



Tranquillity

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

THE TY ECHO

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From our family to yours,

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2026!

A Message From Your President

Tina (Rizzi) Baron

Dear Tranquillity Camp Family,

This has been an uncharacteristically cold winter, which makes me yearn for our summer days at Tranquillity even more! I have been the President of the Tranquillity Alumni & Friends for about a year, and I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has provided their support to TYA&F and, by association, to Tranquillity Camp. Our organization's main charter is to fundraise for the benefit of Tranquillity Camp and our campers, and we strive to enhance our actions to do so each year.

My family's association with T-Y started with my mother as a camper in 1945 - over 80 years ago - and has continued through a total of three generations to my sons. My wish is that TYA&F can continue to provide the financial support required to enable many more generations to experience summers at T-Y and make amazing memories! There are very few summer camps that have been operating for 108 summers, and we should be very proud of the support that our organization has provided to allow Tranquillity to continue its legacy .

TY&F is a very hard-working group of dedicated volunteers, however, we can always use more assistance. I will gladly consider any ideas for fundraising, so feel free to reach out to me. Do not hesitate to solicit the involvement of anyone you know who loves Tranquillity and may be able to help our efforts.

The other important role that TYA&F plays is engagement and connection with former campers, counselors and their friends and family. The organization hosts events and get togethers which are social and provide opportunities for people to reconnect with their T-Y family. If anyone has ideas for these types of events, please let me know and we can discuss it. I think of those events as "funraising" that may lead to additional fundraising.

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 very excited to help ensure the future of our beloved summer home!

Always Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Tina (Rizzi) Baron

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Stacy Budkofsky

Dear Tranquillity Alumni & Friends,

As I write this, I am busy getting ready for summer number two for me—and summer number 108 for Tranquillity Camp. The excitement is already building, and I cannot wait to be back at my summer home, surrounded by campers and staff, all having the time of their lives. There is truly nothing like the energy and joy that fills camp once the season begins. We are also looking forward to several wonderful opportunities to connect with our alumni & friends community in the months ahead. I hope you will join us for the “Play Fore TY” Golf Outing on May 4th at Montammy Golf Club. We will also be gathering at camp over Memorial Day Weekend, with a special alumni welcome on Sunday, May 24th. And, of course, Visiting Day on Sunday, July 19th is always a highlight—alumni are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

One of the greatest gifts you can give Tranquillity is sharing your love of TY with family and friends. If you know a child or family who would thrive at camp, we would be so grateful if you would encourage them to learn more about camp. There is nothing we love more than welcoming new campers who come to us through the TY family—and giving them the chance to experience the joy, growth, and lifelong memories that summers at Tranquillity create. And there is an added bonus of a referral gift for you in the form of an Amazon gift card or you may donate your referral gift back to camp. It’s a win-win for everyone (see info contained in this Echo)!

Thank you for all that you do for Tranquillity Camp. Your continued support, involvement, and love for this special place mean more than words can express. You are an essential part of our past, present, and future, and we are deeply grateful. I look forward to seeing many of you soon and to another unforgettable summer for camp!

Warmly,
Stacy (Cohen) Budkofsky
Executive Director, Tranquillity Camp

Cheryl's Pearls of Wisdom

A Message from the Cohen Family

"People will never forget how you made them feel."

—Maya Angelou

That simple truth helps explain why Tranquillity stays with people long after the details fade. Not because of a place alone, but because of the people who filled it. The counselors who noticed. The bunkmates who included you. The adults who cared enough to guide, support, and show kindness.

Tranquillity means different things to different people. Some experienced it firsthand. Others came to know it through family, friends, or stories shared over the years. What connects with everyone is the same feeling. Being welcomed. Being accepted. Being treated as if you mattered.

That feeling did not come from buildings or traditions alone. It came from people who showed up for one another. From learning how to live together, take responsibility, and look out for someone besides yourself. Those lessons stayed because they were lived every day.

That same sense of connection continues today. Children arrive unsure and leave more confident, supported by the people around them. Friendships form, voices grow stronger, and Tranquillity becomes our home away from home for a new generation.

That sense of continuity, passed quietly from one generation to the next, is what has always mattered most. We want future generations to feel that same sense of belonging and carry it with them long after their summer's end.

Tranquillity continues in the same way it always has. Through people who remember how they were made to feel and want others to experience that too. Sometimes that means sharing camp with a family who may be looking for a place like it. Sometimes it means helping make camp possible through donations that allow children to attend and thrive.

Always know that I wish each of you well. May your lives, your families, and your friendships continue to be filled with faith, love, and tranquility. Please know that wherever life has taken you, I remain grateful for the many ways so many of you have shaped my life and continue to support camp, so that future generations may experience the same magic we once did.

