

**Friends of Tranquillity  
Camp**

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ALUMNI &  
**VISITING DAY**  
July 31, 2016

## **A Message from your PRESIDENT**

***Cary Spiegel***

In a few short weeks, Tranquillity Camp will begin its 98th summer. Richie and his staff will be continuing to teach the lessons of Noblesse Oblige to all returning and new campers. The children will be exposed to numerous customs and lessons that make Camp so special to so many of us. We former campers were fortunate to gain meaningful life experiences while learning to live with one another.

We remember, celebrate and thank all who have preceded us, but most importantly, we build for Camp's future.

Our sole mission is to support Camp. To do that we need members and leaders. We encourage all parents of new campers to join our organization, whether they attended Camp as children or not. Whether you attended Camp yourself or are a parent of a camper, you are now part of the Tranquillity family. We encourage all campers and counselors to become active in Friends of Tranquillity once they are no longer spending their summers in Earlton. That is how you can give back for the wonderful experiences that you have had.

As we look forward to celebrating our first 100 years, we have launched "TY 100" for coordinated activities and fundraising efforts to sustain Tranquillity Camp as it enters its second century. We encourage all who are interested in helping our circle of dedicated volunteers to join us in our efforts. Come and have fun with us and make this a huge success!

Our two recent projects, the Infirmary expansion / renovation and the restoration of our beloved TY Barn, are well under way, thanks to meaningful and extremely generous donations from our members and their families.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, July 31st for Alumni / Visiting Day!

Wishing all of you a safe and happy summer,

*Cary*



**TY 100**

From the time I first saw Tranquillity as a 10-year-old, 55 years ago today, Tranquillity entered my blood and became part of my DNA. It has influenced me and my family like nothing else. I have written about the many ways it has done so but I have always avoided the flowery thanks to all of our volunteers, donors and camp employees. It has almost felt untoward to do so! Don't people volunteer and help from their hearts? Are obligatory expressions of thanks in this newsletter sincere enough to really express how grateful we should all be to those who give of their time, savings and effort? Or are they just words?

I have looked at many organizations like ours in trying to understand the magic that makes us different and why we need to continue for the sake of future families. I have concluded that the "secret sauce" of Tranquillity lies in the volunteers who make camp more than a business that has great employees and a great product. Surely Richie Lerner and his staff have kept the camp experience fun and special. Surely we have maintained our beautiful property and buildings with the largesse of our donor base. With all that, Camp wouldn't be Tranquillity without the involvement of our friends, alumni and parents, who volunteer all year round, whether it involves helping at camp, raising funds or creating and managing year-round events for us all. Other camps raise "takers". Parents pay the tuition and the children learn to take from the services provided. A traditional business model. Tranquillity raises "givers" and as "givers" the pool of life lessons is just so much larger for the children and for the Tranquillity families like mine to absorb.

So at its core, we need certain things to be in place just to be a camp and to have the financial sustenance for the real world requirement to pay our bills. But what we need the most is to remember that what makes us special is for all of us to volunteer, participate and help out however we can. Coming from the business world, there was a time that I would look at our substantial volunteer component as a shortcoming. I was absolutely wrong and now freely admit that our strength is in our being a family of volunteers and "givers".

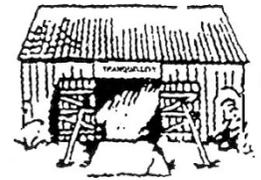
My personal thanks to our staff, my fellow Tranquillity-ites, all of whom are volunteers, and the children, for teaching me this valuable lesson, even if it took over 50 years. Here's to another great summer. See you all on Alumni Day.

How far we have come and how far we must go. Thank you all, and may our talents and effort lead to continued success.

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

*Alan*

Since Tranquillity Camp began in 1919 on through today, every boy, every girl, every counselor, every worker, every parent has become part of the Tranquillity family. A feeling of belonging, of togetherness and “esprit de corps” developed. Each generation of campers became the leaders, training the next group of campers, much like big brothers and sisters. The shows in the barn and sports center, the songs, the spirit on the ball fields and the same traditions were carried on from one year to the next. Friendships formed at TY remained solid through life. There has always been a feeling of camp pride, of being part of a unique family. Whether you belonged to the groups that Elias A. Cohen brought to his little farm in “Urlton” in the 1920’s when camp was small and camp life was simple, or whether you came in the 1930’s as Tranquillity developed from a farm to camp, or whether you came during the 1940’s when many of the children were refugees who came from the war torn countries of Europe to find peace and happiness, and learned to become Americans. Then, there were the thousands, who starting in the 1950’s and for 60 years were profoundly influenced by the wisdom and guidance of Pearl. All who have been touched by TY have become members of the Tranquillity family.



