



Tranquillity

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

THE TY ECHO

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From our family to yours,

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season!

A Message From Your Outgoing President

Stacy Budkofsky

Dear Tranquillity Camp Family,

I am both honored and thrilled to share with you that I have accepted the role of Executive Camp Director at Tranquillity Camp. This place, which has been my home and heart for over 45 years, continues to inspire and shape me in ways I could never fully put into words. To now have the opportunity to lead our 106-year-old camp into its next chapter is a great privilege.

I want to express my gratitude to Richie and Sherrie, whose steadfast leadership over the past 29 years has left an indelible mark on Tranquillity Camp. Their dedication, vision, and care have nurtured generations of campers, staff, and families. We are all beneficiaries of their legacy, and I know I have big shoes to fill. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and for leaving the camp on such a strong foundation. I wish you only the best in your new chapter!

Having dedicated the majority of my professional career to the camp world - including nine years as a camp director - and with my lifelong connection to Tranquillity, I come to this role with a wealth of experience and passion, and I am excited to be bringing Tranquillity into the future.

My journey with TY began over 45 years ago, and it's been a joy to be a part of all that makes Tranquillity Camp so special for so long. Tranquillity has always been about fostering friendships, growth, and joy - values I hold dear and will continue to uphold.

As we look ahead, I am excited about what the future holds for camp. My vision is to honor our rich history, deep-rooted traditions, and Jewish values while embracing new opportunities that will enhance the camp experience for everyone. Our motto, *Noblesse Oblige*, will continue to guide us as we strive to make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of every camper and staff member. I look forward to collaborating with our dedicated boards, staff team, campers, and families to ensure that Tranquillity Camp remains a place where memories are made and lives are enriched.

To all of you who have been part of the Tranquillity Family - thank you for your support, trust, and belief in the power of this incredible camp community. I am eager and excited to move forward together.

Always Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Stacy Budkofsky

Stacy (Cohen) Budkofsky
Outgoing President, Friends of Tranquillity Camp
Incoming Executive Director, Tranquillity Camp

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Richard Lerner

Dear Tranquillity Family,

Although Sherrie and I are very much looking forward to the next chapter of our lives, it is with mixed emotions that we move forward. The multitudes of campers, staff, parents, alumni and friends have made a lasting impression on us both. We are retiring from our positions as directors of Tranquillity Camp, but we are certainly not going away. Our plan is to stay involved in the camp we hold near and dear. We are confident we are leaving TY in very capable hands. Sherrie and I will do all we can to assist Stacy in transitioning into her new role.

This summer Tranquillity Camp will be celebrating its 107th season. Few camps can boast such an achievement. What an amazing accomplishment. Certainly, one to be celebrated by anyone who has been part of the incredible journey that has brought us to today. In 1952, "The Tranquillity Alumni" was formed. For over seven decades the alumni, now the newly named "Tranquillity Alumni & Friends" has been instrumental in helping to provide a rewarding camp experience for thousands of girls and boys fortunate to call TY their summer home.

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 ballfields 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.

As we say goodbye to those who have meant so much to us throughout the years, we recognize that the future of TY rests in all of our hands. We will do our part, along with yours, to ensure Tranquillity Camp remains in perpetuity.

Hope to see you at camp on Visiting Day this summer and events throughout the year!

All our love,

Richard & Sherrie

Cheryl's Pearls of Wisdom

A Message from the Cohen Family

As I reflect on my journey through life, Tranquillity Camp stands out as a beacon of joy and connection. For 47 years, this magical place has been a constant in my life, shaping me in countless ways. From camper to counselor to head counselor, and even working in the office, Tranquillity has become a part of who I am.

While every camp experience is unique, one thing remains constant: the power of connection. We've learned to embrace both the highs and the lows, knowing that growth comes from every journey. Some memories may be bittersweet, but let's remember the joy, the laughter, and the lifelong friendships that Tranquillity has brought us.