Love always and forever,

Cheryl Schwartz Janer

A Message From Your Chairman

Cary Spiegel

Winter 2026

Dear Tranquillity Alumni & Friends,

We hope you and your families are well and looking forward to enjoying the summer of 2026! We are celebrating the 73rd Anniversary of Tranquillity Alumni & Friends, and the 108th 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 major upcoming events: Our annual Florida Luncheon at Maggiano's in Boca Raton on Sunday, March 1st , and our first Golf Outing at Montammy Golf Club in Alpine, New Jersey, on Monday, May 4th .

Our Florida committee, led by Robin Kessler, Cheryl Janer, and Wendy Seslowsky, is hard at work preparing for the event and soliciting raffle prizes. We hope all TY Floridians, plus anyone else looking to escape the winter weather, will attend and join in the fun of catching up with old friends and raising money for Our Camp.

The Golf outing is a new event for us. Our golf committee, led by Bruce, Adam, and Scott Budkofsy, Sheryl Arms, and Francene Markman, with incredible support from Dan Cohn (President of Tranquillity Camp, Inc.), is busy putting together the entire program, including Golf, Mah Jongg for those not playing golf, and dinner. The golf committee is seeking sponsors, raffles and participants. This is a wonderful experience not only for our TY golfers but an opportunity to expand our reach beyond our circle of donors by giving them the ability to play on this world-class course.

Here are a few ways you can continue to reconnect and support Tranquillity's future:

- Attend an upcoming, in-person event – The Florida Luncheon, our first golf outing, Alumni day, and more events being planned.
- Participate in our Annual Fund with a generous donation to strengthen Camp's programs and enhance Camp's facilities.
- Your contributions provide camp experiences for children regardless of their families' means.
- Refer a new camper.
- Find out if your company has a matching gift program and add Friends of Tranquillity to their roster.

Planning for the Summer of 2026 is well 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 our incredible Executive Director, Stacy Budkofsky.

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 Memorial Day festivities on Sunday, May 24th and Alumni Day at Camp on Sunday, July 19th. Enjoy this issue of the Echo! Many thanks to Jillian Ruffo for putting it together and nudging the writers!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Cary

Cary Spiegel
Chairman of the Board

Mazel-Grams

On The Marriage-Go-Round

Since meeting back in 2010 at Camp TY and later starting their journey as PC's in 2013, **Alexa Gold and Max Eagle** have finally tied the knot! Surrounded by so many Tranquillity Alumni, they celebrated their love on 11/23/2025. What began as a summer friendship blossomed into a love that grew stronger over 12.5 years- proving that some things are worth the wait, even if it started with waiting 10 months for 2.

Congratulations to former camper and counselor **Josh Baron**, son of our TYA&F President Tina Rizzi and Steve Baron, and brother of **Matt Baron** who got engaged to Kate Blumenthal! **Adam Stern**, close friend and group-mate of Josh's is tying the knot with Stefanie Mosenson in Long Beach, NY this September. Mazel Tovs all around!!

Mazel Tov to former camper, counselor, and head counselor **Robyn Jaffe Belkin** who married Sam Belkin in August.

Congratulations to **Shari Jaffess Davidson's** daughter, **Phoebe**, who married Michael Ekas in St Augustine, FL on November 9th. Her sister, Stacey, was the matron of honor. Stacey's son, Richie was the adorable ring bearer. It was a wonderful, magical day!

Future Tranquillity-Ites

Michael Schneberg & his wife, Perri had a beautiful baby boy, Asher Dylan, on June 24, 2025.

Adam Spiegel & his wife Jules welcomed their son George on September 27, 2025.

Congratulations to **Robyn Jaffe Belkin** and husband Sam Belkin who welcomed their son Sidney Edward Belkin on January 19, 2026!

Former camper and CIT **Rachel Friedman Packer** and her husband Reid Packer welcomed Hudson Miles Packer to the world on January 24, 2025.

Something to Crow About

Max Gershberg, son of Bob and Ilene Gershberg directed "Miracle: the boys of '80 !" Incredible film on Netflix about the great USA Olympic Hockey Team's gold medal!! A must see-kudos and congrats to Max and his kvelling family!

Paula Schorr, ex-all-around-camper, published a memoir-ish book, "Beneath the Surface," which is currently available on Amazon. The truth about me is revealed!

Jill Lotenberg & T-Y Raffle Winner **Jake Arbeitman**, spent a Power Hour photographing around Dumbo. Afterwards, Jill ran into **Glenn Meyers** running to court. All in all, a very T-Y Day!

The Halls of Ivy

Teddy Wachs graduated Binghamton University with a degree in Political Science. He will be going on to do his Masters this year.

