



Friends of Tranquillity Camp ECHO

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*Come and join us
July 27, 28 & 29
for our Gala Weekend*

Dear Friends,

This year, we are celebrating an incredible milestone: Tranquillity Camp's 100th Summer! We want you to be a part of this celebration, by joining us at a weekend full of special events this July 27th, 28th, and 29th. This includes a first-of-its kind Saturday night gala at camp. This is the biggest event the Tranquillity family has ever hosted and is guaranteed to be an unforgettable weekend.

There is of course another important way you can help celebrate this amazing milestone. The 100th summer is a unique moment in Tranquillity's history, and 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.

As has been the case since Tranquillity's founding in 1919, camper fees only cover a portion of the actual cost of attending camp. All campers receive at least some financial support, and some receive full scholarships. 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 build our endowment fund to secure the same gift for future campers.

There are many ways to be a part of our 100th Summer Celebration giving. This includes creating a page for our Yearbook or leaving your mark on Tranquillity by adding your name to a new gazebo to be built at camp next year! Included in this Echo is a list of the many ways you can support Tranquillity Camp at any level of giving that is comfortable for you.

Let's celebrate 100 summers of Tranquillity Camp by making this the most successful fundraising drive yet, so we can build an endowment fund for future generations of campers.

See you at camp in July!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Cary Spiegel

President, Friends of Tranquillity Camp

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

I close my eyes to reminisce about the beautiful serenity of camp - the buildings, our iconic barn, the massive green fields, the courts, the beautiful flowers, thousands of trees standing tall in the blue skies, and, of course, the "View from Lake Pearl." Next, I recollect how blessed I am to see campers and staff playing on those same fields and courts I did as a child and think about those who came before me. If it had not been for them, I would not have had a chance to spend so many amazing summers in such a magical place.

Thinking about those before me makes me think how few camps have had the honor of lasting for 100 summers, and when one does it is a remarkable achievement. One must ask themselves, how is this possible? Asking this question brings up memories of Pearl reciting the poem, "Somebody Said, It Couldn't Be Done," by Edgar Guest. When Elias A. Cohen first began Tranquillity, many in the Jewish community questioned the wisdom of starting a camp where both boys and girls could converge to pray, learn, and grow into upstanding men and women who would go on to carry out so much good in their lives. Those who came to camp learned the lessons and traditions and passed them onto future generations.

In a few months, past and present generations, and even a future generation or two, will have the opportunity to join together for a wonderful weekend celebrating our 100 glorious summers and looking forward to the many years to come. It will not matter what era you were in camp or whether you ever went to camp; what will matter is that you are all part of the magic and the love that has helped sustain Tranquillity over the years.

Of course, we know magic and love are not enough for any camp to continue. Some of you may be thinking, "It is not my responsibility." But it should be. There are not too many places anymore where your economic background, your religion, your color, your creed, or your gender do not matter. There are few places we can call our second home or a place where we can be together in peace without the outside world encroaching and making us worry or wonder what will be. There are not too many places where we can be away from our cell phones, computers, even our parents for a bit – not that campers won't miss them- but it is a perfect opportunity to communicate with each other verbally, become responsible for our own actions, and become independent adults with great values. In camp, we learn and benefit from each other, without fighting, yelling, screaming, or bullying.

In a way, we, just as those before us, should find a way to make sure the continuity of camp remains for many generations to come. I honestly believe if there were more places like Tranquillity, we would be better off. There would be less violence, less strife, less turmoil, and less of so much more. It was very important to Elias A. Cohen that we all become upstanding citizens, helping each other and learning to live together in peace and harmony, and, most importantly, carrying on the lessons of Noblesse Oblige – in Elias's words "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."

This monumental milestone – 100 years – will assemble us together this summer, creating the perfect opportunity to show our love and support for Tranquillity Camp. Tranquillity is a living example of a delightful place that can mean so much to so many people. The weekend, filled with a myriad of events, will bring long-lost friends together and create new, everlasting friendships. While people might not be able to attend, there are always ways to help ensure the future and help perpetuate the lessons and values instilled in our hearts and minds. If you can help, let me know and I will be happy to get you to the correct person.

