

Friends of Tranquillity Camp

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***Come Join Us at the 100th Birthday Celebration
Honoring Executive Director, Richard Lerner
11.23.19
Crest Hollow Country Club
Woodbury, NY***

As the sun is almost setting on the 100th Year of our beloved Tranquillity Camp, I find myself thinking in three different directions.

One direction is looking back. Back to all the years that have been. Back to Elias A. Cohen, who started camp in 1919. Back to all the thousands of children who have run and played on the fields and courts, slept in the houses, eaten in the dining rooms, cheered for each other, sang songs, buddied up for swim, performed in shows, prayed at services, taken a Shabbos stroll, set tables, waited tables, made sandwiches, walked to the Earleton Store, hiked in the woods, roasted marshmallows at campfires, lined up at the flagpole, marched out to carnival, danced in the barn, toasted at Banquet, and have done so many other things that make the Tranquillity experience unique.

The second direction I'm thinking about is the present time. I'm thinking about the current counselors, campers, parents and alumni and how lucky we all are to be able to be a part of Tranquillity Camp, an extraordinary place that has evolved and grown in its own distinctive way over the last 100 years to bring us to the camp we know today. The Camp we all know and love for the special essence it brings each one of us. We each have our individual stories about what camp means to us. It's amazing how each one of us has thrived and grown, or seen our children do the same, in ways we may have difficulty putting into words. Its values have made us who we are today, and for that we are all richer and better equipped to live life, get along with others and make a positive impact on the world.

The final direction is into the future. I wonder what Tranquillity Camp will look like in 10, 20, 30 years from now and beyond. I wonder if my grandchildren will have the good fortune to be able to attend Camp as I, and my family before me, did. I wonder if they will go to camp with the grandchildren of my camp friends. I wonder if they will be still be giving a Boom-Chick-a-Boom in the dining room and singing Strawberry Shortcake for the chef. If they will be praying the same prayers on Friday night services under the beautiful Tranquillity skies, singing songs at lunch on Saturdays, watching or performing in shows on the TY stage and spending Sunday on the field. Will my grandchildren and yours be afforded the same good fortune to be able to escape the demands of life at home and get away to the clean air and beauty of Tranquillity Camp? I certainly hope so. I hope that all of our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren will have the chance to walk in the footsteps of those who came before them, so they too can make lifelong friends and learn and embrace the lessons and values that Tranquillity teaches, and live Noblesse Oblige!

And I realize that for the future to be able to happen, for Tranquillity to carry on in the way that we all hope it will, takes effort from all of us. All who love Tranquillity Camp must ensure its future by doing what we can to make sure Camp not only survives but thrives. How can we do that?

We can refer campers; we can volunteer to help, we can make donations; we can hold fundraisers; we can help spread the word about what a wonderful place it is for children and how unique and different it is from other camps. And the bottom line in all of these things is WE... WE as a collective group can have an impact. Each contribution of one of the above actions adds up to a massive sum of support for camp. And to be able to bring camp into the future WE all need to do our part.

I encourage each and every one of you to help in whatever way feels right to you, starting with attending our **100th Birthday Celebration on November 23rd at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York**. We will be **honoring Richard Lerner** for his 25 years of dedicated service to perpetuating the traditions of Tranquillity Camp. If you can't be with us, honor Richie with a donation, be a sponsor, donate raffle prizes, buy raffle tickets or make a general donation. **We need everyone's support for this event as we bring Tranquillity into the future!**

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments or ideas for helping us support camp.

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Stacy (Cohen) Budkofsky
Email: sta.bud@icloud.com

In 1952, "The Tranquillity Alumni" was formed. Pearl, recognized the need to create an organization to ensure the preservation of TY. She enlisted a former group of original "Tranquillity-ites", Al Rukin, Abe Berson, Nat Menis and Leo Skolnik to fulfill that mission. For over seven decades the Alumni now called "The Friends of Tranquillity Camp" has been instrumental in helping to provide a rewarding camp experience for thousands of girls and boys fortunate to call TY their summer home.



