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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAMP?

LOTS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 2012!

That's right, despite this difficult economy, there's still a blur of building projects going on this year at Camp. We'll be efficient but we'll never stop building or renovating and making our facility more comfortable, more exciting, more special and, well, better in every way!

For 2012, lots of really big and very exciting construction projects are happening at Camp Barney:

Marcus Health Center

Thanks to an exceedingly generous contribution from the Marcus Family Foundation, our new 7,000 sq. ft. Bernie and Billi Marcus Health Center overlooking Lake Wendy opens this summer! (It's just to the right of the old infirmary).

New 1,600 Sq. Ft. Camper Kitchen

Camp Barney just completed construction of a brand new 1,600 sq. ft. camper kitchen (four times larger than our previous camper kitchen!) Our campers will get to create original recipes, work with our guest chefs and restaurant owners, bake breads, pies and cakes, cook Mediterranean and Jewish holiday dishes, sauté and stir unique entrees, learn to make their own sushi, and participate in cook-offs and throw-downs often seen on The Food Network!

This awesome new building, adjacent to our new Marcus Health Center and overlooking Lake Wendy, is surrounded by a new quarter-acre veggie garden and will be home to our new Kosher Food Classes (KFC!) and will be "where it all began" for future professional chefs.

CBM Dining Hall Gets Really Cool In 2012!

The 12,000 sq. ft. dining hall at Camp Barney is "charming" like a mountain lodge with massive wood beams from end to end. But, it can also become incredibly hot during our southern summer days...until this summer! Dozens of residential fans are being replaced by three uber-cool gigantic 18 ft. diameter state-of-the-art fans. No need for a sweater during meals this summer

but it will be soooo much nicer for all that we do in our Camp Barney Dining Hall in 2012.

Comfy Additions

...Like more custom wood bunk beds with thick mattresses and safety guard rails and the completion of our water system project enabling all showers to be toasty warm instead of way hot or shivering cold. PLUS, we're adding new paddle boards, sports equipment, musical instruments, electronics for movie-making and our radio station, boats, potter's wheels, backpacking gear, mountain bikes, mountain scooters, fishing equipment, new features to our tennis center and beach front.

OVER 1,200 CAMPERS ALREADY REGISTERED FOR 2012!

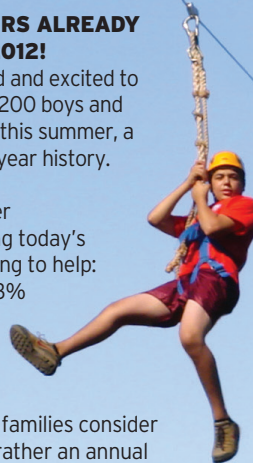
We are humbled, proud and excited to have registered over 1,200 boys and girls (as of April 1st) for this summer, a record pace in our 49-year history.

Of course, this is rather remarkable considering today's economy so we're trying to help: raising fees less than 3% from last year and pursuing grants and sources of assistance wherever possible.

We're so grateful that families consider CBM not a luxury but rather an annual and valuable life experience and so many alumni have generously contributed to our CBM Camper Assistance Funds.

HUNDREDS OF STAFF ARE PURSUING CBM JOBS...

which is so fantastic because it means we'll get to again choose the very best from last summer, previous summers and awesome new staff from throughout the U.S., Israel, England, Australia, etc. We've tracked thousands of CBM staff over the years and so many attribute their summers as a CBM counselor or specialist as the foundation for a successful future!



SAVE THE DATE!

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ALUMNI DAY AT CAMP
Sunday, September 9, 2012

DETAILS COMING SOON!

Some comments about previous Alumni Days:

"What a fun day at Camp Barney! I think the kids are ready to sign up already! We even showered in the front staff house. Ah, the good old days!"

"Camp is always the best time ever and yesterday was no exception."

"Seeing everyone was the highlight of my day until my 4-year-old said, 'Daddy, Camp Barney is the most wonderful place I have ever been in my life - it was a lovely day. Thank you Daddy for taking us.'"

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Camp Barney Medintz
50TH ANNIVERSARY!
August 24-25, 2013

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 we start sending out information about the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

For more information, 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

Shayna Priluck (Camper: 1993-2001, Staff: 2002) is engaged to Jesse Bergman. They met in their freshman year at George Washington University because they were next door neighbors and currently live in New York. The wedding will be held in Atlanta on November 3, 2012.

FUTURE CAMPERS



Saul Grayson Rubenstein

was born on January 22, 2012 to Mandi and Bradley Rubenstein (camper 1988). Saul weighed 6.2 lbs and was 19.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by big brothers and future campers Ethan and Aaron.



Drew Benjamin Medintz

was born to Allison and Barry Medintz (camper 1979 and 1980) on February 6, 2012 in Atlanta, GA. Drew weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and was 20 inches long. Drew was named in memory of his great grandparents Dorothy and Barney Medintz. Drew was welcomed home by big sister and future camper Lily.

DEATHS

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Vicki Weiner Hamersmith (camper 1979-1985), who passed away on November 28, 2011.

Dear Camp Barney Parents,

I wish you could see... the smiling faces, the dancing, the laughing, the hugging, the look of no worries, kids completely unplugged, services in the chapel ...and so much more!!

I have a privilege, an opportunity to see what no parents see—the kids enjoying life at camp. I wondered if it was anything like it was when I went many years ago. I'm happy to tell you that it is! As I watch, I see, and more importantly, I feel the Camp Barney spirit! Many things are different. There are so many more activities, so many more campers and staff, different cheers, and no barbecue bologna! Surprisingly, there are so many things that are the same: the camp feeling, the schedule, doing cheers and sitting and singing in the chapel during services led by campers. I am often brought to tears as I watch and hear the children, elated, comfortable, happy. Words can't really describe the feeling, but it's truly a gift given to them, one of which they are appropriately unaware.