There is a magic about Tranquillity which brings people closer together. Regardless of when you went to camp, the memories of camp experiences are shared by countless generations. The Tranquillity family is spread all over the world, however, one never forgets Tranquillity. If the name is mentioned anywhere and someone recognizes it, even though the people have never met before, an instant kinship is fostered because of the common bond that is TY.

Over the decades Tranquillity has grown in size and stature. We may have more children, new and improved housing, modern facilities, etc. The essence of Tranquillity has endured as we enter our 98 th season. We continue to help those in need, whether from broken homes, financial hardships or just being able to benefit from our unique and rewarding Tranquillity experience. Once again we were able to offer scholarships to military children as our way of thanking their parents for their service to our country. It is through the efforts of the Elias A. Cohen Foundation, The Charles Cohn Foundation, The Schlang Foundation, the members of the Cohen Family and The Friends of Tranquillity Camp that we are able to help those less fortunate. Your support of Tranquillity Camp whether through financial donations or goods and services will insure that Tranquillity remains in perpetuity as was the life’s work of both Mr. Cohen and Pearl.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at TY this summer. “Alumni Day” is Sunday, July 31. Whether you are a former camper or counselor or an adopted Tranquillity-ite, spend a special day with your “Tranquillity Family”.

Best regards to you and your family.

*Richard & Sherrie*

Pearl once said: "Tranquillity is happy to have you, to give you a good time, to take care of you, to help you grow and develop into better boys and girls. In return, we only ask that you try your best to get along with one another, to live in harmony. We ask you to respect the rights of your fellow campers and counselors. We hope that you have learned the meaning of and will practice the motto, "Noblesse Oblige." Remember what it means – "because you are noble you are obliged to be noble." Above all, we want all Tranquillity-ites to learn to be leaders. We hope you will follow the fine example set to you by so many of the Alumni. It is an inspiration to me, and I hope it is to you, to see so many of the Alumni return here to the scene of the youth just to reminisce about their days at camp and to help us." Those words, written by Pearl over 40 years ago, ring as true today as they did then and all the way back to TY's first summer in 1919. Tranquillity is much more than a place where kids run and play - so much more.

Elias A. Cohen wanted Tranquillity to continue far beyond his own lifetime. All of us hope he would be proud to see how many generations of Tranquillity-ites have devoted their time and effort to ensure that every camper would remember each summer as the best one they ever had - until the next one.

Following a few years of reduced camper enrolment, Tranquillity was facing a crisis. No one would seriously think of cutting back, whether activities, food or farm. Whatever. That's just not the TY way. Instead, the word went out that TY needed help and dedicated Tranquillity-ites answered the call.

The Friends of Tranquillity Camp leadership called for volunteers, organized working groups and charged them with solving many of the issues vexing Tranquillity. TODAY. Not tomorrow. Not sometime. TODAY! Well, I am proud to say they came through! TY needed publicity. Done! TY needed to find new campers. Done! All done, with little time to accomplish their goals. That is Noblesse Oblige in action.

Elias A. Cohen wanted Tranquillity to continue far beyond his own lifetime. All of us hope he would be proud to see how many generations of Tranquillity-ites have selflessly devoted their time and effort to ensure that every camper would remember each summer as the best one they ever had - until the next one.

Tranquillity's 98<sup>th</sup> season is just around the corner. She needs your enthusiastic participation NOW MORE THAN EVER! Nothing would gladden our hearts more than cheering TY through its 100<sup>th</sup>. But. There won't be a tomorrow if we fail to take care of today. Get involved. We need your help.

Show your enduring love of all things T-Y. Don't be a "Schlemiel!" Tranquillity is calling you.

*Richard Lawrence*



# TRANQUILLITY CAMP

# TOURS



We have plenty of upcoming tour dates during the summer!

July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 24

August 6, 7, 13, 14, and 20

Please call to make an appointment or arrange for a private tour on a different date.

