



Friends of Tranquillity Camp ECHO

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Give the gift of camp!



*As camp approaches its 100th season, please
consider supporting the Friends of
Tranquillity Camp this Holiday Season*

Dear Camp Family,
Lisa and I wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year.

Tranquillity Camp had a great 98th summer. Thousands of happy camper memories were created.

Friends of Tranquillity Camp was able to achieve several goals that we targeted last year, including activating our Neon data base program and launching our new website (www.friendsofty.com) Neon gives us a greater ability to manage our membership information and track donations. The new website enables us to update our messages, announce events, and keep all of you better informed with respect to our mission: to provide all types of support for Tranquillity.

Friends hosted several events this year: A trip to Broadway to see Fiddler on the Roof, the best-attended Florida lunch ever, an afternoon party at Citi Field, and October's Walk for Tranquillity, which took place simultaneously in Pinellas Park and Boca Raton, both in Florida, and Alley Pond Park in Queens. Several members of our board are busy planning another Broadway event - School of Rock - on December 11th, and other events for 2017. Our events serve the dual purpose of bringing Tranquillity-ites together and increasing our contributions to Camp. Please note that our volunteers are not only board members and their families. We welcome anyone with good ideas and an interest in helping out. Please join our group of TY supporters!

Now for some updates on how we're putting all those generous contributions to use. Earlier this year we announced that we achieved our goal to modernize and expand camp's infirmary. Construction started just after the camp season ended. Construction will be completed during the spring.

Two summers ago, our beloved and iconic Barn had to be closed due to structural problems. Upon announcing a program to restore the Barn for future generations, the Leeds family, in the true spirit of Noblesse Oblige, made a very generous donation that enabled us to install concrete foundations and phase one of new siding. This incredible gift allowed the Barn to reopen this summer, to the excitement of the campers and counselors.

Camp's enrollment and finances have made significant improvements over the last two years as a result of some very heavy lifting by Richard Lawrence, Marc Cohn, Richie and Sherrie Lerner, and the tireless Camp staff. Friends of Tranquillity is the fundraising arm that will enable Camp to continue to provide wonderful life lessons and summer experiences for children, including those attending courtesy of camp scholarships.

This coming year's goals are lofty. Our volunteers are hard at work mining Pearl's old sign-in books for lost campers. The Friends Board is planning new events and fund raising efforts. And most important and exciting, the Camp board, Richie, and the Friends of Tranquillity will soon be announcing the centerpiece of the upcoming celebrations for the 100th Summer of Tranquillity. Stay tuned!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Camp events this year.

Cary

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

From the moment Tranquillity's founder, Elias A. Cohen, made his dream of a summer haven for deserving children in recognition of their academic success into a reality, they came as his "guests." After World War 1 ended, times were especially hard in the Jewish community. Recent immigrants were barely able to provide even the necessities. Many children had to find some kind of work to help their family. Many of the modern conveniences we take for granted today were all but unheard of both at the time and due to lack of funds.

In what was the first example of what later became Tranquillity Camp's motto "Noblesse Oblige," Mr. Cohen, whose family had been successful in the real estate business, decided to do what he could to make a positive contribution to the lives of children in his community. And so Tranquillity began. There isn't enough space here to tell the story of Tranquillity. However, it is related every year, at a service held at Tranquillity Camp on the Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend. You are welcome to join us. As Tranquillity Camp approaches its 100th summer, the story is more relevant than ever.

Today it is neither possible nor realistic for "the family" to provide the same tuition-free attendance to our campers as Mr. Cohen was able to do. However, many branches of the extended Cohen family still devote significant time and resources in support of our beloved Tranquillity. Partnering with the Friends of Tranquillity, our goal is to help Tranquillity be the best it can be, now and in the future. It is my hope that in the future other members of the extended Cohen family will use this article to share their thoughts, recollections, hopes and dreams about Tranquillity with you.

Best Regards.

Richard Lawrence

This is an exciting time in the long-storied history of Tranquillity Camp. In just two short years when TY welcomes the 2018 campers, it will mark our 100th summer. Few summer camps can boast such longevity. It has been through the collective effort of the Cohen Family and the dedication of our alumni organization (The Friends of Tranquillity Camp) that we are able to look forward to our centennial celebration.



2016, our 98th summer, was a wonderful success. Thanks to our dedicated staff, the campers were fortunate to experience one of the best summers ever. Due to the generosity of Marilyn Leeds and her family, the Barn, which had been closed for the 2015 season, was given a major facelift. This summer, after a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony by members of the Leeds family, the children gathered in the Barn to see a TY favorite, "Gilda Van Gilder". Dances, shows, movies, and other camp events made the Barn a popular venue once again.