On behalf of the Cohen Family, I would like to thank you for all you have done for Tranquillity Camp yesterday, today, and in the future. I would also like to thank you for the wonderful memories over the years and always remembering Tranquillity Camp as our wondrous summer haven. May Tranquillity continue to go on for many years to come, and always know you are in our hearts and minds – we wish each one of you the absolute best.

Love,
Cheryl Schwartz Janer

Dear Friends,

The first signs of Spring are a reminder that our historic Centennial Summer is just a few short months away. 100 years! Very few camps can boast such an amazing accomplishment. It is the combined efforts of thousands of Tranquillity-ites that have made TY the camp we see today. We can all be very proud of all we have achieved.



Since Tranquillity Camp began in 1919 on through today, every boy, every girl, every counselor, every staff member, every parent has become part of the Tranquillity family. A feeling of belonging, of togetherness and "esprit de corps" developed. Each generation of campers became the leaders, training the next group of campers, much like big brothers and sisters. The shows in the barn and sports center, the songs, the spirit on the ball fields and the same traditions have been carried on from one year to the next. Friendships formed at TY remained solid through life. There has always been a feeling of camp pride, of being part of a unique family, whether you belonged to the groups that Elias A. Cohen brought to his little farm in "Urlton" in the 1920's when camp was small and camp life was simple, or whether you came in the 1930's as Tranquillity developed from a farm to camp, or whether you came during the 1940's when many of the children were refugees who came from the war-torn countries of Europe to find peace and happiness, and learned to become Americans. Then, there were the thousands who came since then, whose lives were profoundly influenced by the wisdom and guidance of Pearl. The Tranquillity-ites of the 21st Century continue to carry on the traditions we hold so dear.

It is only through the collaborated efforts of the Cohen Family, The Elias A. Cohen Foundation, The Charles Cohn Foundation, The Schlang Foundation, The Alice Lawrence Foundation, and The Friends of Tranquillity Camp that our success has been possible. Their support throughout the years has been resolute and steadfast. Whether you can help us financially, with goods or services, or volunteering your time, we need your assistance.

RSVPs for our 100th Gala Celebration are arriving daily. Please reach out to those we might have missed. It will be an incredible weekend to re-connect with your "Tranquillity Family" and reminisce about your summers at TY.

Best regards to you and your family. See you this summer

Richard & Sherrie

Dear Friends of Tranquillity Camp,

On behalf of me and my family, I would like to wish you a very happy belated Passover. At our Seders we recite the traditional four questions – *What makes this night different from all other nights?* and then we listen to the youngest children at the table respond. Because I was surrounded by the love of my family and the tradition of being together for the Jewish holidays, I was inspired and began to think about camp.

What makes this camp different from all other camps?

The answers are simple:

1. Something to Crow About! There are not many camps that can say they have been in continuous operation for 100 years! Today some families are sending the fifth generation of campers.
2. Our Visionaries – We say thank you to Elias A. Cohen for having the vision and resources to help so many children, bringing them up to camp to enjoy the Tranquillity Farm and beautiful country air.
3. Our Staff – Richard Lerner will celebrate 58 years at camp and his 23rd year as our Camp Director, with his wonderful wife Sherrie always at the helm.
4. Our Values! The **Noblesse Oblige** motto is not only spoken about but instilled in our children. They learn about what it means to treat others with kindness.

The above would not have been achieved if not for the commitment, loyalty and hard work of our current staff, who stand on the shoulders of those that have come before them.

I have had the privilege of working with the wonderful board and camp leadership. I know first hand how proud Pearl and Henry Miller, Nat and Debbie Menis and all the Alumni members who came before us would be of all our accomplishments.

