

Camp Barney Medintz Sets Open House in Charlotte

Camp Barney Medintz, summer resident camp of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, will present an exciting new musical slide production in Charlotte on Thursday, December 6, at the Charlotte Jewish Community Center, beginning at 7:00 PM. Jim Mittenthal, Camp Director, will meet with new and returning families, answer questions pertaining to the 2002 summer camp season, and provide applications for registration.

Camp Barney Medintz is located in the North Georgia Blue Ridge mountains on over 500 wooded acres surrounding two lakes just 75 miles NE of Atlanta. According to Mr. Mittenthal, the setting facilitates dozens of exciting and unusual activities, including water skiing, hydro-tubing, sailing, the "Log Roll," canoeing, leaping off the "Blob" or soaring down the 180-foot slide, horseback riding, campouts, "zipping" 300 feet across Lake Wendy, whitewater rafting, theater, tennis, all land/court sports, batting cages, crafts, music, Israeli culture, mountain biking, swimming, climbing the adjacent Appalachian Trail and a series of high-adventure rock climbing, rappelling and ropes courses. Specific age groups may also enjoy fencing, karate,

"Shofar" sessions or scuba diving. Camp Barney Medintz, celebrating its 40th summer season, has created "a unique community that is all about adventure and self discovery, exhilarating activities and exciting events, being in a strong culturally Jewish environment with special friends, all under the supervision of a carefully selected group of mature, talented, loving and enthusiastic staff," said Mr. Mittenthal.

Camp Barney Medintz continues to develop new construction projects throughout its large and magnificent mountain facility. After recently renovating all cabins and bathrooms, the focus this year includes: new features to the Nature Center, ski docks, beachfront, the Halpern Center Gymnasium and Amphitheater, and expansion of the 15,000 sq. ft. Alterman Lodge Dining Hall.

Inquiries about the 2002 summer season are again far exceeding previous years and each of the two- and four-week sessions is likely to fill to capacity very rapidly. For more information about Camp Barney programs, Family Camps or other adventures, please call the camp office at 770-396-3250, or Camp Barney Medintz Charlotte parent representative Lisa Platock at 704-364-8513. *

Oasis

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no later than December 10 for your reservations. Luncheon and entertainment will cost \$6.00 per person.

Thursday, December 20, 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Celebrating Life at Temple Israel - We are invited to join the wonderful variety of programs offered by Celebrating Life. Lunch is included. Donations appreciated.

Friday, December 21, 1:15-2:15 PM

Rabbi Judy Schindler will speak on the "Wisdom of the Talmud."

December 24, Monday

No program due to winter holidays.

Thursday, December 27

McAdenville Holiday Tour of Lights. We will begin the evening with dinner around town, then drive through the neighborhoods enjoying the holiday lights, and finish the evening together with a winter treat. Leaving the JCC at approximately 5:00 PM, returning to the JCC around 9:00 PM. Call for your reservation today, before we fill up.

Friday, December 28, 1:15-2:15 PM

Dr. Jay Jacoby will speak on "Dybbuk," the Jewish Folk legend.

Monday, December 31, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

"Ham and Ham Bonz," - the six-member, (treif) senior comedy group will entertain us with their wits, skits and songs. *

September 11 Tragedy Has

Local Impact

Goodwill Urgently Needs Donations

Goodwill urgently needs donations of clothing, household items and used cars. Donations to Goodwill fell by 25% immediately following the September 11 tragedy. Although donations to Goodwill have rebounded some since September 11, donation volume still remains substantially below the level needed to support Goodwill's extensive retail operations. Donations are critical to Goodwill's ability to provide education and career services to people who are unemployed or under-employed. Recent layoffs from the sudden economic downturn have increased the demand for Goodwill's services by 50% over last year.

"We need the community's support now more than ever." Said Michael Elder, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont. "We urge you to support Goodwill by making a financial contribution or by donating clothing or used cars." Elder added. "At Goodwill, donations equal jobs," Elder said. Goodwill uses the revenue from the sale of donated clothing and household items to fund its education and career services for people

with disabilities and disadvantages such as welfare dependency, homelessness and lack of skills training, education or work experience.