Street hockey has always been a favorite activity at camp. New for 2017, we will now have a full-size street hockey rink, thanks to a generous donation from "The Jan Cohen Memorial Foundation", Paul Cohen, the Budkofsky Family and The Gozinsky Family. The rink has been completed, and I am sure it will be a great addition to our program.

The new extension to the infirmary, as well as the remodeling of the existing infirmary, is well under way and will be completed shortly and will be in use this coming summer. Many thanks to all those who contributed to make this worthwhile endeavor a reality.

It is only through the collaborated efforts of the Cohen Family, The Elias A. Cohen Foundation, The Charles Cohn Foundation, The Lawrence Family, The Friends of Tranquillity Camp and the generosity of individuals that our success has been possible. Your combined support throughout the years has been resolute and steadfast. Whether you can help us financially, with goods or services, or volunteering your time, we call upon all Tranquillity-ites to join our noble cause.

As we march towards our centennial celebration, we continue our mission to bring deserving children to TY. As a member of the "Tranquillity Family", you are in a unique position to share your experience with relatives, neighbors and friends so they too may have an opportunity to become part of our special family. We offer tours of camp and scheduled "Open Houses" in New York and Florida, to allow prospective campers and parents to learn more about Tranquillity. You are welcome to contact me directly or check the TY website, Tranquillitycamp.com, for details.

We look forward to seeing you on Alumni/Visiting Day July 30, 2017. Best regards to you and your family from Sherrie and me.

Richard & Sherrie



TRANQUILLITY CAMP

2017 Camper Registration is Now Open

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 relatives to visit our beautiful camp, see the facilities and learn about the unique Tranquillity experience.

Call Richard Lerner at 518 634-7650 or email us at camp@msn.com for more information and to schedule a tour or private interview at your home.

Open Houses

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

Huntington Hilton (Multiple Dates)

598 Broad Hollow Rd

Melville, NY 11747

Sunday, January 22

Sunday, February 26

Sunday, April 2

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Boca Raton Marriott

5150 Town Center Circle

Boca Raton, FL 33486

Saturday, February 4, 2017

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



TRIPLE the donation for Tranquillity Camp!!

Your \$50 becomes \$150 for Tranquillity Camp

Your \$100 becomes \$300 for Tranquillity Camp

Your \$250 becomes \$750 for Tranquillity Camp

We are pleased to announce an EXTRA special partnership between Tranquillity Camp and the Jan Cohen Memorial Foundation (JCMF). The JCMF's mission is to continue giving in the tradition and with the passion of its namesake, Jan Cohen. Throughout her life, Jan gave her time and resources to many worthy organizations and charities, and Tranquillity Camp was near and dear to her heart.

The JCMF will TRIPLE any donations made through their organization up to \$20,000 which means \$60,000 for camp. ALL money raised by this campaign will be donated to Tranquillity Camp for capital improvements.

Please make a donation on the JCMF website. (<http://www.tjcmf.com/>)

If you wish to donate by check, please make the check payable to the Jan Cohen Memorial Foundation and send it to:

Jan Cohen Memorial Foundation, 366 North Broadway, Suite 314, Jericho, NY 11753.

EXTENDED DEADLINE... Donations for the match will be accepted through DECEMBER 31, 2016.

Thank you for your continued support!!

FIRST ANNUAL WALK FOR TRANQUILLITY CAMP

70 campers, parents, alumni and friends participated in our first ever Walk for Tranquillity. Some of us walked in New York, some walked in Florida, and some in their own home town. The Walk provided an opportunity to raise funds for camp even without walking. Each of us was encouraged to build a fundraising page, and ask our friends and family to help support camp. The result was amazing! We raised over \$8,600 in donations!! Kudos to our own Wendy Seslowsky, whose efforts brought in over \$2,600. Stacy Budkofsky and Robin Kessler each raised over \$1,200 from their friends and family, and Daniel Flaxman, Ellen Gerson, Wendi Weinman, and Michael Menis each deserve special mention for their successes. Net profits will go toward improvements on our beloved Roost. Huge thanks to all our walkers, registered non-walkers, and fundraisers.

Look for information about our 2017 Walk on Visiting Day, where you will be able to build your own fundraising page to raise funds for the place so dear to all our hearts.

Robin Kessler

Thank you to the best camp for giving me amazing memories.

This past summer was my first time not going back to camp and it felt so weird being home, not seeing the same faces every day, and being next to my best friends 24/7. I went to Tranquillity Camp for nine summers and I really don't know how my life would be right now if I didn't go. I look back on my past summers and think about how amazing they were and how I wish I could keep going back forever because some of my best memories are made there. Tranquillity isn't like most sleep away camps which makes it even more special and I wouldn't be who I am today if I never went.