Many of the major projects over the last 70 years can be attributed to the dedication of this organization. The Pools, Dining Room, Hills, Infirmary, and so many more additions and enhancements could not have been accomplished without their efforts.

Preparations for the 102nd summer of Tranquillity Camp are well underway. Applications have been mailed and new campers are being interviewed. The children's unofficial motto at TY is "We live 10 months for 2". The same can be said for all the preparation that goes into making the summer a success. Soon the quiet and emptiness that is Tranquillity today will be replaced by the joy and exhilaration of several hundred delighted campers. Ask the children who attended camp in 2019 how their summer was, and the universal response was "AWESOME"! An amazing group of campers, great weather, an incredibly dedicated homegrown staff and the traditions that live on at TY, helped make this past summer a huge success. Noblesse Oblige and the ideals that Mr. Cohen and Pearl instilled in us, are the cornerstones to the future of Tranquillity.

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. Please have them contact us. We have numerous tours and "Open Houses" in New York and Florida scheduled to allow perspective campers and parents to learn more about TY.

Over the last few years our active Alumni has grown, as more become re-connected to their Tranquillity past. The 100th Gala celebration in 2018 brought hundreds of camp friends back together. Many will be joining us on Saturday evening November 23rd for our Birthday Celebration at the beautiful Crest Hollow Country Club. We hope to see you there for what we are sure will be a memorable night. It is a great opportunity to support TY and re-kindle friendships with your camp family.

We look forward to seeing you on Alumni/Visiting Day Sunday August 2, 2020.

Best regards to you and your family.

Richard & Sherrie

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

I recently learned about a time-honored tradition I never knew about thanks to my dear, sweet cousin Richard Lawrence, President of Tranquillity Camp. It seems for centuries Jewish people have passed down their wisdom and values to their families and friends in documents called *tzava'ot* or "ethical wills." These ethical wills customarily contain lessons learned, esteemed ideas, expressions of gratitude, hope, advice, and stories from the past. While typically written shortly before one is on their deathbed, I thought it would be a cool thing to do for this Echo – for there is so much we all share from our camp experience. We can pass what we have learned over the years down to future generations. So, here is my ethical will to all of you and to those who examine these words years from now.

The Lessons and Values I Have Learned:

- *Hinei ma tov* - learning to live together in peace and harmony.
- *Noblesse Oblige* - making a difference in the life of others by sharing your strengths – sharing your talents or your wealth so others can benefit. In 1937, Elias A. Cohen wrote, "May *Noblesse Oblige* always be your motto and may each of you strive ever to lift the banner of Tranquillity higher and higher so that each of us shall be respected and loved by all of those with whom we come in contact, but also, and most important of all, that we so live that we may always be able to respect ourselves."
- Don't be a *schlemiel*, as Pearl C. Miller used to say – put your best effort into everything you do – continuously attempt your best no matter how hard it may seem. Speaking of not giving up, the sonnet "Somebody Said it Couldn't Be Done," by Edgar Albert Guest comes to mind. I distinctly remember Pearl reciting it multiple times over the years I was fortunate to share with her.
- Be charitable – continuously give your time and/or money to worthy causes – no amount is too little, and all donations are graciously appreciated.
- Perform deeds of benevolence. The secret to happiness and fulfillment is doing honorable deeds for others. There is no greater fulfillment than being able to assist another person.
- Always be genuine and honest, for as the saying goes, "it is the best policy". Being consistently genuine and honest will affect your future dealings with others, as they will have less respect and trust in you if you are not upstanding with them.
- Be grateful for each day – do not take things for granted. We are all thankful for Tranquillity Camp, and that means never taking it for granted. Do what you can to ensure its future.
- It is essential to attend events, donate time and money to support your favored charities – of course, Tranquillity Camp is my favorite charity, and with any luck it is yours too. I look forward to seeing you at our next event honoring Richard Lerner (with whom I have had the pleasure of working for 24 years) and the 100th Birthday celebration of Tranquillity Camp).

