

Camp Barney Medintz

WINTER 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SO MUCH EXCITEMENT FOR 2020, OUR 58TH SUMMER!

LOTS OF AWESOME NEW FACILITY FEATURES AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS!



It's true! Every winter, we're very busy up at Camp Barney renovating buildings all over camp, adding new buildings and features to many of our favorite activity areas, and making CBM even more comfortable and exciting!

Cabins and bathrooms in every village are getting "fixed up," painted, and improved including new flooring and lighting everywhere. The **Camp Barney organic garden** is "moving" to a huge new area beyond the Halpern Center Gymnasium and over a bridge crossing over our many streams where campers will "dig" the opportunities to plant and grow all sorts of veggies and flowers. A cool new **crafts space** is being built at the Halpern Arts & Crafts Center. The **jet ski docks** are getting a total makeover. All **tennis and basketball courts** are being re-surfaced. The "Hurricane" **Water Slide** is getting a "facelift," the "**Omega**" **Double Zip Line** soaring 1000 feet across Lake Wendy...even more amazing and so fun! Lots of other cool new features are also happening at our **beachfront**, to the **Dining Hall**, "**Ulam**" (rec hall in the Teen Village), **Babbit Center bathrooms**, **ropes courses**, and **Old City Kitchen** cooking school. And, a brand-new "**Sensory Cabin**" is being built across the road from the Dining Hall overlooking Lake Wendy where, when necessary, campers can take a break from the "noise" of camp!

MORE "NEW" AT CAMP BARNEY IN 2020!

Our "pilot" year of hiring professional therapists on our staff last summer was really successful, as we did lots of in-service trainings for cabin counselors, supported them with positive strategies for their campers, and sometimes helped campers directly to navigate new situations. In 2020, we'll have a very strong team of staff who understand kids and the dynamics of Camp and will again support both our CBM staff and campers to have an awesome summer at Camp Barney! Also, new and returning staff from Israel in 2020! The play is **High School Musical!** A totally new, delicious and nutritious food service in 2020. More details soon.

HUNDREDS OF STAFF ARE PURSUING JOBS AT CBM IN 2020!

Which is so fantastic because it means we'll again choose the very best from last summer, previous summers, and awesome new staff from throughout the U.S., Israel, England and elsewhere. If you have friends or relatives interested in a position on our 2020 Camp Barney Staff, please tell them to go to campbarney.org and apply very soon!



LOTS OF OPTIONS TO ATTEND CBM IN 2020!

We are excited to welcome 1,200 boys and girls who will experience CBM in 2020, and we're busy this winter preparing for every camper! While most are enrolled in our four-week sessions, many are taking advantage of our two-week sessions, offered for campers completing 2nd-6th grades.

For Summer 2020, we again offer a two-week option in June for campers completing 5th-6th grades, which is designed for older campers who have never been to overnight camp or who want to experience CBM for two weeks. Two-week options are also still available for boys and girls completing 2nd-4th grades.

For more information about remaining spaces and sessions for 2020, visit campbarney.org or contact us at 678.812.3844 or summer@campbarney.org.



WHERE IN THE WORLD DO CBM KIDS LIVE?

Some kids see each other all year long before sleeping in the same cabin at Camp Barney. Other kids come from all across the U.S. and even several other countries until we're all together each summer.

Georgia 74% • Florida 9% • North Carolina 4% • Tennessee 4% • Alabama 2%

Other 7% South Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, Ohio, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, France, Israel