The best part of being involved with camp for all these years has been the people. Many of my camp friends are still my closest friends, going back 60 years! Time does not change a Tranquillity friendship; it seems to stand still. When you meet up with camp friends, that same wonderful feeling comes rushing right back! I am so happy that my own granddaughters will enjoy their fourth summer up at camp this summer. They sing the same songs and cheers and walk the same fields that I did as a young boy.

This summer we are celebrating 100 summers! The Friends of Tranquillity Camp has spent the last year envisioning and planning how to make this a special weekend event. We will be together up at camp under the stars, we will sit together during the beautiful Shabbat service, we will dance together in a big tent out on the field, and of course we will enjoy a wonderful lunch together on the carnival field for Alumni Day!

I hope to see many of you as we celebrate what is set to be a true celebration of a place so many of us have come to think of in our hearts as our home away from home.

Sincerely,

Harold Weinman

Chairman Emeritus, FOTY



Donation Levels

For all those who were campers or parents of campers during the past 100 Summers, and all of you who would like to support Tranquillity Camp's future: Send Checks in provided envelope or donate online at www.friendsofity.org/yearbook

PEARL PATRON: \$10,000 and above

RUBY PATRON: \$5,000

SPONSOR the FRIDAY NIGHT ONEG SHABBAT - \$5,000

DIAMOND PATRON: \$1,000

*For the above categories, your name will appear on TY's 100th Summer recognition gazebo (to be completed for the summer of 2019).
Receive a full color page in the 100th Summer Celebration Yearbook.
Write your own story and include your own pictures.*

GOLD DONOR: \$500

*Receive a 100th Summer Celebration Brick on The Pearl C. Miller Walkway and a half color page in the 100th Summer Celebration Yearbook.
Write your own story and include your own pictures.*

SILVER DONOR: \$250

*Receive a quarter color page in the 100th Summer Celebration Yearbook.
Write your own story and include your own pictures.*

BLUE and WHITE DONOR: \$100

Listing in the 100th Summer Celebration Yearbook.

BOOSTER: \$25

Listing in the 100th Summer Celebration Yearbook.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY:
For all Camper/Staff Parents & Families:

Shout-Outs to your Campers:
Full Page Color: \$500
Half Page Color: \$250
Quarter Page Color: \$125
Full Page Black & White: \$200
Half Page Black & White: \$100
Quarter Page Black & White: \$50

BUSINESS SUPPORTERS:

Full Page Color: \$5,000
Half Page Color: \$2,500
Quarter Page Color: \$1,250
Full Page Black & White: \$1,000
Half Page Black & White: \$500
Quarter Page Black & White: \$250
Business Card Black & White: \$100

Saturday, July 28th

**100TH SUMMER
GALA CELEBRATION**

“UNDER THE TRANQUILLITY STARS”

Dinner - Dancing - Entertainment

4:30pm Cocktail Hour (Alcohol Free)

6:00pm Sit Down Dinner

Dress Code – Summer Casual

*There will be no Saturday evening show. Only paid guests attending
The Dinner Event will be permitted in camp on Saturday.*

Parents with campers attending 2nd session will be seated with their children

Reservations and Payment are required by June 1st

Cost - \$125.00 per person / \$50.00 per child age 15 and under.

There is no charge for campers and staff attending 2nd session.

Under 18 must be accompanied by a parent.

**Please visit FriendsoftY.org to register
by June 1st.**

Tranquillity Camp

MEMORIAL DAY

WEEKEND

TOURS

FRIDAY - MONDAY

MAY 25TH - 28TH

Call to schedule your visit...

**Contact: Richard Lerner
518/634-7650 or email
campty@msn.com**

170 Tranquillity Road Earlton NY 12058

On the Marriage-Go-Round

Camryn Benjamin is engaged to Ryan Cooke
Jeremy Goldberg is engaged to Rainiel Buenaventure
Julia Mehlman is engaged to Matthew Klepacki
Eric Spiegel is engaged to Jess Setless
Jonathan Marin is engaged to Lisa Vogl
Michele Forman is married to Andrew Golden
Samantha Robbins is married to Aurash Jamali
Ali Kaufman is married to Jason Jacobson
Benji Berlant is married to Andi Sanders

