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# THE TY ECHO

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*Friends of Tranquillity Camp*

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**Wishing you a Happy Holiday  
Season and a beautiful 2024  
*From our TY family to yours***

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# A Message From Your President

Stacy Budkofsky

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*Hineh ma tov uma na'im  
Shevet achim gam yachad.*

*How good and pleasant it is  
For brothers & sisters to sit together.*

These words are sung at every Friday night Shabbos Service at Tranquillity Camp and could not be more true at this moment in time in the wider world.

Camp is where we learn to accept people from different backgrounds.

Camp is where we learn to live in peace and harmony with others.

Camp is where we learn to get along with people from anywhere in the world.

Camp is where we learn to welcome those who may need a haven from their everyday life when the world is unkind.

Camp is where we learn to treat each other with respect, regardless of our differences.

Camp is a world where children learn how to be good human beings, make friends and be kind to one another.

What an amazing opportunity to have sat and sung those words or have our children sing these words and also LIVE these words every day of the summer at Tranquillity Camp. Could there be a more valuable lesson than that?

Friends of Tranquillity Camp exists to uphold the valuable lessons learned at Tranquillity Camp. By supporting The Friends of Tranquillity Camp, you contribute to this too. Whether you can give of your time or money, you are a supporter who believes in the importance of what Tranquillity Camp does.

Please give and give generously so we can promote and carry on these important lessons.

To find out how you can be involved, email me at [sta.bud@icloud.com](mailto:sta.bud@icloud.com)

We welcome you!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

*Stacy Budkofsky*

President, Friends of Tranquillity Camp

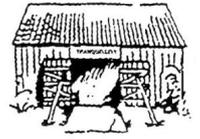
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# Dateline Earlton

## Richard Lerner

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In 1952, "The Tranquillity Alumni" was created. Pearl Miller, along with a group of former campers and counselors - Al Rukin, Abe Berson, Nat Menis and Leo Skolnik - recognized the need to create an organization to ensure the preservation of TY. For the over six decades the Alumni, now called "The Friends of Tranquillity" Camp, has been instrumental in helping to fulfill Tranquillity Camp's mission to provide amazing lifelong summer memories for boys and girls. We count on your continued support.

We certainly have grown since Elias A. Cohen brought 10 boys to his little farm in "Urlton" in 1919, to the thousands of children who attended camp throughout the years. Tranquillity now has over 1000 acres, and thanks to the devotion of so many people, Tranquillity's facilities have expanded: swimming pools, tennis courts, the Dining Room, Overlook Lane, Frindel Lane, the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center, The Hills and many more. Yet we continue to hold fast to the traditions and lessons we learn at TY.

Planning is well underway for the best summer ever, our 106<sup>th</sup> season! "We live 10 for 2" are the campers and staff's unofficial motto. Soon the "tranquility" that is TY before the summer will be replaced by the joy and exhilaration of several hundred campers. We are very fortunate that many of last year's "home-grown" staff have already committed to return in 2024.

Our motto, Noblesse Oblige, was never more apparent than this past year. Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to host 40 recently arrived Ukrainian children. I have never been more proud of our staff and campers, who welcomed them to the Tranquillity Family.

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

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 look forward to seeing you on Visiting Day, Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>. It is an opportunity to see camp at its best..... "The happiest place on earth!"

From our family to yours, Sherrie and I wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

Warmest regards,

*Richard*

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# Cheryl's Pearls of Wisdom

## A Message from the Cohen Family

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When I close my eyes, a familiar tune from *Grease* plays in my mind: "Summer lovin', had me a blast. Summer lovin', happened so fast." It's a song that resonates with so many, as the allure of summer is universal. Time always seems to slip away during those warm months, doesn't it? Do you have fond memories of Tranquillity Camp? If you didn't have the chance to experience it, do you ever find yourself wondering what it might have been like?

Recall the friendships you made, the valuable lessons you learned, and, of course, the joyous moments you had at camp. Ah, to revisit our youth, when we had no idea of how profoundly camp would shape our lives. We simply longed to return to Tranquillity Camp year after year. While many of us were sad to see it end, we recognized the inevitability of growing up and venturing into the adult world. We relied on our cherished memories to sustain us. The question arises: should we share these beautiful recollections with others, or keep them to ourselves?

Naturally, I passionately believe we should do everything in our power to ensure that future generations have the opportunity to experience the profound impact of Tranquillity Camp. We were fortunate to have this chance, but not everyone is as fortunate. It's within our grasp to provide the same opportunity to others, allowing them to flourish in an environment of peace and harmony, just as we did.

There are countless ways to achieve this noble goal, and by doing so, we honor our cherished past while kindling the flame for those yet to come. These future campers will proudly carry on the values and experiences that Tranquillity Camp imparts, helping them become responsible, harmonious citizens in today's complex world.

So, how can you help? It's as simple as spreading the word about camp, joining our events, or providing monetary support if you are able – every effort, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated and beneficial. If you know of generous individuals or organizations who recognize the importance of empowering our youth and can contribute either to our events or directly to camp, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your creativity and connections might be the key to ensuring a brighter future for Tranquillity Camp and the generations it will continue to inspire.

