



# Friends of Tranquillity Camp ECHO

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**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY,  
TRANQUILLITY CAMP!**

**CELEBRATE WITH US @  
CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB  
NOVEMBER 23, 2019**

To All Friends of Tranquillity Camp!

For those who don't know me, I have been involved with Tranquillity Camp for over 40 years, beginning from the age of 6 when my parents sent me to camp for the first time. My father is a former camper who went to camp in the 50's and my children have attended camp for the last 10+ years as campers and now as staff. Our love for Tranquillity spans over 3 generations of my family and has included my sister and her children and extended family and friends. My family has always been involved with camp in some way, including my parents being on the Alumni Board when it was still called the Alumni. 😊

I couldn't be more excited to be writing my first "presidential" letter to you all, coming off the 100<sup>th</sup> summer of camp, in this Fall 2018 Friends of Tranquillity Camp Echo! What an honor to be the first woman president of Friends of Tranquillity Camp and to represent this fabulous organization filled with dedicated volunteers who want nothing but to see camp survive and thrive for another 100 years. I am proud to be leading this team into the future.

What an amazing summer it was for both Tranquillity Camp and the Friends of Tranquillity Camp! The 100<sup>th</sup> Summer Celebration went off without a hitch and was a wonderful collaboration between Tranquillity Camp and Friends of Tranquillity Camp, seamlessly working together to make sure all of our 600+ guests had a great evening at the Gala, and that the other weekend activities were centered around connecting both old friends and new. What a great success in all departments!

For those of you who were there, you know the amazing feeling of connectedness that was experienced by all who attended... a connectedness to the people, to the place and to the spirit of Noblesse Oblige that was in the air everywhere.

If you were not able to join us this time, please keep an eye out for announcements for our next BIG event in the fall of 2019 as well as all the smaller gatherings that will be held in the coming months... a NYC show in January, the Florida Luncheon in February, Back to TY in June, and more.

Friends of Tranquillity Camp exists for the sole purpose of raising money to support camp and its mission of providing children, who would not be able to afford it on their own, with the opportunity to experience a summer of carefree fun and amazing memories with forever friends. With that in mind, we invite and encourage you to please come forward with your ideas for events and fundraisers. We are always looking for people to help throughout the year, volunteering at events or on visiting day. We will support anyone looking to do a fundraiser on their own and would be happy to chat with you or help in any way we can.

We are ALL the future of Tranquillity Camp... There is no "I" in TEAM. "We Welcome You", all of you, to be an active part of the long tradition of Tranquillity Camp and the Friends of Tranquillity Camp in any way you choose to participate.

I look forward to connecting with each one of you over the coming months and wish you a very Happy, Healthy New Year!

Stacy (Cohen) Budkofsky  
#tranquillitycamp100

Dear Friends,

2018 was truly an historic milestone for Tranquillity Camp. What better way to commemorate this incredible accomplishment than with a gala extravaganza “Celebrating 100 Summers”. Campers, parents, families and Tranquillity-ites from coast to coast and as far away as Italy and England attended. 1000 guests celebrated in a magnificent tent under the TY stars. What an evening it was! Entertainment provided by our campers was a huge success as past generations joined in singing all-time favorite TY classics. The comradery was unparalleled, whether you were a camper in the 1950s, 2000’s, anything in between or not a camper at all.



Over 400 guests attended our Friday Night Service in the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center, followed by an elaborate Oneg Shabbat in the Elias A. Cohen Dining Room. The weekend was capped-off by Sunday’s Visiting Day. Parents, families and alumni had the opportunity to visit with their children, reminisce, and see how TY has flourished over the years. It was truly an extraordinary weekend for all.

Mr. Cohen’s vision has blossomed into a grand reality. From the 10 boys he brought to his little farm in “Urlton” in 1919, to the thousands of children who have attended camp over these past 100 years, we certainly have grown. Tranquillity now has over a 1200 majestic acres of land. Thanks to the devotion of so many individuals, TY’s beautiful facilities have enriched the quality of our program: Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, Mini Golf, Street Hockey Rink, Ropes Challenge Course, Dining Room, Overlook Lane, Frindel Lane, the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center, The Hills and many more projects were completed. From its humble beginning, Tranquillity has touched the lives of thousands of men, women and children. Yet we remember Mr. Cohen’s simple message of “Noblesse Oblige”: being good citizens, respecting one another and caring for the land. We are indebted to the Cohen Family, the Elias A. Cohen Foundation, the Friends of Tranquillity Camp and you, for your continued support.

As a contributor, there are so many ways you are able to help: financially, with goods or services, or volunteering your time. We need and appreciate your assistance. As we enter our 2<sup>nd</sup> century, we are dedicated to the continuance of Mr. Cohen and Pearl’s noble work.

2019 will mark Tranquillity Camp’s 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Plans are under way for a Celebration to honor this amazing achievement. We hope you will join us for this special event.

