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*Wishing the Best to All Tranquillity-ites for a Happy
and Healthy Holiday and a Safe New Year!*

2020... This year has been unique. Not like any we have seen in our lifetimes. And hopefully we will never see again.

So many strange, new, and different things we have all had to do to get through this year. We had to stay at home, we had to wear masks, we had to work and go to school at home, we had to learn what Zoom is and how to use the cool backgrounds... all things we did out of necessity.

We added some new phrases to our everyday language, like social distance, curbside pick-up or contactless delivery. We even got our groceries delivered to our doorsteps and let someone else pick our produce. We learned about essential workers and gained a new appreciation for those who put their lives at risk so the rest of can stay safe. And “virtually” became a part of how we do everything and connect to everyone we know.

But there is a problem with doing everything virtually... you can't do EVERYTHING virtually. Like go to camp, for instance. So, for the first time in over 100 years, our favorite summer home had to remain closed. No happy children running and playing on the fields and courts, singing songs on the grass so green, swimming under the skies so blue or having Friday night services under the Tranquillity starry skies.

From my perspective, camp is essential. It is essential for children to be with each other without their phones or other distractions, to connect with each other on a level you cannot experience anywhere else, to learn to live with people who are not your family and to have youth leaders as role models. To participate in activities they don't have in their backyards, schools or neighborhoods in a supportive environment that allows for them to cheer for other's success or be cheered by others for their success. Permits them to explore new talents, try new things and taste new foods. And thus, find out who they really are as a person and have the confidence to be who they are. And to do all these things in a safe environment. So, since 2020 could not allow camp to provide that safe environment, camp had to remain closed.

We are on the brink of 2021... a new year, a fresh perspective, and a renewed hope that we will once again be able to see our families and friends to celebrate holidays, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations and other life events together. We hope to be with each other in person and without masks or social distance. And, of course, be able to send our children to Tranquillity Camp for the summer.

With generous help from supporters, Tranquillity Camp was able to manage through the difficulty of being closed. To ensure that Tranquillity can remain open and able to stay true to its mission of providing camp for those who need assistance, I ask that you consider giving whatever you can give. No amount is too small. Ask if your company has a match program to increase the amount of your donation. If you cannot financially make a donation, start a small fundraiser for your birthday or other life event and donate the proceeds to camp. There are so many creative ways to give to the camp we love and to secure its future and the future of so many more children.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy, safe holiday season and New Year. Cheers to being together at Camp in Summer 2021! Next Year in Earleton!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,
Stacy Budkofsky
President, Friends of Tranquillity Camp



Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous and happy holiday season. It has been a rough year, though there is finally a “light at the end of the tunnel”. Plans for Tranquillity Camp’s 103rd summer are progressing at full speed. Applications are arriving daily, and our dedicated home-grown staff is eager to ensure 2021 will be our best season ever.

We believe children, staff and parents have a deeper appreciation for camp, having the unthinkable happen for the first time in 102 years. It is common not to miss something until it is gone, and the lesson we have all learned is how valuable camp is for both campers and parents.

As we prepare for Tranquillity’s 103rd summer, we want to assure parents that our #1 priority will be the safety and well-being of our campers and staff. We are working closely with and following the guidelines of the CDC, New York State Department of Health, Local Health Department and American Camp Association. Implementing a safe 2021 summer is ongoing and developing in this rapidly changing environment. Future advancements in testing, both prior to camp and upon arrival, as well as periodic testing, will be key to creating a healthy camp. Other protocols to be determined include transportation and arrival procedures, Visiting Day, staff days off, vaccination requirements, etc.

We would like to thank all who have helped to ensure that Tranquillity Camp remains in perpetuity as Mr. Cohen and Pearl wished. The Cohen Family, Richard Lawrence and Family, The Elias A. Cohen Foundation, The Charles Cohn Foundation, The Schlang Foundation and The Friends of Tranquillity Camp have dedicated themselves to this effort. Please support our goals and help wherever you can. Whether through financial donations or contributions of goods or services, there are many ways to help. Parents, ask your children what “Noblesse Oblige” means. Our obligation is the continuance of Tranquillity Camp for our children and future generations.

We are enlisting you as “Tranquillity Ambassadors” to spread the word. Many families are not aware of Tranquillity Camp, nor do they believe they can afford sleep-away camp. As a member of the Tranquillity Family, you are in a unique position to share your experience with relatives, neighbors and friends who deserve an opportunity to become part of our special family.

We are looking forward to once again providing a safe and rewarding experience for hundreds of children, as we have done for over 100 years.