As I continue to try and console my 11-year-old, whose words are true, "it's just too long until camp starts again," I have the wisdom to know it will be there next year. This does not ease his pain and I understand. Each year brings a new learning opportunity, new challenges and new accomplishments. Some things do stay the same like the Camp Barney spirit. I hope you can all see it in your children's faces and hear it in their stories. If you can't, please know, it is alive and well and they experienced it this summer at Camp Barney. I hope you will remember this next year, even when you can't see the gift that you have given.

Lisa Serby Weinbach

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Parent 2007-present

Camper, 1974-82

Staff 1983-86, 2007-present



CAMP BARNEY RECEIVES GRINSPOON GRANTS

The Massachusetts-based Harold Grinspoon Foundation has again selected Camp Barney Medintz to be a part of their matching grants program in 2012! 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).

HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION



ARE YOU A CHEF? BAKER? RESTAURANT OWNER? REALLY GOOD COOK?



Our camper kitchen is waiting for cabin groups to go to cooking school at Camp Barney! In past summers, Alon Balshan of Alon's Bakery, Jenny Levison of Souper Jenny's, Laurie and Charlie Albanos – Executive Chef of the Marriott near Naples, Florida, Bob Cook, Glen Gurevitch, Tracey Holzer – an owner of Mellow Mushroom Pizza, Brad Rubenstein of the Flying Biscuit, and many others have already been "Guest Chefs" at Camp Barney!

If you would like to come up as a guest chef, perhaps once a week, once a session or even once a summer, email Jim Mittenthal, Director: jim@campbarney.org or Susan LeVine Berger, Assistant Director: susan@campbarney.org.

WHERE in THE WORLD is

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!

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In the past, the articles in this section have been about entrepreneurial alumni. This time we are featuring an alumna who sets a great example by giving back to the community in a special way. This article is extracted from the Shepherd Spinal Center's Spinal Column Newsletter. Jami Hanzman was a camper from 1992 to 1997 and on the horseback riding staff from 1998 to 2002.

"I like to give people hope that recovery could happen for them too."

-Jami Hanzman

Getting time on Jami Hanzman's calendar can be challenging because he spends much of his time at Shepherd Center, where he was once a patient and is now a dedicated volunteer and fund raiser.

Jami didn't always feel this strongly about Shepherd Center. In fact, despite being an Atlanta native, Jami had very little awareness of Shepherd until 2007. Vacationing with friends in Destin, Florida in April of 2007, Jami was crossing the street when he was hit by a car. He sustained a traumatic brain injury and multiple broken bones on the right side of his body.

After spending six weeks at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida, Jami got his first introduction to Shepherd Center, where he spent more than nine weeks receiving intensive physical, occupational, speech and recreation therapy. Between this and three months of outpatient therapy at Shepherd Pathways, Jami worked diligently to regain his

cognitive, speaking and other abilities. Today, fully recovered, Jami works as an account manager at Schneider Logistics and, out of enormous gratitude, is giving back to Shepherd Center.

If Jami is available Monday through Thursday, he is most likely volunteering in the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Unit, where he brings a unique perspective as a former patient. Aside from helping the ABI nurses with clerical duties, Jami serves dinner to patients, and while doing so, talks to them and their families about his own experience at Shepherd Center. "When I talk to patients and their families, I feel great empathy for them," Jami says. "I like to give people hope that recovery could happen for them too. It's happened before."

Jami also volunteers on Shepherd's Junior Committee, a young professionals committee that raises funds for the hospital through its annual Derby Day event. He likes the Junior Committee because it provides a way for him to involve his friends and other people his age.

Beyond volunteering his time, Jami also raises money for Shepherd Center's Acquired Brain Injury Program. He works closely with the Shepherd Center Foundation to apply for and receive annual grants from his company's foundation. "Jami makes all of our jobs easy, while reminding us of our purpose as representatives of Shepherd," says Lauren Tucker, major gifts associate at the Shepherd Center Foundation.

Midge Tracy, director of volunteer services, says "Jami is always smiling and willing to help. Everything he does helps someone in some way. We are lucky to have someone like Jami volunteering and fund raising for us."

Jami encourages others to help Shepherd, especially former patients like him. "There's nothing better than helping people in these kinds of situation," Jami says. "Whether that's through money for the hospital or just talking to someone, there's nothing like being able to help patients and families get to a better place."



If you would like your business or service to be featured in a future newsletter, please contact fran@campbarney.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Camp Barney Medintz is in the 1% of the largest summer overnight camps in North America.

CBM recently received a generous donation of 16.8 acres of contiguous land, bringing our total property to 516.8 acres.

83% of today's campers are "returning campers" while 34% are related to CBM Alumni.

We counted: At CBM now, 238 buildings, over 300 activities, and of course "milk line" cookies – over 120,000 warm and tasty bedtime morsels are baked each summer!

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" was 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 our camp and alumni newsletters!

TODAH RABAH to the following who have just recently donated to the CBM ALUMNI CLOCK FUND:

Lisa and Brian Katz (New Orleans)

Lisa and Hadley Lowy (Atlanta)

Suzanne and Reuban Rodriguez (Richmond)

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!

TODAH RABAH!

Thank You Very Much!

We are delighted to recognize those individuals and families who choose to make very thoughtful and generous contributions to Camp Barney Medintz! (as of June 1, 2011)

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