Best regards to you and your family from Sherrie and me. We look forward to seeing you at camp on Alumni/Visiting Day July 28, 2019, as well as at our “100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration”.

**Richard & Sherrie**

## *View from Lake Pearl.....A Message From The Cohen Family*

When people sit and ponder their lives, they often think about family, companions, the places they visited, or the gifts in their lives. Those who are part of Tranquillity Camp count our experiences in camp as a tremendous piece of our lives. For many of us, camp was the first place we learned valuable life lessons, such as “Noblesse Oblige” and living with others in peace and harmony. For some, it was the first place they learned about their religion. For others, it was the first place they made a best friend or acted on the stage. Tranquillity Camp became a wonderful part of their lives and shaped them into the brilliant people they are today. So, when an opportunity arrives to celebrate this magical place called Tranquillity Camp, you can wager it will be memorable. Sitting here today, pondering this past summer, I can truly say it was a memorable celebration.

July 28, 2018 – Tranquillity Campers, Staff, parents, former campers and counselors, and friends of Tranquillity attended the glorious 100th Summer Gala event. It was simply astounding. I feel truly fortunate to have attended this milestone in Tranquillity Camp’s history. Some of you may not know, but during the day, while everything was being set up under the beautiful tents, it was raining. As the many guests and visitors arrived, it ceased raining. Many people stated, “Pearl must approve and is smiling down proudly at all of us.” They felt she pushed her magic button to make it stop raining so everyone could enjoy themselves, reminiscing, bonding, and making new friends. Having been a camper, counselor, and head counselor myself, I had an astounding time with my friends. It was also great to visually absorb the current campers, staff, and their parents having a wondrous time. We were all one family together under the stunningly adorned tent. It mattered not if we knew each other previously – we were all there to celebrate our Tranquillity and make new memories in our lives.

We should be mindful that this noteworthy event in Tranquillity's history is one that few camps can claim. We all know Elias A. Cohen and the Cohen family (which I am honored to be a part of) started camp in 1919. It was, however, many inspired and dedicated people who carried on perpetuating the great legacy of Elias A. Cohen and Pearl C. Miller, Elias’ niece who took over for him in 1952, who are responsible for camp continuing all these years. Everyone who has been part of our history, including those who never went to camp, comprehended its significance in the lives of those who attended Tranquillity in the past and will attend in the future. Thanks to each of you who are part of this journey from the past and into the future.

June 26, 2019 marks our actual 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. As we achieve this monumental milestone, we now look forward to many more years to come. We cannot create this future without you. How might we ensure ongoing successful summers? Spread the word about Tranquillity Camp to others who can experience all that camp offers and donate time helping on Visiting Day or throughout the year at various camp-related occasions. If you physically cannot help, you can still come and enjoy our events throughout the year. On the off chance you cannot attend, consider donating money so we can make sure campers are not turned away for any reason or allow us to complete much needed camp enhancement projects. If you have an idea for an event, contact our Friends of Tranquillity Camp President. You can find the information on [www.friendsofty.org](http://www.friendsofty.org).

Lastly, I cannot say it enough - thank you, thank you, thank you - for everything you have done and will continue to do for many years to come. You are all wonderful inspirations. May future generations remember you with reverence - the way we remember those who came before us, and the loving way I will always remember each of you. Wishing you all the very best in life.

Love Always,  
Cheryl Schwartz Janer

## **A Message from your Chairman**

**Cary Spiegel**

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Dear Friends,

In 2019, we will be celebrating Tranquillity Camp's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! An incredible milestone for our beloved Camp. Last July, over 600 of you were reunited, along with the current crop of campers and staff, at the 100<sup>th</sup> Summer Celebration Gala, the biggest event the Tranquillity family has ever hosted. Thanks to Richard and Sherrie Lerner, who conceived and planned the event, campers and counselors from eight decades of Camp shared wonderful memories of time spent during our collective formative years.

Many of you attended Friday night Shabbat services for the first time in many years. The smiles were abundant as familiar portions of the service were recited. On Alumni Day you were able to see the many additions built at Camp since the opening of the "new dining room" back when I was a waiter in 1970: the new bunks, the pools, the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center, the health center and our restored iconic Barn, all of which are part of our current campers' daily haunts.

As has been the case since Tranquillity's founding in 1919, camper fees only cover a portion of the actual cost of attending camp. Just as you, your parents, your children or your friends were given the incredible gift of a Tranquillity summer in years past, please help us secure the same gift for future campers.

What better way could there be to celebrate the past than by ensuring the future? We have a wonderful opportunity, in the spirit of Noblesse Oblige, to show our deep appreciation for the lifelong memories and friendships that camp has given to us and our families. It's time to pay it forward. Many of you do so annually, and we thank you sincerely for that.

There are also many ways other ways that you can help us thrive. Volunteer your time, attend our events, and tell parents who are not familiar with Tranquillity about how this dream started in 1919 by Elias A. Cohen can enrich their children's development.

