

Friends of Tranquillity Camp **ECHO**

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Happy New Year!

Wishing the Tranquillity family a
happy and healthy 2023!

A Message from your President

Stacy Budkofsky

Every day we make connections. Connections to people, places, experiences and more. Some of those connections are brief and serve a purpose: a check-out clerk at a store, a server at a restaurant, a driver taking you to the airport. Some of your connections are more long-lasting: your hairdresser, your dentist, the crossing guard at your child's school. You see these people on a regular basis and you have only a surface relationship with them. Some of those connections last even longer, like friends that you make in school or camp that you take with you and that can help shape your life.

I would categorize camp and camp friends in that "lasting longer" category. Camp hits all three of the ways we make most of our connections; the people, the place, and the experiences. It's this trifecta that makes the difference as for how deep our connections go.

I have been reconnecting with my camp friends more over the last few years, reaching out when I am in their areas, making an effort to see them if they are in mine, having zoom calls when we can't find the time or when the distance is too far to be in the same room, and it's been GREAT! We always say that when we get together it's like no time has passed. There is no friend like a camp friend. We just "get each other." Even if it's been a while since we last saw each other or spoke, we just pick up where we left off. Pick up with the laughter, the stories, the caring, and the deep understanding of one another that only comes from those shared connections we had as children who lived together for summers at camp. It continues now that we are adults. We truly care about one another. We root for each other, support each other, take interest in each other's families, even in some cases where we may have never met their children or spouses, and continue that connection on many levels.

Tranquillity Camp has been the axis and base on which my camp friendships have formed and remained. Each summer that I'm able to get to camp I am reminded of the great friends and great times I had in such a unique place. And then I get to be an observer of the same connections happening in real-time with the campers and staff that are in camp each summer. They may not realize it at the time, but they are forming the deep connections that I was so fortunate to create when I was in camp. There were so many before me who had the same fortune and it's comforting to know that there are, and will be, many more after me as well.

Knowing this motivates me to continue with the work I do for Friends of Tranquillity Camp and in turn for Tranquillity Camp. I know that many of you feel the same way about your camp friends. When you think about those feelings, hopefully it makes you want to help to continue that for the many campers yet to come. Your donations allow for the Tranquillity campers of the present and future to be able to have what we already do...great experiences in a great place with great forever friends.

Please help us support these priceless connections. Give what you can and when you can. Any amount is appreciated and means so much.

We hope you will be able to join us at our exciting upcoming in-person events. Announcements about them are coming soon. In the meantime, please consider giving to our Annual Fund. Please see the details on one of the following pages of all the different ways you can give kids the gift of lifetime!

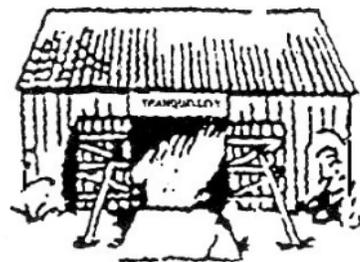
If you would like to reach me for any reason, please feel free to email me at sta.bud@icloud.com I am always happy to hear from members of the Tranquillity Family!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Stacy (Cohen) Budkofsky

President, Friends of Tranquillity Camp

Congratulations to the Friends of Tranquillity Camp on its 70th anniversary. In 1952, Al Rukin, Abe Berson, Nat Menis, and Leo Skolnick all former campers and counselors conceived the idea of ,The Tranquillity Alumni to help TY carry on after the untimely passing of camp's beloved founder Elias A. Cohen. They took their idea to Tranquillity's Directress Pearl C. Miller -- and so the Alumni was born. Their devotion to Pearl, along with their dedication, perseverance, and hard work cannot be minimized.