TOP 36 SYNAGOGUES

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| 1 Temple Sinai, (Reform), Atlanta | 14 Congregation Or Hadash, (Conservative), Atlanta | 26 Beth Shalom Synagogue, (Conservative), Columbia |
| 2 B'nai Torah Congregation, (Conservative), Atlanta | 15 Congregation Bet Haverim, (Reconstructionist), Atlanta | 27 Congregation Gates of Prayer, (Reform) New Orleans |
| 3 Temple Emanu-El, (Reform), Atlanta | 16 Temple Beth El, (Conservative), Charlotte | 28 Beth David Synagogue (Conservative), Palm Beach Gardens |
| 4 The Temple, (Reform), Atlanta | 17 Temple Israel, (Conservative), Charlotte | 29 Congregation Beth Jacob, (Orthodox), Atlanta |
| 5 Temple Kehillat Chaim, (Reform), Atlanta | 18 Congregation Beth Tefillah, (Orthodox), Atlanta | 30 Congregation Or Veshalom, (Traditional), Atlanta |
| 6 Congregation Gesher L'Torah, (Conservative), Atlanta | 19 Beth Shalom, (Conservative), Atlanta | 31 Temple Israel, (Reform), Memphis |
| 7 Congregation Etz Chaim, (Conservative), Atlanta | 20 Congregation Mickve Israel, (Reform), Savannah | 32 Temple Beth Chai (Independent), Parkland |
| 8 Temple Beth Tikvah, (Reform), Atlanta | 21 Ahavath Achim Synagogue, (Conservative), Atlanta | 33 Temple Dor Dorim (Reform), Weston |
| 9 Temple Kol Emeth, (Reform), Atlanta | 22 Chabad of Georgia, (Orthodox), Atlanta | 34 Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, (Orthodox), Savannah |
| 10 Congregation Micah, (Reform), Nashville | 23 Temple Emanu-El, (Reform), Birmingham | 35 Touro Synagogue, (Reform), New Orleans |
| 11 Congregation Ohev Shalom, (Conservative), Orlando | 24 Temple Judea, (Reform) West Palm Beach | 36 Congregation Or Tzion, (Conservative), Scottsdale |
| 12 Congregation Shearith Israel, (Conservative), Atlanta | 25 Temple Beth El Synagogue, (Conservative), Birmingham | |

TOP 36 SCHOOLS

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| 1 Davis Academy, Atlanta | 14 Inman Middle School, Atlanta | 27 Ridgeview Charter Middle School, Atlanta |
| 2 Epstein School, Atlanta | 15 North Springs High School, Atlanta | 28 Woodward Academy, Atlanta |
| 3 Peachtree Charter Middle School, Atlanta | 16 Riverwood High School, Atlanta | 29 Metairie Park Country Day School, New Orleans |
| 4 Dunwoody High School, Atlanta | 17 University School of Nashville, Nashville | 30 Vanderlyn Elementary School, Atlanta |
| 5 Heard's Ferry Elementary School, Atlanta | 18 Dickerson Middle School, Atlanta | 31 Mountain Brook Junior High School, Birmingham |
| 6 The Galloway School, Atlanta | 19 Savannah Country Day School, Savannah | 32 Mt. Bethel Elementary School, Atlanta |
| 7 Austin Elementary School, Atlanta | 20 Johns Creek High School, Atlanta | 33 Meyer Academy, Jupiter |
| 8 Dunwoody Elementary School, Atlanta | 21 Hightower Trail Middle School, Atlanta | 34 East Side Elementary School, Atlanta |
| 9 St. Francis School, Atlanta | 22 Pace Academy, Atlanta | 35 Tampa Preparatory School, Tampa |
| 10 Weber High School, Atlanta | 23 Mary Lin Elementary School, Atlanta | 36 Brookwood Forest Elementary School, Birmingham |
| 11 Dodgen Middle School, Atlanta | 24 Maitland Middle School, Maitland | |
| 12 Autrey Mill Middle School, Atlanta | 25 Henderson Mill Middle School, Atlanta | |
| 13 Morningside Elementary School, Atlanta | 26 Renfroe Middle School, Atlanta | |



KIDS TELL US THEIR TOP TEN

We love seeing our campers when we return to Atlanta after the camp season ends and during our Fall Info Sessions around the southeast.

Here's what they revealed are their CBM favorites!



10 “Barney Bars and Milk Line (bedtime milk & cookies)—the popular (and delicious!) Camp Barney treats each summer!”

9 “Cool stuff I only get to do at Camp Barney like pedal boarding, cooking activities, beach activities, and the awesome trips.”