Contact Richard Lerner at  
(845) 638-6351 or [campy@msn.com](mailto:campy@msn.com)

## On the Marriage-Go-Round

Corey Zettler married Lindsay Kennedy  
Jaime Raider married Brett Knopf  
Kellyann Vernon married Carlos Figueroa  
Rachel Klein married Anthony Walker  
David Menis married Jessica Goldberg  
Ben Kreisman is engaged to Aly Salonger  
Samantha Robbins is engaged to Aurash Jamali  
Robbie Corbett is engaged to Jane Judson  
Nicole Morvitz is engaged to Craig Rudisuhli  
Lenny Bressler is engaged to Melissa Sieff

Michaelann Murphy married Michael Valerio  
Matt Nissenbaum married Jan Delos Santos  
Genna Himmelfarb married Behn Custard  
Whitney Phillips married Peter Seltzer  
Sami Goldman married Mike Cardell  
Michael Komel is engaged to Angela Grim  
Andrew Heitner is engaged to Melissa Perrino  
Elana Bloom is engaged to JP Schmidlein  
Lila Breindel is engaged to Tim Fanelli  
Leon Rafaliov is engaged to Elissa Cabasso

## MAZEL-GRAMS

A big “Boom Chicka Boom” to Camryn Benjamin and Tyler Mehlman on delivering the commencement addresses at Binghamton University.

Brothers and TY alums Adam & David Spiegel composed a musical inspired by their experiences at Tranquillity called *Camp Rolling Hills*, and it is being produced this summer at the New York Musical Festival at the Pearl Theatre on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to Genna Himmelfarb Custard and Samantha Feiden on completing the NYC Half Marathon.

80's camper Dorit Sasson recently published her memoir, “Accidental Soldier”, about her time in the Israeli Army.

Congratulations to Lauren Rossman on making the National Honor Society.

Congratulations to Adam Budkofsky on receiving the Faculty Award at his recent Tenakill Middle School graduation. The award is given to a student who consistently distinguish themselves in the combined areas of scholarship, leadership, and service.

## Off to the Halls of Ivy

Alexa Gold - Towson University  
Lindsay Politan - SUNY Oneonta  
Annie Potischman – SUNY Geneseo  
Jessica Seidman - Penn State University  
Lynzie Smith - University at Albany  
Ally Gruen - University at Buffalo  
Amanda Sheerin - Florida State University  
Molly Grossman - SUNY Plattsburgh  
Gwen Stark - Cornell University  
Chelsea Rotando - University of Albany  
Maille Beiderman - US Naval Academy  
Lauren Kreinces – New Hampshire University  
Jonah Karp - Syracuse University  
Ben Acker - Ohio State University  
Andrew Faber - Cornell University  
Evan Klein - Rutgers University  
Jordan Bozier – Southern New Hampshire University

Sofi Solomon - University of Michigan  
Brittany Waller - Colgate University  
Erica Greenberg - SUNY Geneseo  
Carly Chernoff - Penn State University  
Emma Walas - University of Rhode Island  
Ashley Guglielmo - Towson University  
Brianna Breger - Nassau Community College  
Allison Stachel -Chapman University  
Sydney Sharpe - SUNY Cortland  
Sam Berger - Cornell University  
Phoebe Davidson - Temple University  
Adelaide Feigenbaum – University of Vermont  
Max Eagle - Temple University  
Ethan Katz - Ohio State University  
Willie Zuckerberg - Cornell University  
Matt Panzer - Northeastern University  
Jeremy Werner – Ithaca College

# Off to the Real World – University Graduates

Dani Gugliemo – Universtiy at Buffalo  
Hannah Grossman – University at Buffalo  
Simone Oziel – SUNY Cortland  
Michelle Kopec – SUNY Cortland  
Erica Kassler – Binghamton University  
Tyler Mehlman – Binghamton University  
Adam Goldstein – Lehigh University  
Jennifer Greenberg – SUNY Plattsburgh  
Zach Goldberg – SUNY Geneseo  
Russell Schneider – SUNY Oswego  
Jenna Blackman – SUNY Oneonta  
Brian Kaplan – University of Central Florida  
Alexa Melhman – Indiana University  
Amy Horenstein – Boston University  
Julia Mehlman – Brooklyn Law  
Sara Levy – Rowan University  
Abraham Feigenbaum – Montana State University  
Gabe Skoletsky – Hamilton College  
William Raphaelson – Masters at Brown University