Warmest regards for a Healthy and Happy Holiday and New Year,

Richard & Sherrie

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

My Dear Tranquillity Camp Friends and Family,

Right now, our nation and the world are going through a pandemic, and it is something none of us could have predicted. Many have become sick, some have died, and so many people have lost their jobs. While this pandemic wreaks havoc on our lives, I am opting to look at it through rose-colored glasses because of you. Why? Simple. You are astounding.

I have seen so many of you showing your love and benevolence. Many have offered their support – whether it be kind words or even jokes to brighten up someone's day. Many of you have reached out to those you have not heard from in a long time to check up on each other. Some have offered to help to make masks or donate money for them and other medical essentials. Others have offered to shop for those who cannot get out. Some people I know have offered their technological skills to help the children grasp the unknowns of home and online school. And the teachers, who learned how to teach over the airwaves, are now conducting online lessons for the first time – some even from overseas.

We are pulling together, and it is simply wonderful to see, because this is what we need to do right now – this is Noblesse Oblige in action. We are all doing what we can to make each other's lives better. Please continue to support each other, for we don't know what tomorrow will bring. Right now, we need to focus on our friends and family. Please do everything you can to stay healthy. We care about each of you, for you have blessed our lives and made Tranquillity Camp one of the best around.

I write this letter not to ask for donations (but certainly welcome them from those who are able to help in any capacity). No, I write this letter to tell you that we will always wish you the absolute best because you are truly deserving of it. Pearl used to always tell us stories and teach us lessons. If she were here now she would tell us of the wonderful people who all of you are, and how what you learned in Camp, and from each other, has in turn enhanced the lives of others. Continue to do this – spread the lessons you have learned to help make the world a wonderful place.

I am hopeful the pandemic will end soon, and we will once again be able to get together and see each other. I am hopeful there will be many more summers for kids to spend at Tranquillity Camp – the magical place that has brought all those reading this newsletter together. Wishing you all the best in life. May your lives, your families, and your friends forever find faith, love, and tranquility, so that it fills your heart with happiness.

Love Always,

Cheryl Schwartz Janer

Dear Friends,

I hope all of you and your families are well. 2020 is coming to a welcome end, and it is time for our country to heal. This was the first time in 101 years that Tranquillity was closed. Our campers did not get to experience Stunt; Sing; Sundays on the field; Saturday night shows in the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center; Friday night Shabbos dinners and services; dances and stories in the barn; and shared growing experiences and the start of lifelong friendships. Kudos to Richie, Sherrie and Ira for keeping our community engaged over the last summer with a series of Zoom events.

Camp survived due to the generosity of the Cohen, Cohn, Lawrence and Schlang families and the Friends of Tranquillity Camp. Friends of Tranquillity Camp's sole mission is to support Camp in its capital projects and scholarships. Our extended family of former campers, counselors and friends is hard at work ensuring camp's future. Enrollment for 2021 is currently ahead of last year's pace. We anticipate the Covid-19 numbers subsiding and the State of New York granting Camp permission to open. We all look forward to getting back to "The New Normal" with robust energy and celebrating the reopening of our beloved T-Y.

Marching forward, we will be rebuilding The Roost, a converted chicken coop that has been the bunk for the waiter boys for decades and the coming-of-age aspiration for the boys' camp. We hope all of you will participate in the end-of-year fundraising push to provide the resources that are so necessary to support our mission. Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

Optimistically Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Cary

Cary Spiegel
Chairman, Friends of Tranquillity Camp

Donation Match Program

Thanks to a generous Anonymous donor, ALL donations through the end of the year will be **DOUBLE** matched. What that means is your donation means even more!!

\$18=\$54
\$50=\$150
\$250=\$750

We know that not everyone is able to give in this current environment, but for those who can, your donation will mean that much more for the children of Tranquillity this year.

- 1 - Zelle your donation to Zelle@friendsofty.org
- 2 - Donate through CashApp to \$FriendsoftY
- 3 - Contact Us: info@FriendsoftY.org

Tranquillity Camp

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- GILDA
- PEARL



Menuchah

Sunday August 16th would have been one of the highlight events of TY's 102nd summer. Banquet at Tranquillity is the culmination of the summer and is looked forward to with great anticipation. The Dining Room is magnificently decorated with greenery, flowers, incredible centerpieces, party decorations, noise makers, party hats and more. The campers march in dressed in their finest attire. We have a sumptuous gourmet multi-course dinner, raffle prizes, entertainment and performances from our campers and staff.



On some, but not all, summers the finale of the evening is the presentation of a special and unique award. For over 90 years Tranquillity has recognized those who have demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond assisting TY in all its noble endeavors. Sometimes it is given to a counselor or alumni or it may go to an adopted Tranquillity-ite. This award is a pin with the word Menuchah on it. The members of the Menuchah Society numbers just over 100 and reads like a "Who's Who" of Tranquillity Camp.

