bequests).



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

There are Camp Barney Medintz alumni all over the globe doing all kinds of interesting things with their lives. In this issue, we are featuring another Atlanta alumni who has that entrepreneurial spirit.



Professional Organizer, Linda Lincoln Diamond wants to share stories of how she has helped individuals deal with their piles of stress. Linda is a former CBM camper, CIT Counselor and Associate Program Director. She is currently the owner of Captured Clutter...organizing therapy, LLC.

CASE STUDY 1

Working out of the house and raising four little ones has taken valuable physical and mental time out of Katie's schedule. Her home is a small townhome and she is overwhelmed with the layers of clothing and toys that have accumulated over the years, not to mention the tools, books and craft supplies. I started working with Katie to help her eliminate the non-essentials. During the second phase of our organizing sessions, Katie and I reviewed the categories of the family's essential belongings and how to store them for efficient and safe use. When Katie talks about the work we have done, she uses

the word transformative and feels fortunate to bring new life to her living spaces.

CASE STUDY 2

Julia, an 82 year old widow, is closing down two homes and moving all of her belongings to a third home. I started working with Julia in the fall to help her plan and get organized for her summer move and to be a sounding board for treasured memories that needed to be shared before boxing up or tossing. In addition to securing the mover, the drapery cleaner and the donation hauler, I became a confidant of Julia. I am now helping her organize the moved items in her current home. Julia has told me on more than one occasion that she could not have made it without my services. It was important to her that she could trust me to come into her home and handle very precious memories and confidential vital documents.

CASE STUDY 3

Diane is a graduate student at a local college. She is extremely bright, but her ADD keeps her from accomplishing her tasks in a timely and efficient manner. I came to Diane's home and helped her purge the paper work that was no longer needed

and create living spaces for the items that she needs to have at her finger tips. I also helped Diane think through her "To Do list" by working with her on planning, reviewing and actively executing her daily tasks. She now has a system that enables her to get her immediate and long term projects accomplished. Diane found my coaching very therapeutic as she muddled through the piles of documents for her course work and classes she taught.

Professional Organizers are like weight training and weight loss coaches. We bring expertise on how to efficiently manage a stress free healthy lifestyle and we are there to encourage, motivate and support our clients. If you or a loved one can benefit from Professional Organizing services, please contact Linda Diamond, owner and Professional Organizer, Captured Clutter...organizing therapy LLC. Phone 678-294-7813 or linda@capturedclutter.com. Linda is offering you either 20% off of your first session or 20% of your first session fee can be given to the CBM scholarship fund - your choice - if you use her service by December 31, 2012 and mention this article.

Making Camp Barney Beautiful

CAMP BARNEY ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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 summer we fully utilized our spectacular new Marcus Health Center! Our professional medical staff was totally positioned to provide efficient, effective, comfortable and caring treatment to over

1600 campers and staff throughout the summer. The next phase of tank-less water heaters made village bathrooms more toasty while "really ginormous" fans made the dining hall significantly "cooler". Our awesome new Camper Kitchen and Cooking School, with dozens of visiting "super chefs", adjacent organic veggie gardens and live chickens made this activity a huge hit. New cabins and new adventures around the beach, sports complex and performing arts center were also fantastic additions in 2012.

Here We GROW!

For 49 years, Camp Barney proudly created the most meaningful and exciting experience for campers on 500 beautiful wooded acres surrounding 2 private lakes in the North Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains. Last spring, an anonymous donor gave Camp Barney "a gift" of 18 acres, bringing our total land size to 518 acres. Recently, this extraordinary thoughtful and generous donor provided Camp Barney with another "gift" of 22 acres, which means we will welcome campers in 2013 to enjoy our now spectacular and very special 540 acres! We are so very grateful to this wonderful family for their lovely gift and enormous love and commitment to Camp Barney Medintz!



CBM ALUMNI CLOCK FUND

It's "about time" we had something at camp that was dedicated to and funded by alumni! The "CBM ALUMNI CLOCK" is a new feature at Camp Barney, added in 2010. It is located at the beginning of chapel road in front of Lake Wendy where everyone will see it upon arriving, when coming down from the Dining Hall, on the way to the pool and younger villages, the Halpern Center and Barn, or the Chapel and teen village. It is approximately 12 feet high with a huge 42" face displaying Hebrew numbers. It is a very cool, very unique

reflection of this culturally Jewish place that surely transcends time. And it will be called the "CBM ALUMNI CLOCK" with names of those who choose to support it listed in each camp and alumni newsletter!

Please send your tax deductible contribution with your name clearly written to: "CBM ALUMNI CLOCK FUND", 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338. Then, join us next year for Alumni Day in August and "make time" to see the clock!

CAMP ALUMNI DAY 2012



fun in the sun



jumping for joy



1...2...3...jump!



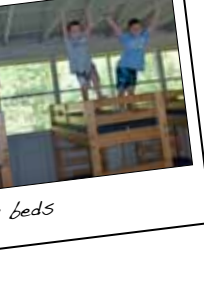
camp memories



work or play?



our summer place



bunk beds

I was a second session camper from 1984-1990 and on staff in 1991. I lived in Dallas, TX so my summers at Barney were the best. I attended Alumni Day for the past two years. I came in 2011 with my husband, oldest daughter, and my best friend and her family. I met my best friend at camp in 1984 and I actually met my husband at CBM in 1990. It was very exciting to be with both of them as we all drove down the bumpy road into camp for my first time since 1991. So many exciting memories came flooding back just from the drive in. It reminded me of that first bus ride on the start of every summer. I would be filled with anxiety over of who would be in my cabin, who would be my counselor, and

would this summer be better than the last? The answer was always YES.

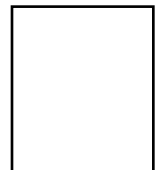
It was so exciting to see all the changes to camp. The blob and zip line on the lake certainly were not there in the 1980's. My husband couldn't get enough of the zip line and my daughter couldn't get enough of the waterside! The dining hall felt like a slice out of time to me. I could picture each year where my units sat and the porch we waited on outside prior to being let in for the meal. The walk to Village 2 seemed incredibly short. As a kid I felt like that was the longest walk on earth. Peeping into each of my cabins was really fun with my 5 year

old daughter. She couldn't believe I actually slept there - in the almost outside!

I was most surprised that there were tennis courts near the teen village, that horseback moved to the old senior ball field, and the arts and crafts center blew my mind away. So much of it seems exactly the same and so much of it has changed with the times tremendously. One thing I'm sure of is that every summer tons of kids go with an enormous amount of excitement and leave wishing the next 11 months away so they can come back the next summer the way I did!

Hillary (Gidlow) Levy

DO YOU GET TOGETHER WITH CAMP ALUMNI IN YOUR AREA? PLEASE TELL US ABOUT IT!
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