I believe there's no better place for children to spend their summers. Tranquillity offers a sanctuary where they can unplug, connect with nature, and build lasting bonds. It's a place where the spirit of community thrives, and where children can discover their true potential.

However, I also understand that for some, the past may hold lingering challenges. It's important to acknowledge these feelings and recognize that healing is a process. By letting go of the past, we can open ourselves up to the joy and possibilities of the present and future.

Imagine a world where every child has the opportunity to experience the magic of Tranquillity. Together, we can make this dream a reality. Your donations provide scholarships for campers who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to attend. Every dollar brings us closer to our goal of making Tranquillity accessible to all.

If you know a child who could benefit from a transformative summer experience, please consider recommending them for Tranquillity Camp. Imagine them experiencing the thrill of adventure, the healing benefits of community, and the lifelong impact of friendship. Picture them learning valuable life lessons, building lifelong friendships, and discovering their true potential. Don't miss out on the opportunity to give a child the gift of an unforgettable summer. Recommend Tranquillity today and help us make a difference in their life. For, Tranquillity is part of life – the best part.

To all who have supported Tranquillity over the years, thank you. Your love, generosity, and dedication have kept the camp's spirit alive. Together, we can create a brighter future for generations to come. Let's continue to nurture this special place and share its magic with the world.

By choosing to move forward, we are not only ensuring the future of Tranquillity but also setting a powerful example for the children who attend. Let's show them the importance of forgiveness, resilience, and the power of hope. Together, we can create a legacy of love, compassion, and lasting connection.

Always know, I love and cherish my memories and connections with each and every one of you. Though I may not see you often –our Tranquillity bond runs deep within my heart – it means more to me than you will ever know. Our camp is a special place, filled with memories and friendships that we cherish. But to ensure it remains a thriving community for years to come, we need to work together. Let's come together to strengthen our bonds and protect our beloved summer haven. Together, we can create a brighter future for our camp.

*May tranquillity fill your days and peace your nights.
May your love for Tranquillity Camp forever be a refuge in your hearts.*

Love Always and Forever,

Cheryl Schwartz Janer

A Message From Your Chairman

Cary Spiegel

Dear Tranquillity Alumni & Friends,

It's official!! To be consistent with the new marketing effort and re-branding of Tranquillity Camp, we have changed our name to Tranquillity Alumni & Friends - a bit of a throwback to when we came into existence in 1953 as the "Alumni", and staying loyal to our "Friends." What hasn't changed is our mission to support the children of Tranquillity Camp through fundraising and social events.

We congratulate Richie and Sherrie Lerner on their retirement. Richie and Sherrie's leadership since 1996 has been an incredible chapter in the long and wonderful history of Tranquillity Camp. The thousands of campers whose lives have been shaped are a testament to their stewardship. We wish them many years of happy and healthy adventures together.

We also congratulate our own Stacy Budkofsky on her appointment as the new Executive Director. I know Stacy will bring her incredible enthusiasm and love of Tranquillity to a new generation of campers.

We hope you and your families are well and enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. All of us are looking forward to the summer of 2025! We are celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of our organization and the 107th year of Tranquillity Camp!

Tranquillity Alumni & Friends is like no other Alumni organization. We provide a feeling of family and a continuing Camp experience for former campers, counselors and staff into their 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, and well beyond. There must be something good in that camp water!!

Tranquillity Alumni & Friends is sponsoring two wonderful in-person gatherings in March and April of 2025: our Florida lunch at Maggiano's in Boca Raton on March 2nd, and our third annual spring brunch in Bellmore, NY on April 27th. Both events are being planned by our Board Volunteers - Robin Kessler, Cheryl Janer, Ira Altman, and Wendy Seslowsky in Florida, and in New York it will be Sheryl Arms, Francene Markman, Robin Newmark, Lisa Spiegel, Emily Brant, Julia Rosiello, Beth Mindes, Andrea Kozodoy, Stephanie Cohn, and, of course, our indefatigable Harold Weinman.