8 “The sounds of camp during dinner on the first night, to songs in the Zaban Chapel, the “Chippie” Amphitheatre, and around our village porches and cabins!”

7 “Every time I put on a helmet for high adventure activities like tree climbing, high ropes, the vertical playpen and climbing walls, horseback riding, and mountain biking!”

6 “Going fast down the Hurricane water slide and the very cool Finn Water Luge and the amazing feeling of soaring across Lake Wendy on the Omega Double zip line!”

5 “Being in the play, Sabbath concert (talent show), or anything on stage at the “Chippie” Amphitheatre. It’s a little nerve-racking, but so worth it!”

4 “Shabbat dinner, services, and the whole experience. I look forward to it all year and love it at Camp!”

3 “Being away from school and the noises of the city and enjoying the outdoors—everything from creek hikes to campouts!”

2 “Having the best counselors!”

1 “Being with my friends at Camp—old and new. The times with my cabinmates, whether we’re doing a fun camp activity or hanging out. I dream about camp during the year and I even count down the days until I’m back at Camp Barney!”

INFORMATION SESSIONS IN ATLANTA

SUNDAYS: MARCH 8 & APRIL 5
1:00–2:00 PM

For Prospective CBM Families

Do you have friends who want to learn about the magic of CBM? We have two more info sessions scheduled in Atlanta at our CBM office at the MJCCA. Enjoy a fun musical slideshow, learn all about the magic of Camp Barney for 2020, and meet the directors and other new camp families. Tell your interested friends to bring the whole family!

RSVP requested at campbarney.org/infosessions

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ANNUAL WINTER REUNION

IN DECEMBER

MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND SESSIONS CAME TO
THE WINTER REUNION ON DECEMBER 15TH IN ATLANTA!

We donated hundreds of canned foods to the Atlanta Community Food Bank (so amazing!), bowled, enjoyed pizza and desserts, had raffle prizes, watched our musical reunion slideshow, and hung out with lots of staff and friends—and simply loved seeing each other! **Everyone received a reunion T-shirt and Barney Bar.** It was awesome to see campers and families from all across the southeast!

HERE'S WHO WON PRIZES THIS YEAR:

Amazon Gift Card

Noah Loar
Jacki Reh
Rachel Bressman
Michael Luzzi

Best Buy Gift Card

Sammy Herd

Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card

Daniel Zisholtz
Nicole Bluestein

High Country Outfitters

Gift Card

Sadie Shulman
Sam Reh

REI Gift Card

Brooke Goldberg
Blair Rubinger

Starbucks Gift Card

Molly Schusterman
Maia Asman

Target Gift Card

Zoe Ergas
Morgan Karp

CBM Gear

Lillian Zlotnick
Shylah Broder

Crazy Creek Chair

Dylan Seinberg
Maya Efrat

ARRIVING AT CAMP BARNEY

BY PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES!

FIRST SESSION

On the first day of first session, Atlanta families (and those who choose to drive to Atlanta from other locations) will meet at Georgia State University Dunwoody Campus located at 2010 Womack Road at 1:00 pm. Air-conditioned buses will transport campers directly to Camp Barney Medintz at 2:00 pm.

On the last day of first session, Atlanta families (and those who choose to drive to Atlanta from other locations) will meet at First Baptist Church Atlanta in Dunwoody at 1:00 pm to welcome their campers home.

SECOND SESSION

On the first day of second session, Atlanta families (and those who choose to drive to Atlanta from other locations) will meet at First Baptist Church Atlanta in Dunwoody at 1:00 pm. Air-conditioned buses will transport campers directly to Camp Barney Medintz at 2:00 pm.

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IF YOU ARE FLYING TO ATLANTA

- (1) Flights must arrive in Atlanta between 11:00 am–1:00 pm on the first day of camp and depart from Atlanta between 11:00 am–1:00 pm on the last day of camp.
- (2) We kindly ask that all families from Memphis, Nashville, New Orleans, Orlando, Sarasota, Tampa, and West Palm Beach book flights that we've identified for you or contact Fran, CBM Travel Coordinator, for more information at 678.812.3846 or fran@campbarney.org.