Connor Menzer, grandson of Mark Menzer and grand-nephew of Stacy Menzer, graduated from the University of Houston with a BS in Mathematics. On to your next amazing chapter, Connor!

Lauren Kreinces graduated Brooklyn Law School in May and passed the July Bar Exam. She is now working in the Special Education Law division of the New York City Department of Education.

Pam Kreinces graduated from the Indiana University Kelly School of Business with a Masters in Information Systems this past May, and in the fall started working for Goldman Sachs in Salt Lake City as an Analyst.

Congratulations to **Rachel Schleider** on her graduation from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She will be receiving her BS in Advertising Marketing and Communications. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Love Mom and Amanda.

Congratulations to **Charlie & Vincent Reina** who began their journey at Penn State University this year.

The Bergfeld family proudly announces that **Nate Bergfeld** has been accepted to the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Program at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. We look forward to sharing Nate's continued achievements with his Tranquillity family.

Congratulations to **Dashel Grossman**, who is off to Northwestern!

Condolences

Elizabeth Weinman Raifman

A loving daughter, sister, wife, and mother of former campers and TY alumni Wendi Weinman and Staci & Jared Ganson, grandmother to campers Lyla and Hannah Ganson. A creative painter and artist who spent her life making beautiful things. She was a supporter of the alumni for more than 50 years. She will be missed by all who those Tranquillity friends who knew and loved her, especially the Seslowskys - Helaine was her buddy.

Our condolences go out to the Rosen family on the passing of **Judy Rosen**. She was the mother to former campers and counselors Neil Rosen, Jeff Rosen, and Donna Rosenbloom and the grandmother to current camper Jacob Rosenbloom.

Get Well Soon

The Tranquillity family wishes **Harold Weinman** a speedy recovery!

Sending get well wishes to **Judith Coan Balsan** for a speedy recovery from surgery.

Wishing **Wendy Seslowsky** a quick recovery and continued good health.

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.

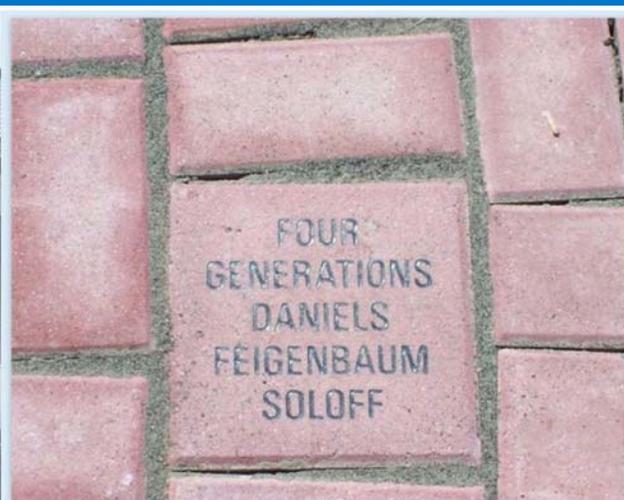
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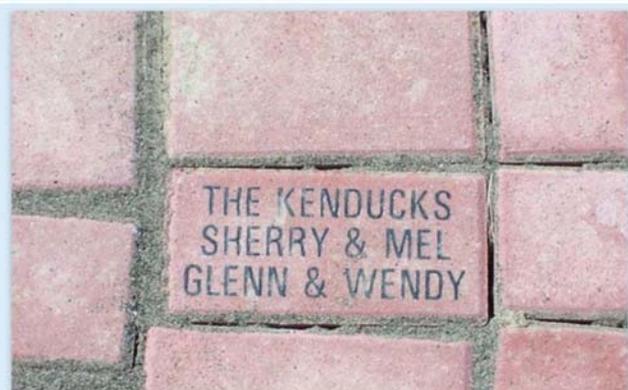
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Meet Tranquillity Camp's New Assistant Director, Alexa Eagle!

After many dedicated years at Tranquillity Camp, Ira Altman has decided to conclude his time with us. Beginning his journey as a camper and rising through the ranks to serve as Assistant Director, Ira has been an integral part of our community, and we are grateful for the commitment and leadership he brought to camp over the years. We wish him continued success and fulfillment in his next chapter and thank him for the lasting impact he has made on our camp family.

We are thrilled to welcome Alexa as Tranquillity Camp's new Assistant Director. Alexa's camp journey has come full circle—from TY camper to a camp leader as a CIT and senior counselor, she brings heart, Tranquillity spirit, and years of professional social work to the role. Alexa has always considered Tranquillity as a second home, and now she is ready to guide the next generation at camp. Her genuine love of working with both children and parents will help ensure campers feel welcomed into our amazing community and ready for the magic of TY summers.

Please join us giving Alexa a warm TY welcome!