I am honored to know so many of you reading this page – you cannot imagine how you fill my life and help honor my commitment to perpetuating the good name of Elias A. Cohen and Tranquillity Camp. Always know, each of you forever holds a special place in my heart. I am optimistic that when our time comes to go to the heavens above, the inspiration of what we learned in camp, our wonderful memories, and the bonds of friendships we created and held onto will live on forever. I hope we all will pass down those lessons and values to future generations and do what we can to keep Tranquillity Camp going for at least another 100 years. To those reading these words many years from the Fall of 2019, I hope your brilliant life finds motivation and inspiration from those who came before you, knowing so many Tranquillity-ites are standing by your side. When you need it most, if you see a butterfly, think of it as me, watching over you, your family, and your friends.

Of course, my ethical will has a good deal more to say and stories to tell; however, the above-listed items are closest to my heart. 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

A Message from your Chairman

Cary Spiegel

Dear Friends,

Fall is here, the summer of 2019 is a wonderful memory, and Friends of Tranquillity Camp is working on our future.

Our entire Tranquillity community is celebrating Tranquillity Camp's 100th Birthday – an incredible achievement for our beloved Camp!

We have a big celebration planned:

Camp's 100th Birthday Party will be held on Saturday night, **November 23rd** at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York. Help us sing Happy Birthday to camp as we all cut the cake! What better way could there be to celebrate the first hundred years? Alumni, parents, grandparents, friends and supporters are all encouraged to come. Invitations have been sent and folks are responding by purchasing party tickets and placing ads in our commemorative journal.

To add to the celebration, we will be honoring Richard Lerner, who has been Tranquillity's Executive Director since 1996. Bring your friends and show your support for Richie as he leads camp into its second century!

We are happy to announce that our next big project will be the rebuilding of The Roost. The Roost, a converted chicken coop, has been the bunk for the waiter boys for decades and a place that the boys look forward to living in as they reach that age.

Please take this opportunity, in the spirit of Noblesse Oblige, to show our deep appreciation for the lifelong memories and friendships that Camp has afforded us. Friends of Tranquillity Camp exists for the sole benefit of Tranquillity Camp, ensuring its financial future and funding capital projects, while supporting the deserving children who attend Camp regardless of means. I urge all of you to support our drive. Please give generously and be a part of our 100th Birthday Party celebration. Let's help launch Tranquillity's next 100 years by joining in the festivities.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the big celebration!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,



Cary Spiegel
Chairman, Friends of Tranquillity Camp

Tranquillity Camp

100th Birthday Party

Saturday, November 23, 2019
Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, NY

PROGRAM

7:30PM Cocktails

8:30PM Dinner

Open Bar, Dancing and Casino Tables

**TRANQUILLITY
HONORING CAMP**

Richard Lerner

Executive Director, Tranquillity Camp

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
WWW.FRIENDSOFTY.ORG/100-BIRTHDAY**

100th Birthday Party Committee

Amy Abramson, *Chair*
Sheryl (Ashley) Arms
Tina (Rizzi) Baron
Stacy (Cohen) Budkofsky
Daniel Flaxman
Erica Kassler
Richard Lerner
Sherrie Lerner

Alan Newmark
Robin Newmark
Cary Spiegel
Beth (Tichler) Mindes
Alexandra (Schildkraut) Wasch
Harold Weinman
Wendi Weinman

OUR MISSION

“Friends of Tranquillity Camp” was born as the “Tranquillity Alumni” more than 60 years ago. Our sole mission is to benefit Tranquillity Camp, ensuring its financial future and funding capital projects, while supporting all children who attend camp regardless of means.

We represent a community of thousands of former campers, counselors, benefactors, and families who have shared in the Tranquillity experience for more than 100 years of beloved Tranquillity tradition.



100th BIRTHDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019 at 7:30 PM

CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB, 8325 JERICO TURNPIKE, WOODBURY, NY

TO PAY ONLINE OR FOR MORE DETAILS: WWW.FRIENDSOFTY.ORG/100-BIRTHDAY

TABLES

PEARL / \$10,000

Includes (2) VIP tables of 10 (20 seats); color full page in event journal; name and/or logo displayed on interior and entryway signage and screens with customized message; verbal recognition from podium; inclusion on plaque on 100th Commemoration Gazebo.