Dear Camp,

Thank you for giving me something to look forward to every summer and for giving me a second home. Waiting 10 months for 2 was definitely a struggle but each month I would just get more and more excited about camp.

Thank you for giving me the most amazing friends. I don't think I would be able to get through life if I didn't have my camp friends and our group chats that never stop going off. I know these friends will always be here because camp friends last forever.

Thank you for having yummy food. You don't usually hear people say that their camp food is good but not at Tranquillity. The food is so good you never want to stop eating it.

Thank you for allowing me to have some of the best counselors at camp. Shoutout to those counselors who made my summers even better and for always being there when our group would have some kind of drama.

Thank you for teaching me all those lessons on how to be a better person and to sometimes to put others first.

Lastly, thank you for giving me my home away from home.

Sincerely,

Sarah Rich

Tranquillity Camp was my home for many summers and I will never forget the memories or the people I met there.

On the Marriage-Go-Round

Alex Schildkraut married Evan Wasch
Eric Lieberman married Corinne Durand
Scott Bloom married Lisa Segal
Sara Portnoy married Joshua Horesh
Danielle Hakim married Gregory Silverman
Robert Janer married Davita Golovin
Leon Rafailov married Elissa Cabasso
David Eisenbaum is engaged to Claire Louise Marian
Stephanie Peraffan is engaged to Christopher Benson
Todd Lichter is engaged to Kim Augeri Plankl
Aaron Feldman is engaged to Petra Vaessen
Susanne Weinman is engaged to Peter Hamm
Kara Werner is engaged to Evan Franco

Eric Solomon married Leah Hakimian
Leah Pessa married Vinny Cruciata
Eric Herman married Dana Gibaldi
Andrew Heitner married Melissa Perrino
Alex Petit married Luke Mowbray
Michael Komel married Angela Grim
Michelle Forman is engaged to Andrew Golden
Daniel Solomon is engaged to Alyssa Canter
Rianna Ackley is engaged to Matt Handrick
Samantha Feiden is engaged to David Braun
Jennifer Greenberg is engaged to Matt Lashway
Jillian Malkis is engaged to Bill Nechamkin
Rachel Ullman is engaged to Brent Byrne

MAZEL-GRAMS

A big “Boom Chicka Boom” to David Greenberg, who co-wrote “Henny and the Parakeet” a children’s book.

Congratulations to Michael Pond on passing the CFA level 3 exam.

Mazel-Tov to Sam Gozinsky for making the Deans List at Syracuse University.

Congratulations to Amy Abramson, who completed the NYC Marathon.

Mazel-Tov to Ross Davis on his Bar Mitzvah.

Congratulations to Jackie Bamme on becoming a board certified doctor.

Get Well Soon

Robin Cembalest

Sam Maxwell

Harold Weinman

Ira Waldinger

Robin Newmark

Future Tranquility -ites

Congratulations to Kellyann Figueroa (Vernon) and her husband Carlos on their newborn, Jordan Petty Figueroa.

Congratulations to David Heitner and his wife Alexandra on their newborn, Phoebe Shirley Heitner.

Congratulations to Linda Spiro Wilichinsky and her husband Ryan on their newborn, Austin Jonah.

Congratulations to Matt Nissenbaum and his wife Jan on their newborn, Daniel Delos Santos Nissenbaum.

In Memoriam

Merritt Levine – passed away on June 28, 2016. Merritt was a camper, counselor, and boys head counselor in the 50's and 60's. He and his wife Ellen (Friedman) were a Tranquillity couple.

Theda Trommer Seifert - died September 8, 2016 in her home in Roswell, Georgia. She loved life, but nothing more than her family. Her husband Leonard shared with her 59 years of adventure, domestic bliss, challenges, triumphs, laughter and love. Theda also leaves her loving children who all attended Tranquillity: Julie, Bob and Nancy; their spouses, Bob, Jennifer and Randy; and her five grandchildren, Sarah, Natan, Ilana, Robby and Jacob.

Craig Schenker – passed away on November 29, 2016. Craig was a 2nd generation camper in the 80's. He is survived by his mother Gerry (Simon) Famighetti and his sister Shari Schenker, both former camper and counselors.

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 contact Richard Lerner, or go to <http://www.friendsofsofty.org/please-contribute>. Pearl's Memorial Walk is located in front of the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center and currently has over 100 Tranquillity personalized bricks.

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Upcoming Events

February 5, 2017 – Florida Luncheon
March 5, 2017 – Camper Reunion
June 28, 2017 – First Day of Camp
July 30, 2017 – Visiting Day