2020 CABIN GROUPINGS

HOW DOES THAT WORK? *Let's ask Jim!*

“Only one person puts the cabin groups together and that’s ME! We don’t have a committee or use random methods. It’s not by alphabetical order. It’s strategic and personal. In addition to everything else you share with us, we read every Bunkmate Request on the Confidential Camper Questionnaire. I look at cabin groupings from last summer and review if they were successful. I read many emails and we meet with many families. I try to know as many kids as possible. I honor requests if both campers request each other. I try to keep cabins balanced by combining new campers with returning campers and those from Atlanta with campers from other cities. I consider similar interests, personalities, and needs.

Why are we so detailed and comprehensive about this? Because I want our campers to have the best summer experience! Most of the time our cabin grouping system works out quite well, but we’re ready to respond if for any reason it doesn’t. The same energy goes into determining which counselors will work best with specific age groups, cabin groups, and various teams of staff.”

2020 TOP CHEFS, MUSICIANS, ARTISTS, EDUCATORS & OTHER "GUEST" CBM STAFF

TREE CLIMBING with Genevieve Summers of Dancing with Trees

WILDLIFE WONDERS Exotic Animal Programs for our Youngest Campers

RECYCLING AND SUSTAINABLE ART with Katy DeMent

YOGA with Susan Mittleman of "Yoga with Susan"

JEWISH ROCK & ROLL BAND PROGRAMS with Rick Recht and Shimon Smith

FENCING with Lotus Fencing Academy for campers completing 5th grade

SCUBA DIVING with Under Sea Adventures for campers completing 6th grade

CERAMICS with Artist Audra Clayton

CARTOONING & S.T.E.A.M. ACTIVITIES with Danny Carlson

Brad Rubenstein, Owner and Chef, **THE FLYING BISCUIT**, ATL

Steve Cohen, Owner and Chef, **COHEN SERVICES CATERING**, ATL

David and Julie Abes, Owners, **BATTER COOKIE DOUGH** at Ponce City Market, ATL

Barbara Vahaba, **EGYPTIAN COOKING ARTIST**, ATL

Sally and Bruce Alterman, Owners, the former **BRICKERY RESTAURANT**, ATL

Debbie Lewis, Owner and Chef, **RED SPOON BAKERY**, ATL

Robert Adler, Owner, **ERNIE'S BBQ**, Charlotte

Terry and Sara Gruber, Chefs, **FAMOUS PUDDING CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES**, ATL

Liz and Glen Gurevitch, Owners and Chefs, **SWEET MELISSA'S**, ATL

Howie Kaplan, Owner and Chef, **HOWLING WOLF**, New Orleans

Howard Schreiber, Chef and Baker, **THE HENRY AND ETTA RAYE HIRSCH CULINARY ARTS STUDIO**, ATL at the MJCCA

GUEST RABBIS AND JEWISH EDUCATORS from throughout the Southeast

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR SPOTIFY TOP CBM SONGS YET?!

Want to hear our top 18 songs from the music we play and sing in the Doris Zaban Chapel during Shabbat, in the Dining Hall and in the Chippie Amphitheater at Camp Barney? **Check out our playlist on Spotify on the CBM Website!**

Our Summer Place
Camp Barney Song

Livin' on a Prayer
Bon Jovi

Hallelujah
Leonard Cohen

Sweet Caroline
Neil Diamond

Home
Phillip Phillips

Sweet Home Alabama
Lynyrd Skynrd

Walls
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers

One Day
Matisyahu

One Tin Soldier
The Original Caste

Don't Stop Believin'
Journey

Weave Me The Sunshine
Peter, Paul & Mary

Kol Galil
Oyg Yo Yoy

Wagon Wheel
Darius Rucker

Brown Eyed Girl
Van Morrison

Avinu Shebashamayim
Israel

Shiga'on ("Let Me Tell You How To Say") Israeli

Where is the Love
Black Eyed Peas

Soul Sister
Train

BARNEYBARS... YUM!

