

# Friends of Tranquillity Camp

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*Wishing the Tranquillity family a fun-filled season  
as we approach our 104<sup>th</sup> summer in Earleton!*

Tranquillity Camp means so much to so many. For over 100 years, campers and their families have benefited from the Tranquillity Camp experience, calling camp their cherished SUMMER HOME!

**S**kies so blue, Grass so green

**U**nique approach to the camp experience

**M**usic Sweet resounds afar, above the trees, above the pine-tipped forest tall.

**M**otto - Noblesse Oblige

**E**very summer is the Best. Summer. Ever.

**R**eminiscing about the good times, great memories, and even better people.

**H**enry and Pearl C. Miller were the backbone of camp for many years and loved by all.

**O**pen to all children and there to help those in need for over 100 years!

**M**embership – YOU belong to the Tranquillity Family for life!

**E**arlton, New York 12058

Friends of Tranquillity Camp exists to give Tranquillity Camp the financial support it needs to continue to fulfill its mission of giving its campers an amazing summer experience. To do that, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

This summer, camp will be assisting several children of Ukrainian backgrounds by giving them a few weeks of respite from the horrific situation their families are living through. Friends of Tranquillity Camp has pledged to assist with providing these children with the support to be able to come to camp without having the financial burden of tuition. Please help us reach our goal by donating to our Ukrainian Scholarship Fund. Any amount is welcomed and makes a difference.

Friends of Tranquillity Camp appreciates your continued generosity and membership. We could not fulfill our mission without you. Whether you volunteer, spread the word to others about camp, or give financially, you are valued immensely.

If you would like to get involved or have ideas for assisting Friends of Tranquillity Camp in fulfilling its mission, please feel free to get in touch with us. We Welcome You!

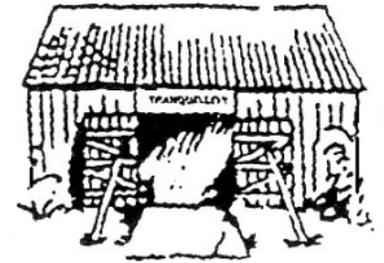
Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

*Stacy (Cohen) Budkofsky*

President, Friends of Tranquillity Camp

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Excitement is in the air! In just a few short weeks, Tranquillity Camp will open its doors for its 104<sup>th</sup> summer. Camp has quickly transitioned from its winter hibernation to grass so green and skies so blue for another amazing summer. Since Elias A. Cohen founded Tranquillity Camp in 1919, our mission has been to bring children to our camp in upstate New York to share in a unique and rewarding experience. The campers attending this summer join a family of thousands of Tranquillity-ites.



From ten acres and a few small houses, we now have over one thousand acres, dozens of houses, first-rate facilities such as the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center and theater, the dining room, the arts and crafts house, etc. We have an amazing array of activities: pools, mini-golf, street hockey, soccer, tennis, gaga, low-ropes challenge course, fishing, boating, an 80-foot traverse climbing wall, and on and on.

All these enhancements to TY have been made possible by generous donations by the Cohen, Cohn, Lawrence and Schlang families and our Alumni. As a not-for-profit organization, we rely on the kindness and generosity of those whose lives have been touched by Tranquillity. Now more than ever, children need camp. Making lifetime friendships, social interaction, physical activities, and a sense of accomplishment are key to their well-being. Isolation caused by Covid-19, as well as the global and national tragedies that are occurring, all too often have taken its toll on our most prized possessions, our children.

Without the tireless efforts of the Friends of Tranquillity Camp (our Alumni organization), many of these children would not be able to share in the Tranquillity Camp experience. Please continue to support us in whatever way possible. Whether through your financial assistance or donated goods and services, we rely on your help.

This summer we have a number of children of Ukrainian decent whose grandparents and relatives are still in the Ukraine. Many of you are aware that we have established a Ukrainian Scholarship Fund. As refugees arrive, we will do our best to offer them some comfort and normalcy by providing scholarships to their children so they may spend their summer at Tranquillity at no cost.