Once again, we are appealing to you to help Camp continue well into the future. Please let us know of anyone interested in giving a child the opportunity to attend TY. The Covid years put a major damper on many summer camps, and we are relying on our entire TY family to help. Here are a few other ways you can continue to reconnect and support Tranquillity's future:

- Attend an upcoming, in-person event - Alumni day, and more being planned.
- Participate in our Annual Fund / Online Journal with a generous donation to strengthen Camp's programs and enhance Camp's facilities. Your contributions provide camp experiences for children regardless of their family's means. Please make your end of year donations and help Stacy's inaugural year get off to a great start.
- Find out if your company has a matching gift program and add Tranquillity Alumni & Friends to their roster.

Thank you again for all you have done for Camp in the past and thank you in advance for all your future contributions. Please call your camp friends and join us for Visiting/Alumni Day at Camp on Sunday, August 3rd.

Enjoy this issue of the Echo! Many thanks to Jillian Ruffo for putting it together!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Cary

Cary Spiegel

Chairman of the Board

Mazel-Grams

On The Marriage-Go-Round

Jason Forman is engaged to Alyssa Portoni. A wedding is planned for Fall 2025. Jason is the son of Scott & Elissa Taub-Forman and sister of Michelle Golden. Elissa, Jason & Michelle were all campers and counselors for many years.

Alyssa Dinberg, daughter of Babette Freund and granddaughter of Jewel and Alex Freund married Stephen Shannon on September 30, 2024 in Crested Butte, CO.

Future Tranquillity-Ites

TY couple **Brian Kaplan** and **Amanda Elwart** are having a baby due in 2025. A future TY camper!

Congratulations to **Erica Kassler**, who is expecting her first child with husband Peter Keane!

Alexis Richards (formerly Boxer) and her husband Russell welcomed their second child, Zaiden Bernard Richards in September 2024.

Jackie Soloff Lesorgen and husband Mark welcomed their daughter Lily Madeline on 12/3/24. Congratulations to the entire family!

Three Loud Yay's

Congratulations are in order for **Michelle Arms, Arianna Rizzi, and Sam Gozinsky** who crushed the New City Marathon in November!

A Question For The Crowd

Submitted by: Jean Graber Werner

“I have a question for campers that were in my group during the late 1960’s and early 1970’s.

When we had sing competition our group counselor wrote a song ‘There’s a jacket rack racket at Tranquillity.’ I remember the first verse and a little of the second verse plus the chorus in between each verse. I don’t remember the whole 2nd and 3rd verse of the song. I do remember it won best song during the sing competition. Does anyone remember the second and third verse of this song?”

Email: Teachrjean@gmail.com

Condolences

The Tranquillity community mourns the loss of **Alan Newmark**, who passed away on Wednesday, October 9th.

Alan and his wife, **Robin**, first became involved with TY in 1991 when their 3 children went to camp. The Newmarks were hooked and eventually all 4 children attended TY. Alan and Robin became involved with the alumni and stepped-up to help with anything they could.

Later, Alan became the treasurer of the Friends of TY and the 2 of them have been non-stop volunteers for camp ever since then.

Alan loved his Tranquillity family, the Mets and the Rangers. He had many shirts and jerseys for all of his favorites, but his Tranquillity shirts WAY outnumbered his team shirts so we all know which he loved the most!

We send our love and deepest condolences to Robin, and the entire Newmark family. He will truly be missed.

May Alan's memory be for a blessing.

Audrey Joan (Schlang, Caine) Diamond, founder of The Palm Beach Chronicles, The Palm Beach Art Times and The Art of the Times Magazine, passed on December 10, 2024.

Audrey was born on April the 15, 1939, the daughter of Maurice and Florence Schlang and sister to Adrienne Garnett.

Audrey has two children; **Robin Diamant and Cy Caine** as well as grandson **Marc Diamant**.

She was a graduate of Finch College and owner of Fabrique Caine clothing company in Los Angeles.