Those tasty chocolate bars available on Sundays at Camp Barney also appear at reunions, open houses, sometimes at Bar and Bat Mitzvahs (*and for sale in our CBM office!*).

2019 FLAVORS:

- Crispie
- S'mores
- Choco-Berry Blast
- Pop Rocks
- Midnight Munch
- "Milkless" Milk Chocolate
- Caramel
- Peanut Butter Cup

A couple of these may be "retired" for next summer but maybe...

NEW IN 2020:

- Chocolate Cookie Dough
- Coffee Crunch



And New Flavors for those who are peanut/tree-nut free, dairy free, and gluten free!



"MILKLINE" COOKIES

Warm out-of-the oven cookies are served each night before bedtime along with various milks or juices or fruit (or alternative snacks for those on special diets). They're typically chocolate chip cookies.

Do you think we should add another flavor?

- Oatmeal-Cranberry Chocolate-Chocolate Chip Sugar
 Keep Just Chocolate Chip! Other _____

Email us and tell us what you think!

CAMP BARNEY FAMILY CAMP IN 2020... BETTER THAN A CRUISE!

Each Family Camp weekend begins with a beautiful Shabbat service in our spectacular Doris Zaban Chapel and ends with friendships and memories that will last until returning the following year! All the best of Camp Barney is squeezed into three fantastic days (and three really fun nights) during our **ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP** over Labor Day weekend! Families gather for activities, everything around our beach, the 1,000 ft new "Double Omega" zip line, cool crafts projects, water skiing, mountain bikes, cooking classes, yoga, tree climbing, tennis, theatre improv troupe, exotic animals, the Talent Show, family trivia night, hanging out at the Jacobs Pool and Lynne M. and Howard I. Halpern Aquatic Center, and so much more. And of course, the endless southern buffets and bar-b-ques!

LOOK FOR INFO NEXT MONTH AND JOIN US FOR OUR

➤ **40TH ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP** ◀
at Camp Barney in 2020!

(Space is limited.)



TOP TEN SPECIAL PLACES

TO DISCOVER... OR RE-DISCOVER
AT CBM IN 2020

- 1 **SAM'S DECK** — Amazing mountain and lake views!
- 2 **Soaring 1,000 ft. down the DOUBLE OMEGA!**
- 3 **EMILY'S "Zoola"** — A cabin-sized hammock.
- 4 **DORIS ZABAN CHAPEL** — Shaped like a giant Star of David & makes Shabbat at CBM so awesome.
- 5 **FOGEY'S TREEHOUSE** — 48 ft high with more amazing mountain and lake views.
- 6 **JEN'S ZEN DEN** — Special, comfy & very cool!
- 7 **OUR NEW "SENSORY CABIN"** — Calming, peaceful & also very cool.
- 8 **THE SUKKAH** — A huge deck built entirely out on Lake Wendy. Fun for fishing or just hanging out with friends.
- 9 **DOROTHY'S DECK** — The perfect place & size to hang out with friends.
- 10 **ANYWHERE AT THE BEACH!**

ANYONE TAKING MEDS AT CBM IN 2020?

Dear Parents,

The Billi and Bernie Marcus Health Center team is actively gearing up to make sure your child has a safe and healthy summer.

New this summer, we will be using Arnold Drug Co. this summer for your prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. Because our goal is the same as yours, to administer medication in the safest and most efficient manner, we request any camper who takes medication while at Camp to have it filled and packaged through our selected pharmacy. Detailed information will be coming soon and further information will be posted on the Camp Barney website under the Healthy Campers section.

We are always available to help with your specific health concerns or medical questions. Please feel free to drop us a note anytime at marcushealthcenter@campbarney.org.

On behalf of the staff of the 2020 Medical Team at Camp Barney, we look forward to caring for your child(ren) this coming summer.

— 2020 Camp Barney Medical Staff

TODAH RABAH

TO CAMP BARNEY PARENTS!

So many people are involved in the growth and success of Camp Barney Medintz, from our year-round professional team to our volunteer CBM Committee, our 400 summer staff to a myriad of guest staff, businesses, and vendors, and lots of parents. We are so grateful to each of you—Todah Rabah!