Samantha Levine – University at Buffalo  
Jamie Blistein – University at Buffalo  
Danielle Sheerin – SUNY Cortland  
Jen Kopec – SUNY Cortland  
Rachel Klein Walker – Binghamton University  
Danny Mogel – Binghamton University  
Sarah Cantos – SUNY Plattsburgh  
Marissa Seslowsky – Colgate University  
Joe Potischman – SUNY Geneseo  
Sami Aizer – SUNY Oswego  
Ryan March – SUNY New Paltz  
Melissa Weinberg – Briarcliffe College  
Chelsea Melhman – Tulane University  
Derek Schear – New York University  
Ali Kaufman – University of Miami  
Morgan Markbreiter – American University  
Sarah Scott – Georgia College  
Jenna Goldberg – MBA at Fordham University  
Rebecca Lawrence – Masters at Rollins College

## Get Well Soon

Ben Kreisman

Harold Weinman

Alan Newmark

Mitchell “Boomer” Blumenthal

## Future Tranquility -ites

Congratulations to Becky and Ira Altman on their newborn, Emily Joy Altman.

Congratulations to Geoffrey Janer and his wife Maritza on their newborn, Xavier. Very proud Grandparents, Cheryl and Irwin.

Congratulations to Isaac Brody and his wife Becca on their newborn, Donny.

Congratulations to Josh Levitt and his wife Robin on their newborn, Eli.

Congratulations to Frank Goldberg and his wife Diane on their newborn, Willow Sage Goldberg.

Congratulations to Nicole Kleinert and her husband Brian on their newborn, Madison.

Congratulations to William Marin (Chilly Willy) and his wife Beth on their newborn, Dylan.

Congratulations to Seth Lindenman and his wife Marci on their newborn, Spencer.

Congratulations to Mark Mirksy and his family on their first grandchild, Malcolm.

Congratulations to Eitan Goldenberg and his wife Tina on their newborn, Maya Rose.

# In Memoriam

Ron Miller – passed away on January 23, 2016. Ron was a camper and counselor in the 50's. He is survived by Nan Isaacson Windmueller. In addition to his wife, Miller leaves his daughter, Julie, his son, Matthew, his brother, Herbert, along with nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

# Memorial Bricks

Engraved Bricks are currently being sold to help support Tranquillity Camp. Bricks can be engraved to honor your family, Alumni members, and current campers and will be placed around Pearl C. Miller's Memorial Tree.

Bricks are available in two sizes, at two donation levels. There is a 4" x 8" brick, which can be personalized with 3 lines of text with 13 letters per line. These bricks require a minimum donation of \$100. The larger brick is 8" x 8" and will support 5 lines of text, and will require a minimum donation of \$500. Please add to this project and help support Tranquillity.

If you wish to purchase a brick to add to the walk, please print out a form from TYCamp.com, or contact Richard Lerner. Pearl's Memorial Walk is located in front of the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center and currently has over 100 Tranquillity personalized bricks.

The terms of the following Board Members expire with this Annual Meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The Board of Directors is pleased to nominate them for re-election:

## OFFICERS

Nominated for a term of one year

Chairman – Alan B. Abramson    President – Cary Spiegel  
Vice President – Ira Altman    Vice President – Stacy Budkofsy    Vice President – Wendy Seslowsky  
Recording Secretary – Wendi Weinman    Corresponding Secretary – Brittney Scott  
Treasurer – Alan Newmark  
Co-Comptroller – Paul Cohen    Co-Comptroller - Larry Brown

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Re-nominated for a 3-year term (expires 2019)

Harold Weinman	Paul Cohen	Marc Cohn	Sarah Lawrence
Richard Lerner	Brittney Scott	Elisa Spiegel	Ellen Gerson
Lorne Greene			

The above slate of Officers for the years of 2016-17 and Directors for the 3-year term ending in 2019 has been proposed by the Board of Directors, which recommends a favorable vote. In order to propose any additions or changes for consideration by the membership, a petition containing 25 signatures of Members in Good Standing must be received at Friends of Tranquillity Camp, PO Box 378, Woodmere, NY 11598-0378 by July 1, 2016.

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**Upcoming Events**

June 29, 2016 – First Day of Camp  
July 31, 2016 – Visiting Day