She was a supporter of The Miami City Ballet, The Armory, and The Palm Beach Cultural Council.

Her publications were filled with incredible photography and the first in the area to include a social and events calendar.

Many galleries, museums, and artists owe their success to the publicity she gave them in her publications

Our Deepest condolences go to her entire family.

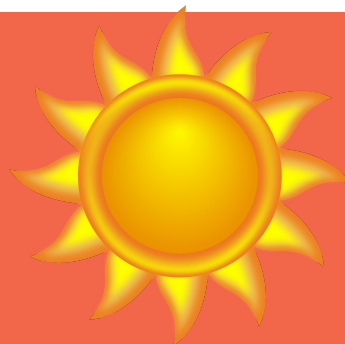
Get Well Soon

We're sending all our love and well wishes to our very own **Ira Altman** during his courageous fight against cancer. Ira, your entire Tranquillity family is praying for a speedy and full recovery.

Well wishes to Tina (Rizzi) Baron. We hope you continue on a healthy path.

Healing wishes for Heather (Wexler) Simon, Robin Tucker Lapidus, and Lilli Frindel Voldman

Send a smile... 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 at bethstaci@gmail.com or [CLICK HERE](#)

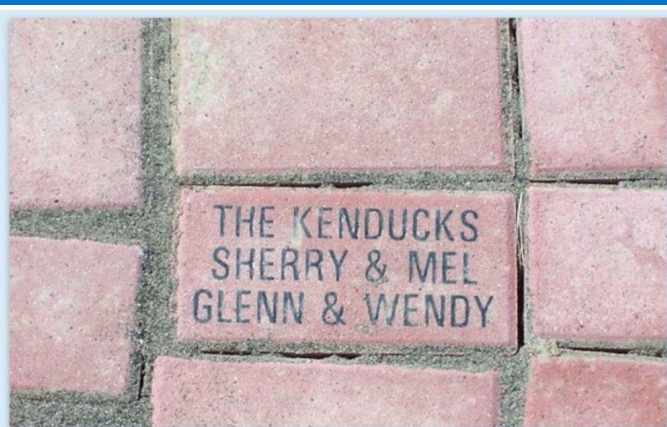
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DATES!

**SUNDAY
MARCH 2ND**

FLORIDA LUNCHEON

MAGGIANOS - BOCA RATON

**SUNDAY
APRIL 27TH**

NEW YORK BRUNCH

CONGREGATION BETH OHR
BELLMORE

2025 CAMP DATES

WELCOME, CAMPERS

Sunday, June 29

SO LONG, CAMPERS

Tuesday, August 19

VISITING DAY

Sunday, August 3





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Summer 2025

Full Summer (7 Weeks) \$7850

Sunday, June 29th - Tuesday, August 19th

Session 1 (4 Weeks) \$4850

Sunday, June 29 - Tuesday, July 29

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Wednesday, July 30 - Tuesday, August 19



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REFER A FRIEND

GET UP TO \$750

For each new child who enrolls in Tranquillity for the Summer of 2025 and lists you as a referral:

Receive a \$750 Amazon Gift Card for each camper who registers for the full summer or \$450 Gift Card for Session 1 or \$300 Gift Card for Session 2

-OR-

Donate all, or a portion, of your referral back to Tranquillity Camp (non-profit organization) and receive a tax deduction



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Upcoming Open House Dates and Locations

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

Huntington Hilton

598 Broad Hollow Road, Melville, NY

Sunday, January 26, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 5, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Join us online for our Virtual showcases each month

To schedule a tour or in-home interview, contact Richard & Sherrie Lerner

Phone: 518-634-7650 Email: campty@msn.com

Pickleball is now at TY!

We have created a space that encourages campers to learn and play this engaging and fun activity. By providing these facilities, we aim to promote physical activity, social cohesion, and overall well-being for the TY campers.

Please help with the cost of the 3 pickleball courts at camp!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to donate TODAY!