CBM COMMITTEE

Michael Rosenberg,
Chairperson

Jodi Arogeti Brown

Josh D'Agostino

Kim Dinerman

Todd Fierman

Steven Grosswald

Adam Hirsch

Debbie Jacobs

Lori Krugman

Margo Marks

Jennifer Meyerowitz

CBM PARENT REPS

Susan Lapidus,
Birmingham

Donna Askenazi,
Birmingham

Celia Nadler,
Birmingham

Ilyse Brobst,
Birmingham

Amanda Zaidman,
Charlotte

Jessica Weill, Charlotte

Rabbi Laurie Rice,
Nashville

Erin Zagnoev,
Nashville

Lisa & Brian Katz,
New Orleans

Stacey Soll, Orlando

Heidi Zissman, Orlando

Melanie Brenner,
Orlando

Dina Linfoot, Savannah

Degi Ruben, Savannah

Dana Kanfer, Tampa

Vicki Weissman, Tampa

Randee Schneider,
Palm Beach Gardens

Jennifer Buczyner,
Palm Beach Gardens





NEW & RETURNING FAMILY FUN!

SPRING OPEN HOUSES

Sundays, May 10 & 17
1:00–3:30 PM

Join us for a tour of Camp and experience fun camp activities. Bring the whole family!

RSVP requested at campbarney.org/openhouses

FIX & FUN DAY

Sunday, May 17
10:00 AM–3:30 PM

Camp families and alumni are invited to join us for our 5th annual day of preparing and playing! Leave a lasting imprint on camp with family-friendly activities like planting flowers and painting new signs. Afterward, enjoy lunch and fun camp activities like swimming, the Hurricane water slide, and Wildlife Wonders. Bring the whole family!

Stay tuned for registration details!

CBM FAMILY CAMP

September 4–7, 2020
Labor Day Weekend

Brochures and applications for our 40th annual Family Camp at Camp Barney Medintz will be available soon.

This incredibly popular event for new and returning families (and even a few grandparents!) is filled with exciting activities, delicious southern buffets, and great family fun!

Spaces fill quickly, so look out for applications coming soon!



TODAH RABAH! DON LESLIE

Our Camp Barney Administrative Director, **Don Leslie**, has been a remarkable member of our full-time CBM team for the past 14 years, after serving in a similar role at the MJCCA for 20 years. He has chosen to “slow down” and retire. Don is an exceedingly competent, engaging, kind man and colleague—we’ll miss him and we wish him all good days ahead!

Rachel Salba is our new Administrative Director, and **Courtney McCormick** is our new Assistant Administrative Director. Both of them have been at the MJCCA for years and both are so excited to be in these positions with Camp Barney. Welcome to “Our Summer Place,” Rachel and Courtney!





CAMP BARNEY RECEIVES BIG TIME GRANTS FOR 2020!



Camp Barney Medintz has recently received some awesome grants that will be appreciated as our 58th season opens this coming summer:

COMMUNITY CARE GRANT

Funded by Foundation for Jewish Camp, The Marcus Foundation, and The Ron & Lisa Brill Family Charitable Trust

This grant will support mental health professionals and staff training for mental, emotional, social, health at Camp Barney.

"SENSORY" CABIN

Funded by Foundation for Jewish Camp, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, and Gail & Lyons Heyman

This grant will fund the construction and furnishings for our new "Sensory" Cabin, a special calming place for campers to decompress and work through their emotions and reactions to certain stimuli.

It is our pleasure and our privilege to share this coming summer season with you—we wish you and your family a wonderful new year!

Jim Mittenthal, MSW
Director, Camp Barney Medintz

Camp Barney Medintz Staff

Jim Mittenthal, MSW, Director
Susan Berger, Associate Director
Dave Weinberg, Assistant Director
Michael Drucker, Operations Director

Lisa Light, Administrative Assistant
Lynn Light, Administrative Assistant
Rachel Salba, Administrative Director
Courtney McCormick, Asst. Administrative Director

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