This summer we are honored to present the Menuchah Award to Jared Fries. Jared, a former camper and counselor at TY and now a successful business owner and entrepreneur, has been responsible for the development, upkeep and maintenance of our website. As we are all aware, in this computer age we live in, we may be "unplugged" at camp during the summer but maintaining a presence on the internet is paramount to our continued success. Jared has selflessly devoted his time and efforts to ensure we have that presence.

On behalf of Tranquillity, we thank Jared for his generosity, expertise and commitment. This award is well deserved. ***Congratulations!***

Summer 2020

While we did not have the summer we all hoped for, we did get the chance to enjoy some fun TY activities online via Zoom and social media this summer. Talent Night and Services were a huge success. We also held Tie-Dye class and played Bingo. We listened to speeches on corn and voted on some of our TY favorites via social media. Here were some of the winners from the online polls:

Favorite TY Meal: Grilled Cheese

Favorite Cheer: TY Locomotive

Favorite TY Show: Jane Clay

MAZEL-GRAMS

On the Marriage-Go-Round

Adam Spiegel is engaged to Julia McCarthy. Excited parents Lisa & Cary. Rebecca Lawrence was married to Drew Garner. Proud parents Richard and Sarah Lawrence.

**Drew Schustek married Dr. Stacey Lurie in July. Sisters: Sam & Ally, Parents: Joy & Mark
Scott Haworth was married to Lisa Soloway. Happy Brother Adam Haworth.
Jillian Ruffo was married to Danny King. Proud parents Jane and Rudy Ruffo
Jacob Karpen married Amanda Schlussel. Proud parents Jeri and Michael.**

Off to the Real World - University Graduates

**Lindsay Politan – SUNY Oneonta
Sarah Wachs – SUNY Binghamton
Rachel Gillman - SUNY Cortland**

Off to the Halls of Ivy

**Nate Bergfeld - University of Miami
Adam Budkofsky - The Ohio State University
Andrew Heller - SUNY at Buffalo
Jadon Schneider - SUNY Binghamton
Larry Simon - SUNY at Buffalo
Maddie Reynolds - UC Santa Barbara**

Future Tranquility-ites

Caleb Bert Spiegel was born on Sept. 3rd. Proud parents Eric & Jess, proud aunts & uncles David & Jessica and Adam & Jules, proud grandparents Lisa & Cary.

Lilah Nora Biegel, was welcomed to the world on August 25th by her loving parents Jason and Jackie (Bamme) Biegel. Proud Uncle Mark

Evelyn Ruth Gershberg was born in August to parents Max & Sophie. Proud grandparents Bob & Ilene.

Glad You're on the Road to Recovery

Beverly Schwartz Vitale Wendy Seslowsky John Boychuck Harold Weinman
Francene Markman Judith Coan Balsan

In Memoriam

We are sad to announce the passing of Jill (Diamond) Ernst. She has been taken from us as she lost her battle with cancer. She left behind her sister, mom, husband and two little boys.

Anyone who knew Jill will always remember her fondly, as she had a joyous spirit that she shared with anyone fortunate enough to know her. Jill was a camper & counselor in the late 80's and 90's.

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, please contact **Beth Mindes**: bethstaci@gmail.com or visit the Friends of Tranquillity website: www.friendsofsofty.org

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Tranquillity Camp

Earlton, N.Y.

Our 103rd Summer

Full 2021 Summer: June 30-August 17

Session 1: June 30-July 20

Session 2: July 21-August 17

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*Tranquillity Camp is a sleep away camp for
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The 2021 season will be our 103rd Summer.*

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about our
amazing
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staff, facilities, program, housing, meals,
new camper orientation, etc

Have all
your questions
answered

Tours of camp
may also be
scheduled

For more information contact:
Richard Lerner, Executive Director
(518)-634-7650 or campty@msn.com



Tranquillity Camp

Refer Friends and Family... And Save!!

We recognize that our Tranquillity Camp families are our best ambassadors. To show our appreciation, we are offering all campers a way to save money. Simply refer your friends and family! (*siblings excluded*)

For each new child who enrolls in Tranquillity for the Summer of 2021 and lists you as a referral, you may choose to:

- **Receive a \$200.00 discount** off your tuition for each session they have enrolled (e.g., 2 children X 2 sessions = \$800.00 credit)
- **Donate** all, or a portion, of your referral credit back to Tranquillity Camp (non-profit organization) and receive a tax deduction.

-or-



Help others discover why so many have chosen Tranquillity Camp as their summer home, developing lifelong friendships and cherished memories, for the past 100 years.

To schedule a private interview or tour of camp: **Richard Lerner, Executive Director (518) 634-7650 campty@msn.com**

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