I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you. Thank you for the wonderful memories we've shared in the past and for the commitment to securing a brighter future for Tranquillity Camp. Your support is the cornerstone of this mission. Together, we ensure that the legacy of Tranquillity Camp lives on, inspiring generations to come, and for that, we are profoundly thankful.

Love Always and Forever,

*Cheryl Schwartz Janer*

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# A Message From Your Chairman

## Cary Spiegel

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Dear Friends of Tranquillity Camp,

We hope you and your families are well and celebrated a joyous Thanksgiving with your families.

We are celebrating the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of The Friends of Tranquillity Camp and the 106<sup>th</sup> year of Tranquillity Camp! This past July, I had the honor of speaking to the campers, counselors, and staff at the end of Shabbat Services. Although I have done this many times over the years, I particularly cherished this opportunity as it was the first time I was able to do so in four years.

Many of you have expressed a feeling of being disconnected from Tranquillity caused by the Covid years and the lack of in-person gatherings. Our Board committees are hard at work planning in-person events for the TY family to reunite with each other. Here are a few ways you can reconnect and support Tranquillity's future:

- Attend an upcoming, in-person event.
- Participate in our Annual Fund / Online Journal with a generous donation.
- Refer a new camper.

Camp was able to return to full pre-pandemic activities this past summer. Campers were thrilled to be with their counselors & friends, and parents and former campers & counselors were ecstatic to visit on Alumni Day. Richie, Sherrie, Ira, Cheryl, Wendy, and the staff did an outstanding job of scheduling and providing a healthy and fun summer for all, including a group of Ukrainian children displaced from their country due to war.

Planning for the Summer of 2024 is under way. We are looking forward to having camper numbers equal to those of the pre-Covid years. If any of you know of parents and children interested in attending Camp, please put them in touch with Richie.

We have begun our end-of-year drive for the Annual Fund. Last year we started an online journal, giving all of you the opportunity to present your own stories and pictures telling of your relationship with Tranquillity. We are looking to expand that platform this year. Please encourage your friends to participate as well.

Thank you again for all you have done for Camp in the past and thank you in advance for all your future contributions.

Please join us for ALL our upcoming in-person events:

- The Florida Bruncheon in Delray Beach on February 4<sup>th</sup>
- The New York Spring Bruncheon at Colbeh in Great Neck on March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Alumni Day at Camp on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy this issue of the Echo!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,



Cary Spiegel  
Chairman of the Board

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# Mazel-Grams

## *On The Marriage-Go-Round*

Congratulations to former camper and counselor **Erica Kassler** on her engagement and future nuptials to her fiancé, Peter.

Mazel tov to **Rachel Kirschenbaum**, who married Joe Sudberg on October 28th. Tranquillity alumni included Rachel's sister Jill Steinberger and many longtime camp friends, who had an amazing time celebrating!

Congratulations to **Kelsey Urrutia** who married Josh Benaroya. Proud parents Mario and Rivkah Urrutia and brother Zachary.

Mazel Tov to **Harrison Brown**, son of Ann & Richard Brown and brother to Rebecca, on his engagement to Sam Samuels!

Congratulations to **Jackie Soloff** on her marriage to Mark Lesorgen. Proud sister Soph Soloff and mom Stacy Fegeinbaum, also a former camper and counselor, and extremely proud grandma of TY couple Stefani Daniels and Irwin Feigenbaum feel the love.

Congratulations to Jill Faber, who married Brendan Kelleher on November 18, 2023 at Citi Field. Proud parents Glen and Christina Faber and brother Andrew Faber.

## *Future Tranquillity-Ites*

Welcome baby girl Morgan Cooke, to proud parents **Camryn and Ryan**, and verklempt Grandpa Harv Benjamin.

Mazel Tov to **Julie Goldman**, Daughter of Gail Schwartz Goldman, who is expecting her first child, a baby boy, in December.

Congratulations to **Stacey Seid** on the birth of her second son this summer.

Gabriel Victor Spiegel was born on August 4, 2023 to proud parents **Eric and Jess Spiegel**, and big brother Caleb. Kvelling grandparents Cary and Elisa.

## *Off to the Halls of Ivy*

**Max Marino** graduated high school and is now studying cybersecurity at RIT.

**Jack Wachs** graduated Long Beach High School and is now attending Binghamton University's Honors Program!

**Connor Menzer**, grandson of Mark and Debbie Menzer, is attending the University of Houston, Majoring in Mathematics.

**Ally Blumstein** is now attending Binghamton University's School of Management.

## Congrats, 2023 College Grads!

**Zoe Alpert:** Binghamton University

**Brooke Waller:** Tulane University

**Julie Gorel:** Ithaca College

**Sarah Engelman:** SUNY Cortland

**Jessie Gillman:** University of Rhode Island

**Leah Rosenthal:** Oberlin College

**Sasha Bennett:** SUNY Oswego

**Michelle Handschu:** SUNY New Paltz

**Ashley Strobing:** SUNY Plattsburgh

**Rachel Fleissig:** SUNY Brockport

**Sophie Gruen:** University of Michigan

**Sawyer Davis:** College of Mount Saint Vincent

**Andrew Warner:** Binghamton University

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## Three Loud Yay's

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**Mazel Tov to Seth and Marci Lindenman** on the Bar Mitzvah of their nephew, Jacob.