On behalf of the children of Tranquillity Camp we would like to thank all those countless people who over the many years have given their time, generosity and dedication to the perpetuity of Tranquillity Camp, as was E.A Cohen's and Pearl Miller's wish.

We look forward to 2023, when we can once again return to in-person events, Memorial Day Weekend and Alumni Weekend. Until then, we wish good health and happiness to you and your family.

Warmest regards,

*Richard & Sherrie*

## *Cheryl's Pearls of Wisdom...A Message from the Cohen Family*

Love is the word of the day – love of all things Tranquillity Camp, of course. It forever unites and binds each of us together in peace and harmony. We can collectively close our eyes and envision ourselves or our families and friends running around camp enjoying everything it has to offer. We can conjure up incredible memories – knowing we learned and experienced those magnificent memories at camp, and they shaped us into the awe-inspiring people we are now.

Love is knowing we are fortunate to call Tranquillity Camp our second home. Even if you never went there as a camper, you will always be a special part of the Tranquillity Family and Friends. Because without you, the challenge of getting everything done would have been impossible. You hold the wonders of camp in your hearts because you recognize how much Tranquillity means to you and so many people.

Love is knowing when you put all the principles you have learned into practice, you become the embodiment of Noblesse Oblige — everything from telling others about camp to recruiting future campers, raising money, volunteering at TY events, and even making donations are all instances of noble actions. So many have been working tirelessly to ensure the future of Tranquillity remains bright for many years to come. We should all be proud of the results of our collective efforts.

Love is the anticipation of watching the children each summer enjoy everything Tranquillity Camp. You see, I am blessed to have been a camper, counselor, and head counselor. I was then lucky to send my two sons to camp. Now, Geoffrey and Robby's contemporaries have started sending their children to camp – yet another generation learning, growing, and experiencing the joys of what camp brings to each of us. Within the next year or two, I am hopeful to see my grandkids in camp. Knowing we can all pass down our fond memories onto future generations is certainly heartwarming.

Love is the awareness that Summer 2022 is rapidly approaching, and we genuinely hope all the children who come this summer will have an amazing time, creating lots of incredible memories, bonding with new and old friends, learning valuable life lessons, and so much more. They will be able to do so because some of you have gone above and beyond to ensure a successful summer for them. There are still ways you can help, and there is still time to help. It is never too late to support Tranquillity, and any assistance you can provide is sincerely appreciated.

Love is being able to extend my warm wishes and thoughts to this year's campers and staff. May this year be filled with dreams coming true for our campers, staff, friends, and family at Tranquillity Camp – our magical place. It is not only beautiful but it's also spiritual and it provides a sense of serenity, love, and acceptance, among other things. May everyone attending this year have a wonderful summer.

Love is the joyous feeling of knowing I can thank all of you for doing everything you do to help year after year. Always know, I wish each of you all best in life. May your lives, your families, and your friends forever find faith, love, and tranquility, so your heart fills with happiness. Please know that no matter where I am, I am forever grateful to the many of you who shaped and influenced my life. I am truly blessed to know so many of you and look forward to getting to know those of you who I do not know as well.

Love Always,  
Cheryl Lynn Schwartz Janer

Dear Friends,

Tranquillity Camp is excitedly preparing for the summer of 2022! Campers and counselors are counting down the days to return to Earlton. Richie, Sherrie, Ira, Cheryl, and Wendy are busy preparing for their arrival.

As much as we hoped Covid-19 would be in our rear-view mirror, there are still restrictions and procedures required to assure a safe environment for campers and staff. Once again, this summer there will be no visiting day. We are not yet able to return to our yearly Alumni Day celebration where we welcomed returning alumni and friends from the many decades of Tranquillity, but we are hopeful that we will be able to return to normal visitation next year.

The Board of Friends of Tranquillity Camp has been hard at work supporting the programs and campers throughout these tough years and look forward to returning to in-person events soon.