RUBY / \$6,000

Includes (1) exclusive table of 10; color full page in event journal; name and/or logo displayed on interior and entryway signage, and screens with customized message; inclusion on plaque on 100th Commemoration Gazebo.

DIAMOND / \$3,500

Includes (1) prime table of 10; color half page in event journal; listing on screens with customized message; inclusion on plaque on 100th Commemoration Gazebo.

GOLD / \$2,500

Includes (1) premium table of 10; color quarter page in event journal; listing on screens; inclusion on plaque on 100th Commemoration Gazebo.

SILVER / \$2,000

Includes (1) preferred table of 10; black & white half page in event journal; listing on screens; inclusion on plaque on 100th Commemoration Gazebo.

RAFFLE TICKETS

_____ One (1) Ticket / \$10

_____ Six (6) Tickets / \$50

TICKETS

INDIVIDUAL TICKET / \$150

Young Adult Ticket (age 21-25) / \$100

Junior Adult Ticket (age 17-20) / \$75

Includes (1) ticket and listing in the event journal.

BLUE & WHITE TICKETS / \$500

Includes (2) tickets and black & white quarter page in the event journal inclusion on plaque on 100th Commemoration Gazebo.

100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY JOURNAL

Full Page Color / \$5,000

Half Page Color / \$1,500

Quarter Page Color / \$1,500

Full Page Black & White / \$1,000

Half Page Black & White / \$500

Quarter Page Black & White / \$250

Business Card Black & White / \$100

Please send ad copy to elisaspiegel@spiegelconsultants.com by 11/1

SPONSORSHIP

CASINO TABLE or DJ SPONSOR / \$1,000

Includes sign on table; black & white half page in event journal; listing on screens; inclusion on plaque on 100th Commemoration Gazebo

I am unable to attend but would like to make a fully tax-deductible gift of \$_____

NAME FOR LISTING (submit by 11/1)

BILLING ADDRESS

(Exactly as it should appear on all printed materials)

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR

CONTACT NAME

TELEPHONE

\$

Payable to Friends of Tranquillity Camp, Inc.

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

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CONTACT EMAIL

TO PAY ONLINE OR FOR MORE DETAILS: WWW.FRIENDSOFTY.ORG/100-BIRTHDAY

TRANQUILLITY CAMP

2020 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

7 WEEKS JULY 1 - AUGUST 18

3 WEEKS JULY 1 - JULY 21

4 WEEKS JULY 22 - AUGUST 18



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

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TRANQUILLITY CAMP

OPEN HOUSE



Huntington Hilton

598 Broad Hollow Road, Melville, NY

Sunday January 12, 2020

10AM - 4PM

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

**For more info contact Richard Lerner
518-634-7650 or campty@msn.com**

**FLORIDA
OPEN HOUSE**

TRANQUILLITY CAMP

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8th
9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**Marriott Towne Center
5150 Town Center Cir.
Boca Raton, FL**

**Meet
the
Directors**



Contact: Richard Lerner

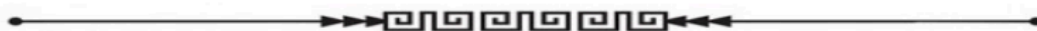
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CAMP TOURS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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 us at 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 – November 10, 2019

Sunday – January 12, 2020

Sunday - February 2, 2020

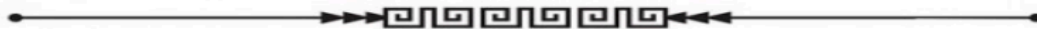
Sunday - April 19, 2020

Boca Raton Marriott

5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33486

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday - February 8, 2020



CAMPER REUNION

Hollis Hills Jewish Center

210-10 Union Turnpike, Queens Village, NY 11427

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Join us for a fun-filled reunion.
Postcards will be mailed with information.