Dana Schwartz is engaged to Rob Weinbaum
Jenna Goldberg is engaged to Adam Ahmed
Chelsea Kramer is engaged to Jeff Kurtz
Lisa Kenduck is engaged to Michael Cafaro
Michael Schneberg is engaged to Perry Taxin
Ben Kreisman is married to Aly Salonger
Rebecca Brown is married to Tucker Burr
Jackie Bamme is married to Jason Biegel
Marissa Fox is married to David Wolpert

Jillian Malkis is married to Bill Nechamkin

MAZEL-GRAMS

A big "Boom Chick-a-Boom" to Justin Kamen, Spencer Klein, and Melissa Stoll on passing the Bar Exam.
Congratulations to Jonah Karp on being the recipient of the 2017 Axxess Baseball Social Media Award.

Mazel Tov to Judy Lowitz Corbett on competing in the New York City Marathon.

Congratulations to Neal Hirsch and his wife Dawn on opening the Moonlight Café and Catering in
Brewster, NY.

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

A big "Boom Chick-a-Boom" to Harvey Benjamin on his retirement from the United States Postal Service.

Mazel Tov to Matthew Menis, who was named the 2018 Valedictorian of Eastport-South Manor High
School! Matthew is the eldest great-grandchild of Debbie and Nat Menis, grandson of Arnie Menis, son of
Stuart and Beth Menis.

Congratulations to Emily Gleicher on being honored by Congressman Adam Schiff as Woman of the Year
in Elysian Valley for her work with Farm LA.

Glad You're on the Road to Recovery

Ronnie Cohen

Wendy Seslowsky

Mark Vodofsky

Harold Weinman

Future Tranquility-ites

Congratulations to Amanda Snider Friedman and her husband Matthew on their newborn, Emma Ryan
Friedman.

Congratulations to Melinda Garfield and her wife Kara on their newborn, Dean William Garfield.

Congratulations to Stacey Seid on her new newborn, Jonathan.

Congratulations to David Spiegel and his wife Jessica on their newborn, Solomon Ellis Spiegel.

Congratulations to Danielle Hakim Silverman and her husband Gregory on their newborn, Monroe Layla.

Congratulations to Dana Schwartz and Ron Weinbaum on their newborn, Talia Brooklyn Weinbaum.

Congratulations to Sami Goldman Cardell and her husband Michael on their newborn, Lana Cardell.

Congratulations to Michael Kolmel and his wife Angela on their newborn, Sawyer Kolmel.

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 **Brittney (Ronik) Scott: brittney1scott@gmail.com** or go online to purchase at www.friendsofty.org/please-contribute

Off to the Halls of Ivy

Marissa Kanter - Binghamton University
Ally Keiserman – University of Rhode Island
Elizabeth Samolsky – Tulane University
Noelle Villella – Pennsylvania State University
Jacob Goldstein – Cornell University
Maxx Levine – SUNY Cortland
Matthew Menis – Cornell University
Tori Snider – SUNY Cortland
Jamie Berger – Binghamton University
Danielle Breen – Binghamton University

Lev Bergfeld - Binghamton University
Ari Bergfeld – University at Albany
Evan Johansen – University at Albany
Paige Nolan – University of Colorado Boulder
Jenna Messing – Tulane University
Jordyn Costello – SUNY Geneseo
Andrew Yanover – Cornell University
Russell Holtzman – Binghamton University
Dean Preston – Syracuse University
Emily Garten – University at Delaware
Tommy Seslowsky – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Off to the Real World - University Graduates

Hannah Scelfo – University at Buffalo
Sarah Rich – University at Tampa
Mitchell Hirsch – University of Michigan
Ally Schustek – Alfred State University
Sydney Goldschlag – Akron University
Daniel Reiskin – SUNY Old Westbury
Spencer Nolan – University at Buffalo