Goodwill also needs donations of older model used cars. Goodwill's Cars for Work program matches donated used cars with low-income families who need transportation to work. Currently, Goodwill has 28 families waiting for donated cars.

Prior to the Sept. 11 tragedy, the demand for Goodwill's job training and career services was up 50% over the same period last year. "The ripple effects from the September 11 tragedy are creating an even greater demand for Goodwill's services as Elder added.

Goodwill has 39 donation drop-off sites conveniently located throughout the Southern Piedmont region of North and South Carolina including four Mecklenburg County Recycling Centers, 14 Goodwill retail stores and 21 attended donation centers.

For more information about donating to Goodwill, please visit www.goodwillsp.org, or call Goodwill at 704-372-3434. *

Al Rousso

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intertwined over the next 40 years. He was the person I could visit with when I needed fatherly advice. When I became a foster parent he called me to tell me how proud he was of me. Al was there for me at every turn of my life. I would always receive note and a check from Al when I reached a milestone in my life: Bar Mitzvah, high school and college graduation. Two weeks after I was elected he called me to his office to give me a key chain engraved with my name and title.

He led the effort to send my mother to Israel. When my mother wanted to put up a Holocaust Monument, Al Rousso paid for it out of his own pocket. He also paid for it to be moved to its present location in Marshall Park. In 1988, when my brothers and I honored our mother with a Holocaust Torah, Al was the first person to contribute to the event. The first letter written on my behalf when I ran for County Commission was done by Al Rousso. He never turned my family or me down.

With his passing Charlotte has lost a beloved citizen of Charlotte. He gave without asking in return. He loved and touched everyone who had contact with him. Charlotte will miss his down to earth style of leadership. Most important we will all miss Al's smile. *

Jewish. Try to do mitzvot, one at a time. Be proud of your accomplishments."

Finally, the fifth graders enjoy learning from Rabbi Avrohom Gordon, who has taught at CJDS for three years. A native of South Africa, Rabbi Gordon studied in Israel, Montreal, and Brooklyn. He wants to impart "a love of Judaism, the warmth and richness of Torah and mitzvot, and the world of goodness and kindness that the Torah urges us to attain." *

Young Judaea

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er. He will be speaking about enrolling in the summer 2002 Camp Judaea Programs. The board has planned an orientation for prospective campers following Ari's presentation. For more details please contact Allison Rusgo @ 704-365-2543, or wok613@carolina.rr.com. L'hiraot. *

CJDS Judaica Staff

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Jewish responsibilities with confidence. An educated Jew is a comfortable Jew, especially in our secular world."

Second Grade: Yiska Cohen

This is Yiska's seventh year at CJDS. A native of Holland, Yiska also taught for two years in the Netherlands. She was trained at Beth Rivkah Teachers' Seminary in Jerusalem. Besides adhering to the curriculum goals, Yiska strives to help her students "develop the comfort of knowing that God watches over us at all times." She finds that this concept makes "a big impression on their everyday lives."

Grades three through five offer more intensive conversational Hebrew studies, taught by Ety Abel. Ety was a kindergarten teacher in Israel for 26 years before coming to the U.S. She was educated at a special teacher train-

ing college that was run by Israel's national Department of Education. Ety's goal for her students is twofold: (1) to help them learn to converse in Hebrew and to be proud of the language; and (2) to teach the children about Israel so that they understand Jewish life and culture in that country.

Torah and prayer in grades three through six are taught by Rabbis Weiss, Cohen, and Gordon. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, who teaches third grade, has taught at CJDS since 1986. He was educated in New York, Morristown, Montreal, and Argentina. Rabbi Weiss wants his students to appreciate the beauty of Jewish life within the home. He hopes to inspire them to grow up and perpetuate Jewish tradition when they marry and have children of their own.

Rabbi Shlomo Cohen teaches fourth and fifth-grade Judaica. He has studied at yeshivas in Morristown, Miami Beach, and Brooklyn. His main message to his students is, "It's fun to be

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