Over the last seventy years, the Alumni, along with the Elias A. Cohen Foundation, Richard Lawrence and Family, The Charles Cohn Foundation, The Schlang Foundation, have all been instrumental in many of the projects at our beautiful camp. The dining room, the pools, the arts and crafts house, Overlook Lane, Frindel Lane, the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center, and the Hills to name a few, were all endeavors that would not have been possible without the Alumni's efforts. Their continued support allows us to flourish as we strive to maintain our status as a premier sleepaway camp with modern facilities and an amazing and dedicated, group of counselors and CITs.

2022 was a rewarding and memorable experience for everyone who shared all or part of their summer at TY. The pandemic was a challenge, compelling us to adapt to keep everyone safe. We can proudly say that in the summer of 2022, TY was "Covid-Free". We owe the success of the summer to an incredible staff of young women and men that showed us all the true meaning of "Noblesse Oblige".

Tranquillity Camp adheres to its original mission as set forth by Elias A. Cohen, to help those less fortunate. Tranquillity continues to offer children an amazing summer home away from the difficulties so many families face, regardless of their ability to pay even our modest fees. This past summer we had four Ukrainian children, one newly arrived in the USA and three with grandparents still in Kiev, all who came to TY on scholarship. Our campers and staff greeted them with open arms, and they quickly became part of the "TY Family". With your help, we will plan to continue and expand the program this summer.

As we make preparations for our 105th summer, we look forward to welcoming our parents and alumni to Visiting Day on Sunday, July 30, 2023. Our first Visiting Day in 3 years! A perfect day to visit with campers, staff, family, and friends.

Warmest regards to you and your family for a healthy and happy new year.

Richard & Sherrie

Cheryl's Pearls of Wisdom....M Message From the Cohen Family

We occasionally read something that turns out to teach us a valuable lesson we had never given much thought to. Sometimes it appears in the form of a quote, news item, or even poetry. This below poem was just shared with me by my cousin Richard and, after reading it, I immediately recognized how accurate it was and how much of an impact it had on the way I thought about things. Since it is undoubtedly relevant when considering camp, I have chosen to share it with you.

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*This is a story told about four people named
Somebody, Everybody, Anybody, and Nobody.*

There was one important job to be done.

*Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, but Nobody did it
Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job.*

Everybody thought Anybody could do it

Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it

*It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when
Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*

Every now and again, we make the error of expecting "Somebody" to always be there to assist with tasks like camper recruitment, fund raising donations, etc. But this is erroneous logic, and it is something of the biggest significance that ought to guide our thoughts, especially when it comes to camp. We cannot rely on anyone else to ensure Tranquillity's future prosperity, thus it is up to us all.

We need to be the Everybody who goes above and beyond to assure success. If you are reading this article, then Camp and its success are important to you. Therefore — let's find a way to make things go smoothly. Let's band together and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the continuation of Tranquillity Camp. Let's not presume — somebody else will be able to do everything for as the adage goes it takes a village to keep camp going, not an individual person — there is just too much that needs to be done.

There are many things we can do, even if they are not just financial. There are many other things you can do to help - for example, talking about camp and telling your family and friends about it is a significant part of what Tranquillity needs for a successful future. You are our finest advocates because you have attended camp or perhaps someone in your family has done so. You are fully aware of how amazing, enchanting, and inspiring TY is and how profoundly it influences so many lives in a positive way.

The poem's lessons are not only for summer camp; they apply to all facets of life. I no longer rely on other people to take charge and act in accordance with what is right or what must be done. I'm making every effort to handle things on my own. Naturally, there will be times when I need assistance based on the task, but I will no longer automatically assume that others will do something of importance that needs to be done.

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 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

A Message from your Chairman

Cary Spiegel

Dear Friends of Tranquillity Camp,

We hope you and your families are well and celebrated a joyous Thanksgiving.

We are celebrating the 70th Anniversary of The Friends of Tranquillity Camp!