Congratulations to **TY couple Shelley and Mark Scher** on their 50th wedding anniversary! They began dating at Tranquillity in 1969, and celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 10, 2023! They cherish their time together along with their three children and their families.

Mazel Tov to **Dr. Michelle Arms**, who completed her OB-GYN residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City and moved on to become an OB-GYN at a private practice in Brooklyn, New York. Parents Sheryl and Russ Arms and brother Greg are incredibly proud. AND, extra huge congrats on completing the NYC Marathon!

**Matthew Menis** received his Masters Degree in Engineering Management from Cornell University in May. He currently lives/works in Connecticut as a mechanical engineer. Proud parents Stuart and Beth Menis, Aunts and Uncles Lauren and Michael Menis, Joan and Mike Frieman, cousins Daniel and Sarah Menis, Delilah Frieman, Nat and Sariah Novick, Max and Ethan Marino, the Abramsons, Goodmans. He is the great-grandson of Debbie and Nat Menis and grandson of Arnie Menis and Marsha Singer. Congratulations!

**Congrats to Alyssa Gubernick on her** graduation from Gettysburg College!

**Rebecca Balsan**, daughter of Judith (Coan) and Steve Balsan, graduated from Goucher College with a degree in Environmental Studies and Social Justice

**Pam Kreinces** graduated from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. She will be returning to IU in the fall for an MSIS degree (Master of Science in Information Systems).

Congratulations to **Rogan Portnoy**, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Oct 14, 2023!

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Berson**, who was installed as President of the Kiwanis Club of Northeast Miami-Dade for a second year of leadership, as well as Vice-President of Membership of the North Miami Beach Toastmasters Club, after serving as President for the past two years.

Congratulations to **Jacob Rosenbloom**, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah with close friends and family on November 18, 2023. The party will continue when he takes his dream trip to London & Paris in the spring!

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## Get Well Soon

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Sending love and well wishes to **Robin Marino!** Get well soon!

Get well, **Robin Diamant!** Sending all our love.

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## Condolences

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**Condolences to Bruce Budkofsky** on the loss of his mother, Rosalind Budkofsky. Beloved Mother-in-law to Stacy (Cohen) and Grandmother to Scott and Adam.

**Condolences to Gayle Birken Sikora** on the loss of her beloved husband Matt. May his memory be a blessing.

**Condolences to Holly Levison** on the loss of her father, and to **Abby and Hannah** on the loss of their grandfather.

# Menuchah

Since 1934, Tranquillity Camp has recognized those who have demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond, assisting TY in all its noble endeavors.

Sometimes the award is given to a counselor or alumnus, or it may go to an adopted Tranquillity-ite. The award is a pin with the word Menuchah on it. The Menuchah Society includes just over 100 members and reads like a “Who’s Who” of Tranquillity Camp - a veritable Hall of Fame.



This year at Banquet, we were honored to present the Menuchah Award to two deserving women, **Sheryl Arms and Tori Snider**. We could not have been more overjoyed to award Menuchah to Sheryl and Tori and welcome them into this very select club. **Congratulations!**

## Give the gift of memories this summer



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MARCH 3

APRIL 7

**SUFFERN, NY (CROWNE PLAZA)**

DECEMBER 3

**BOCA RATON, FL (EMBASSY SUITES)**

FEBRUARY 3

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MARCH 17

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

# 2024 Florida Bruncheon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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7099 W ATLANTIC AVENUE

DELRAY BEACH, FL

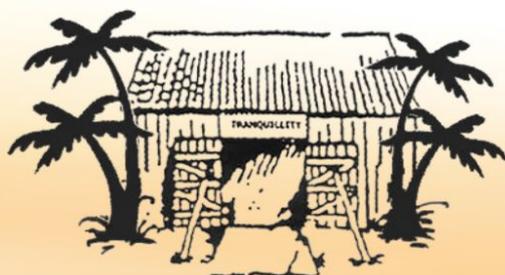
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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FRIENDS OF TRANQUILLITY CAMP**

**CELEBRATING 71 YEARS**

**SPRING 2024 BRUNCH**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH**

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**STAY TUNED FOR  
MORE  
INFORMATION AND  
REGISTRATION**



**2024 Camp Dates**

June 30th - August 20th

**[Click here to Register](#)**

**Visiting/Alumni Day:**

Sunday, August 4th



**TRANQUILLITY  
•CAMP•  
OPEN HOUSE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

**10:00AM - 4:00PM**

**HUNTINGTON HILTON, LONG ISLAND**



**Upcoming Events:**

**Florida Bruncheon**, Sunday, February 4th, Delray Beach  
[Click here for tickets and info](#)

**New York Brunch**, Sunday, March 24th, Great Neck, NY

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