On the Marriage-Go-Round

Daniel Flaxman is engaged to Whitney Hecker
Hanna Kaufman is engaged to Brian Akselrad
Dave Sandowski is engaged to Emily Fish
Harrison Brown is engaged to Elana Lavi
Rebecca Lawrence is engaged to Drew Garner
Michael Schenberg is married to Perry Taxin
Gia Bongioni is married to Michael Violette
Angelica Kleyman is married to Zachary Adler
Alexis Wallach is married to Marco Zorovic

Amy Grossberg is engaged to Ryan McLoughlin
Alyssa Goldinger is engaged to Sean O'Brien
Emily Mandel is engaged to Brandon Perrotta
Katie Schwartz is engaged to Alex Sussman
Brooke Bergfeld is married to Jake Campell
Derek Oziel is married to Natalya Fisher
Stephanie Neuwirt is married to Josh Gluck
Jacob Brody is married to Ashley Barrone
Jen Sturiale is married to Alan Krassowski

Justin Kamen is married to Liana Rowe

MAZEL-GRAMS

A big "Boom Chick-a-Boom" to Tara Novie on receiving her Masters from Brooklyn College.
Congratulations to Shari Hitner Cleary on her recent new job at BuzzFeed.
Congratulations to Rachel Lerner on attending University of Florida.
Mazel Tov to Rachel Klein Walker on passing the New York Bar Exam.

Glad You're on the Road to Recovery

Sheryl Arms

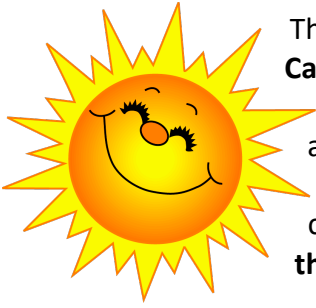
Melissa (Missy) Fass Alperin

Barbara Schwartz Weiler

Future Tranquility-ites

Congratulations to Nicole Kleinert and her husband Brian on their newborn, Brody Tyler Ostrofsky.
Congratulations to Jamie Kupfer and her husband Jimmy on their newborn, Bryce Hughes.
Congratulations to Ali Kaufman and her husband Jason on her new newborn, Zoey Jacobson.
Congratulations to Jonathan Marin and his wife Lisa on their newborn, Asher Paul Marin.
Congratulations to Jamie Rader and her husband Brett on their newborn, Ashton Jagger Knopf.

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.friendsoftr.org



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In Memoriam

- **Goldie Lantz** - Mother of Wendy Lantz Spector and Alice Lantz Schwartz. Her two children attended camp in the 1970s. Goldie was a proud Grandmother and great grandmother. She was a former alumni board member.
- **William Kain** - Our sincere condolences to Meryl (Abramson) Kain, former camper, on the passing of her beloved husband William (Bill). Their love for each other was strong and an inspiration for those who enjoyed their friendship and love. All who knew Bill enjoyed his great sense of humor and warm heart. He will truly be missed. Bill also cared deeply about his step-children, former camper and counselor Zach Goodman and former camp Nurse, Janine Grech.
- **Ray Epstein** – partner of Robin Kessler for 24 wonderful years. Ray passed away in August.
- **Melvin Jaffee** – Father of Elyse Jaffee Disciullo (camper in 1968) passed away in May. His late wife, Constance Kamiel Jaffee was also a Tranquillity camper. Melvin was a big supporter of Tranquillity Camp and will be missed by many

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Upcoming Events

November 10, 2019 – Open House, Huntington Hilton
November 23, 2019 – 100th Birthday Celebration Honoring Richard Lerner
at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY
January 12, 2020 - Open House, Huntington Hilton
February 2, 2020 - Open House, Huntington Hilton
February 2, 2020 - Open House, Marriott Boca Raton
February 9, 2020 – Florida Luncheon, Boca Raton
March 15, 2020 – Camper Reunion
April 19, 2020 - Open House, Huntington Hilton
July 1, 2020 – First Day of Camp
August 2, 2020 – Alumni Day