The “Friends of Tranquillity Camp”, formerly known as the “Tranquillity Alumni”, was founded by former campers and counselors to support Tranquillity after the passing of Elias A. Cohen. Along with the Cohen family, this special group came forward to help Pearl C. Miller further Mr. Cohen’s dream of a summer haven for deserving children, and to show their appreciation and gratitude for what Mr. Cohen did for them, for the joy he brought into their lives by carrying this spirit to the next generation of Tranquillity-ites. Over the years, the Alumni/Friends of Tranquillity Camp’s mission has helped Tranquillity grow and thrive.

As many of you know, Tranquillity Camp was open for campers in 2022. The campers were thrilled to be able to be together with their counselors and friends, enjoying themselves at their summer home away from home. Summer 2022 was a great success all around. Richie, Sherrie, Ira, Cheryl, Wendy, and the staff did an outstanding job of planning and providing a healthy and fun summer for all.

Planning for the Summer of 2023 is under way. We are looking forward to another successful summer, more in line with activities of the pre-2020 era, with more schedule flexibility for campers and counselors and the return of Alumni Day. If any of you know of parents and children interested in attending Camp, please put them in touch with Richie.

We are well into our end-of-year drive for the Annual Fund. This year we started an online journal, giving all of you the opportunity to present your own stories and pictures telling of your relationship with Tranquillity. Please encourage your friends to participate as well.

We are finally able to start scheduling in-person gatherings again. We are committed to expanding our opportunities to gather old friends. This fall our younger generation met each other at a successful bar night in Manhattan. Other events are being planned, and we hope you will join in.

Thank you again for all you have done for Camp in the past and thank you in advance for all your future contributions. We hope to see you at the Florida Luncheon on February 5th, and at Camp for Alumni Day/Visiting Day on July 30th, 11am-4pm.

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,



Cary Spiegel
Chairman of the Board



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**Friends of Tranquillity Camp
Annual Luncheon**

Sunday, February 5, 2023

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Friends of Tranquillity Camp 70th Anniversary Journal

Please support our Annual Fund with a page in our new Interactive Journal!

This fabulous NEW 2022 Journal will be published on-line and will include many creative and interactive opportunities for you and your family to enjoy. We encourage you to sponsor a page or a business ad and help us make this innovative new format fun and engaging.

We are relying on your generosity and desire to keep Camp thriving -- not just for those already touched by Camp, but for those who we hope will be part of Camp's future.

That's why we are asking you, please, to give back in any way you can. If you are able, donate generously. Your tax-deductible donations are the most impactful way to show your appreciation for everything that Tranquillity means to you and your family.

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Menuchah

Since 1934, Tranquillity Camp has recognized those who have demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond, assisting TY in all its noble endeavors. Sometimes the award is given to a counselor or alumnus, or it may go to an adopted Tranquillity-ite. The award is a pin with the word Menuchah on it. The Menuchah Society includes just over 100 members and reads like a “Who’s Who” of Tranquillity Camp - a veritable Hall of Fame.

This year at Banquet, we were honored to present the Menuchah Award to three deserving young women.

Julie Gorel has returned the last few summers as she is studying at Ithaca College and led TY House in spectacular fashion.

Brooke Waller, who attends Tulane University has been the Head of the PC’s girls and runs the pools and lake as our Aquatics Director the last few years.

Zoe Alpert who studies at SUNY Binghamton has met every challenge there is in leading the Overlook girls these last few years.

All three of these ladies add so much to Tranquillity and go above and beyond each year and show the true spirit of Noblesse Oblige. Not only are they great Tranquillity-ites but they are best friends.



We could not have been more overjoyed to award Menuchah to Julie, Brooke and Zoe and welcome them into this very select club. **Congratulations!**

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On the Marriage-Go-Round

Sherry & Mel Kenduck are proud to announce the marriage of Wendy Kenduck and Robert Glasgow, parents of TY camper Austin Glasgow, on November 10, 2022, in Spring Lake, NJ.