Alexa Kramer – University at Albany
Olivia Johansen – University at Albany
Jarred Katz – SUNY Plattsburgh
Laurel Dorfman – The College of New Jersey
Marlee Hirsch – University of Miami
Michael Green – Williams College
Tyler Paola – Hofstra University

Josh Baron – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Noah Fleigelman University of Wisconsin - Madison

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In Memoriam

Chef Richie Gholston was the Camp chef for many years. He loved all the children and staff through his many summers in the kitchen. He surely had a unique character about him. Ask any waiter or bread and butter girl, and they would certainly smile, and share a "Richie moment" with you. He always looked forward to returning each summer to his "kids". His proudest moment was when Pearl presented him with his Menuchah pin. A TY legend for sure of his day, he will never be forgotten by all his summer kids.

Barbara Resnick Menis - Loving wife of Arnold Menis, mother to Andrea Menis Becker. She stood in as a second mom to Stuart and Michael. Loving grandma to Matthew, Daniel, and Sarah Menis, and Jonah Becker.

Audrey Calderon, age 77, of East Brunswick, New Jersey passed away on Wednesday January 24, 2018. Audrey was born December 18, 1940. Audrey is survived by daughter Shari Rangell and daughter Amy Calderon; brother Michael Gross; seven grandchildren: Brian, Jeff, Jesse, Arianna, Andre, Jalen and Jaimie.

Madeleine (Berger) Friedman - daughter of William and Sylvia Berger, sister of Ann (Berger) Brown, sister-in-law of Richie Brown, Aunt to Harrison Brown & Rebecca (Brown) Burr. Madeleine was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. She was a former camper and counselor in the late 50's and early 60's. She is fondly remembered for her many talents - most of all her gift of music and contributions to numerous camp plays.

Louis "Lou" Solomon - 100, loving and devoted father of Ann (Newman) and Sharon (Wolff), grandfather to the late Debra (Newman). Lou shared with his daughter Sharon, (TY '64-71) former camper, counselor, Alumni Member, her love for Tranquillity. When June would roll around, Lou would always ask, "so when does camp start, how many campers this year" followed by, "when are you going to visit". Lou fought in War World 2 and was a POW.

Spend the day at Tranquillity Camp!

Join us Sunday, May 27th for a Memorial Day weekend service.

11:00 A.M. memorial service, followed by a buffet lunch in our beautiful dining room.

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Upcoming Events

May 27, 2018 – Memorial Day Weekend Service
June 27, 2018 – First Day of Camp
July 28, 2018 – Tranquillity 100th Celebration Gala
July 29, 2018 – Alumni Day

Re-nominated Board of Directors and Officers

President – Cary Spiegel

Vice-President – Ira Altman Vice President – Stacy Budkofsky Vice President – Wendy Seslowsky Recording Secretary – Wendi Weinman Corresponding Secretary – Brittney Scott

Treasurer – Elissa Forman Co-Comptroller – Paul Cohen Co-Comptroller - Larry Brown

The terms of the following Board Members expire with this Annual Meeting on July 29, 2018.

The Board of Directors is pleased to nominate them for re-election:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Re-nominated for a 3-year term (expires 2021)

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| Ira Altman | Larry Brown | Mel Kenduck | Sherrie Lerner | Cary Spiegel |
| Cheryl Janer | Wendi Weinman | Robin Kessler | Amy Abramson | David Spiegel |
| Tracy Reina | Wendy Seslowsky | Michael Menis | Shari Cleary | Josh Stern |

Nominations: new members: for 3-year term (expires 2021)

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| Robin Newmark | Beth Tischler Mendes | Tamara Greene | Alexandra Schildkraut Wasch |
| Nancy Brown | Erica Kassler | Eric Spiegel | Zach Goldberg |

The above slate of Officers for the years 2018-2019, for the 3-year term ending in 2021, has been proposed by the Board of Directors, which recommends a favorable vote. To propose any additions or changes for consideration by the membership, a petition containing 25 signatures of Members in Good Standing must be received at Friends of Tranquillity Camp, PO Box 6469, Monroe Township, NJ 08831-6469, by July 15, 2018.