A few months ago, we started a scholarship fund for displaced Ukrainian children. Tranquillity has a rich history of welcoming kids from war-torn countries. Richie has been in contact with several families, and some of them have enrolled in camp for the summer, with the help of your generous donations. Since we started talking about this fund, the old T-Y “international” song has been going through the memory banks of many of us for welcoming these new campers. “And though there’s a difference in language, a smile we can all understand.” I am urging all of you who can to contribute to this fund. It is part of our Tranquillity heritage.

We look forward to hearing new camp stories celebrating the summer of 2022 and can’t wait to see you all in person again.

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

*Cary*

Cary Spiegel  
Chairman, Friends of Tranquillity Camp

### **Did you know...**

You can support TY by using **AmazonSmile** ...when amazon shoppers switch to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose **Friends of Tranquillity Camp**, TY will get a percentage of every purchase.

The Amazon Smile logo consists of the word "amazon" in black with a curved arrow underneath it, and the word "smile" in white on an orange background below it.



# MAZEL-GRAMS

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## On the Marriage-Go-Round

**Adam Spiegel** married Julia McCarthy on June 12, 2022. Proud parents Cary and Lisa Spiegel and brothers Eric and David.

**Marisa Seslowsky** will marry Michael Rivera on July 3, 2022 at the Rainforests in Puerto Rico. Proud parents Cheryl Seslowsky and Regina and Jose Rivera from Huntington. Marisa and her sister Abygail and brother Tommy, aunt Wendy, uncles Alan and Eddie, and her grandma Helaine and grandpa Harvey all went to Tranquillity as campers and counselors.

**Jackie Soloff**, great-granddaughter of TY Couple Dr. Harold and Adelaide Daniels, daughter of TY alumnus Stacey Feigenbaum Soloff and granddaughter of TY alumnus and camp nurse Stefani Daniels, is engaged to Mark Lesorgen. The couple live in Hoboken, and a December wedding is planned in Boca Raton, FL.

**Sherry & Mel Kenduck** are happy to announce the upcoming wedding on November 10, 2022, of their daughter Wendy Kenduck to Robert Glasgow, mother and father of our grandson and TY Camper Austin Glasgow.

**Brian Kaplan** married **Amanda Elwart**, former Tranquillity Camp nurse, on May 22, 2022.

## Off to the Halls of Ivy

**Daniel Menis** is off to halls of ivy at the University of Rochester.

Congratulations to **Parker Siegel** on his acceptance to the University of Florida. Go Gators!

**Raquel Bergfeld** is off to the halls of ivy at SUNY Cortland.

## Future Tranquility-ites

Congratulations to **Geoffrey and Maritza Janer** on the birth of their daughter Natalia, making them a family of five with Xavier and Jacob welcoming her into the family. Grandma Cheryl and Poppy Irwin are delighted to be grandparents again.

Congratulations to **Robert and Davita Janer** on the birth of their second daughter, Elizabeth. Sarah is happy to have a sister. Grandma Cheryl and Poppy Irwin are happy to now have 5 grandchildren.

**Andrew and Alicia Gorman** welcomed baby girl Harleigh Brooklyn, Born October 30, 2021. Big brother Peter is very excited.

**Evan and Kara (Werner) Franco** announce the birth of their son, Atlas Abraham Franco, on November 3, 2021.

## Glad You're on the Road to Recovery!

Sending well wishes to **Robin Newmark**. Get well soon!

Wishing **Rita Stein** continued recovery from cancer.

Get well soon, **Liz Raifman**!

Wishing **Joey Smith** a quick recovery from surgery!

## Three Loud “Yays”

Happy 80th birthdays to **Paul Cohen, Harold Weinman** and **Barry Zirkin**.

**Tommy Seslowsky** is graduating from Rensselaer Polytech institute and will start working at IBM in Troy, NY, where he interned last summer and has now been offered a full-time job. Proud grandma Helaine, mother Cheryl, sisters Abygail and Marisa, aunt Wendy, and uncles Eddie and Alan all went to Tranquillity Camp.