Congratulations to Rachel Friedman and Reid Packer who were married on October 22, 2022 at The Muttontown Club in East Norwich, NY

Jackie Soloff is engaged to Mark Lesorgen and an April wedding is planned.

Sophie Soloff is engaged to Sam Katz and an October wedding is planned.

Caroline Masia is engaged to Zachry Dimond. Wedding will take place in June of 2023. Caroline is the daughter of Bruce Masia who was a past camper and CIT for many years. Caroline's sister Ali also attended camp for many years.

Michael Penn former camper is engaged to Rachel Gottlieb. Wedding will be in June 2023.

Future Tranquility-ites

Aaron Feldman and wife Petra welcomed baby boy, Flynn. Grandparents Ellen Gerson and Tibor Feldman and Uncle Harris Feldman are thrilled.

Jillian Nechamkin (Malkis) and husband Bill welcomed baby girl Daphne Joy on October 26, 2022. Big sister Maisie is very excited.

Laura (Cohen) and John Cromwell became grandparents as their daughter Sarah and husband Ari Goldstein welcomed baby Adam. Ecstatic great grandma Ronnie Cohen.

Max Feigenbaum and Brina Kelly announce the arrival of Shay Rowin, great-great-granddaughter of TY couple Dr. Harold and Adelaide Daniels, great granddaughter of Stefani Daniels and granddaughter of Mitchell Feigenbaum. The next generation of TY Campers are in the wings!

Glad You're on the Road to Recovery!

Sending well wishes to Robin Diamant. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

Sending well wishes to Joey Smith during your recovery!

Three Loud "Yays"

Congratulations to Clio Schwartz who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah was September. She did a great job and celebrated with many of her Tranquillity friends.

Congratulations to Zac Gershberg, son of Jay Gershberg, on writing a book titled "Paradox of Democracy".

Congratulations to Lexi and Roxy Goldberg celebrated their B'Not Mitzvah on October 8th, 2022.

Congratulations to Jill Faber on receiving her Doctorate in Education from the University of Louisiana!

In Memoriam

Condolences to Robert Meyers, Glenn Meyers Rodriguez and Sharon Meyers Rotmensz, former campers and counselors in the '70's & '80's, and Allan Meyers on the passing of their mother and wife of 61 years Adrienne Meyers.

Condolences on the passing of Marc (Boog) Powell - a camper and counselor in the '70s - early '80s. He was a dear friend to all and will be remembered with reverence for the bonds of friendships in camp were strong for all who knew him.

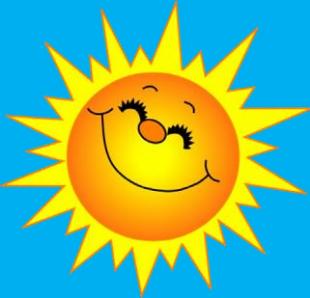
Ellen Carole Berson, beloved wife of camper-counselor Jeffrey Berson passed away on May 16, 2022, after a 6 year battle with cancer. She was an educator in the N.Y.C. Public School, an active tennis player and loved visiting Tranquillity Camp on Visiting Day.

Condolences to the Ganson family on the loss of Dr. John Ganson, father-in-law of Staci Weinman-Ganson, father of Jared Ganson adoring grandfather of campers Lyla and Hannah Ganson.

Condolences on the passing of Lester Login, husband of the late Rita, father of former campers Andy and Carol.

Condolences to former camper and counselor Lisa Goorfin Hindin, husband Gary, their 2 sons, sister Dana also a former camper, and father Shelly, on the passing of their beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and wife, Sandy. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

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 remembrances. Cards are available for a minimum donation of \$18. For more information or to order cards, Email **Beth Mindes**: bethstaci@gmail.com or visit the **Friends of Tranquillity** website: www.friendsofsofty.org

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June 28 – August 15



Session 1 (4 Weeks)
June 28 – July 25

Session 2 (3 Weeks)
July 26 – August 15



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