As I close my first message as Chairman of the Board of Friends of Tranquillity Camp, I am thrilled to be working with our new president, Stacy Budkofsky, as Tranquillity moves into its second century!

On behalf of our hard-working board of directors, I thank you for your support.

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Cary

## On the Marriage Go Round

Camryn Benjamin is married to Ryan Cooke  
Rachel Ullman is married to Brett Byrne  
Max Gershberg is married to Sophie Levine  
Alex Krasner is engaged to Joshua Cagle  
Derek Oziel is engaged to Natalya Fisher  
Justin Kamen is engaged to Liana Rowe

Ali Lakofsky is married to Yehonatan Kor  
Josh Goldberg is married to Rio Calderon  
Eric Spiegel is married to Jess Setless  
Jillian Ruffo is engaged to Danny King  
Justin Greene is engaged to Amanda Marin  
Brooke Bergenfeld is engaged to Jake Campell

## MAZEL-GRAMS

A big "Boom Chick-a-Boom" to Marisa Schneberg on receiving her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from  
Stony Brook University

Congratulations to Jonathan Pinsker on receiving his MBA in Hospitality Management from Lynn  
University

Mazel Tov to Ryan Cleary and Alex Blitzer on their Bar Mitzvahs

Mazel Tov to Matthew Baron on his new job as a software engineer at SeatGeek

Mazel Tov to TY couple Stefani Daniels and Irwin Feigenbaum on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## Glad You're on the Road to Recovery

Robin Tivin Catalano Robin Tucker Lapidus David Greenberg Holly Levison Ira Waldinger

## Future Tranquility-ites

Congratulations to Corey Zettler and his wife Lindsay on their newborn, Charlotte "Charlie" Emery.

Congratulations to Robby Janer and his wife Davita on their newborn, Sarah Janer.

Congratulations to Jill Diamond-Ernst and her husband Jarrod on their newborn, Gavin Ernst.

Congratulations to Alexandra Schildkraut-Wasch and her husband Evan on their newborn, Kaia Wasch.

## In Memoriam

Benji Berlant was a charismatic and loving brother and a great friend to anyone he came into contact with. His energy filled any room he would walk into and everyone would gravitate toward him. He would do anything for his family no matter what the situation was. Benji went to Tranquillity Camp for many years as a camper and counselor with his brothers Sam, Mitch, David, and Robbie. His TY family was a big part of his life and all of the memories created with his friends will always be cherished.

Roslyn Levine, mother of Elisa Spiegel and Debbe Greenberger, passed away on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Mother-in-law of Cary Spiegel and Robert Greenberger. Grandmother of David, (Jessica), Adam & Eric (Jess) Spiegel, David, (Alixandra) Greenberger and Lexi (Jeremy) Evans. Great-Grandma of Abigail, Zeke and Solomon Spiegel, and Zane and Caia Greenberger. Ros enjoyed many Alumni Days at camp visiting her grandchildren.

## 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 \$5. For more information or to order cards, please contact **Wendy Seslowsky** at [wendyseslowsky@gmail.com](mailto:wendyseslowsky@gmail.com) or visit the Friends of Tranquillity website: [friendsofty.org/please-contribute](http://friendsofty.org/please-contribute)

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...when amazon shoppers switch to smile.amazon.com and choose **Friends of Tranquillity Camp**, TY will get .5% (1/2%) of every purchase



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## **Join us at the Friends of Tranquillity Camp Florida Luncheon**

**Sunday, February 3, 2019**

**11:30am - 2:30pm**

**Maggiano's**

**21090 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton, FL**

**Raffles, food, friends and FUN!**

Visit [Friendsofty.org](http://Friendsofty.org) to register or for more information on T-shirts & Playbill Sponsorships

# Camp Tours Throughout the Year

Help spread the word about what a great place Tranquillity Camp is.

This is an opportunity for your friends or family to visit our beautiful camp, see the facilities and learn about the unique Tranquillity experience.

Call Richard Lerner at 518-634-7650 or email him at [campty@msn.com](mailto:campty@msn.com) for more information and to schedule a tour or private interview.



## Open Houses

Meet the Directors, members of our Staff, view video and pictures, and learn all that Tranquillity has to offer.

### **Huntington Hilton**

***598 Broad Hollow Road, Melville, NY 11747***

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Sunday – January 13, 2019**

**Sunday - February 10, 2019**

**Sunday - April 14, 2019**

### **Boca Raton Marriott**

***5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33486***

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Saturday - February 2, 2019**

## Upcoming Events

January 13, 2019 – New York Camp Open House

January 27, 2019 – NYC Show - Blue Man Group

February 2, 2019 – Florida Camp Open House

February 3, 2019 – Florida Luncheon

February 10, 2019 - New York Camp Open House

March 10, 2019 – Camper Reunion

April 14, 2019 - New York Camp Open House

June 26, 2019 – First Day of Camp

July 28, 2019 – Visiting Day

November 23, 2019 – TY's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

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