**Delilah Frieman** was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Merrick Jewish Centre on March 12, 2022. Family and friends, including her TY bunk mates, were there to celebrate with her.

Congratulations to **Emily Garten** on her graduation from University of Delaware.

**Nate Bergfeld** created a fundraiser to help a small village in Uganda of about 2,000 Abudaya Jews. They were able to purchase educational supplies, uniforms, and food for the students with the money that Nate raised. Nate became interested in the Abudaya Jews when he saw a social media post of them lighting the menorah during Hanukkah. He did his research and made a strong connection with one of their leaders, who has now become a friend. Nate hopes he will have the opportunity to visit and meet them in person someday. The children of the village personally thanked Nate on video and refer to him as ‘Brother Bergfeld’.

Congratulations to **Janie and Marvin Ronik** on their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Matthew Menis** graduated Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering on Memorial Day weekend. He will continue on at Cornell for a Masters in Engineering Management.

Congratulations to **Ari Bergfeld** on graduating from University at Albany!

Congratulations to **Lev Bergfeld** on graduating from Binghamton University!

# In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we are informing you about the passing of **George Faber**. We send heartfelt condolences to his loving wife Shelly, his children Marcia Faber, Glen and Christina Faber, Robin and Billy Paola, and Michelle and Judd Davis, his sisters Eda Lang and Judy Karp, and his many grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was a track and field standout at NYU when Pearl hired George as head counselor in the early 1950's. He was there when The Tranquillity Alumni (now the Friends of Tranquillity Camp) was created and served on the Board of Directors for several decades.

George was the first of the Faber family to attend Tranquillity Camp, followed by his cousin, and Friends of TY Chairman Emeritus, Harold Weinman, as well as many others from generations of the Faber/Weinman/Hirsch/Karp family. He will be fondly remembered for his ardent support of Tranquillity Camp, his warm smile, and the bright green jacket he proudly wore to Banquet for many years.

We are sad to announce the passing of **Barbara Goldberg**, beloved mother of Susan, Linda & Roy. Adored grandmother of Doug & Trisha Lerner, Vincent & Tracy (Lerner) Reina, Kaylee & Seth McBrayer, and Dana Gardner. Cherished great-grandmother to Ella, Adam, Charlie, Vincent & Salem.

We are sad to share the news of the passing of **Albert Weller**, husband of 58 years to Helene Weller and father of Stacy Weller Ranieri and Holly Weller Jordan.

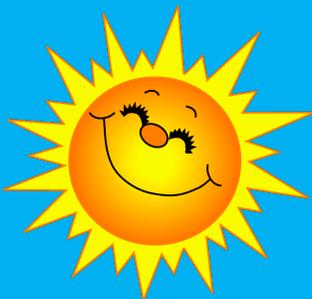
**Stanley Taub**, father of Elissa Taub Forman and Debbie Taub-Caffrey has passed away at the age of 82. Grandchildren Michelle Forman Golden and Jason Forman, Alexa Caffrey and Samantha Caffrey and great-granddaughter Emma Rose Golden.

Dina Hart's mother-in-law, **Barbara Hart**, passed away at 98 years old on 1/3/22.

**Florence Kasakove**, mother of David, Roy and the late Peter, passed away at 93 years old on 2/21/22.

**Ivan Gerson**, beloved brother of Ellen and Andy Gerson, passed away last summer. Brother-in-law of Tibor Feldman and uncle of Aaron and Harris Feldman.

## Sunshine Greeting Cards



The Friends of Tranquillity Camp continues to offer **Sunshine Greeting Cards** for all occasions. Cards can be sent in honor of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, and many other occasions. Cards are also available for sympathy and remembrance available for a minimum donation of \$18 at [FriendsofTY.org](http://FriendsofTY.org)

## SUMMER 2022

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