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NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

Thurs., Dec. 22
8:30 am - 9:30 am
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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES HONOREES FOR IT'S NINTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER IN 2012

The goal of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce is to make Springfield a better place in which to live and work and to encourage others to follow suit.



Dan Murphy, Assistant Vice Present of Investors Bank and Dr. Gary Hecht

On Thursday evening, May 10, 2012 at L'Affaire in Mountainside, the Ninth Annual Chamber Leadership Awards Dinner will highlight Investors Bank and Dr. Gary Hecht who exemplify the Chamber's goals in the Community.

Investors Bank has been selected the Chamber's 2012 Business of the Year. Investors Savings Bank has consistently and generously supported many Chamber projects and made possible the Free Summer Concert for the past three years as well as contributed to the Annual Fall Festival and other Chamber Projects. Daniel E. Murphy, Assistant Vice President of Investors and the bank's local representative to the Chamber in Springfield is also a member of the Springfield Rotary Club and Board member of the Springfield Business Improvement District.

Dr. Gary Hecht has been selected as the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year. He is a Doctor of Chiropractic with an office at 201 Mountain Avenue in Springfield.

He is President and founder of the Springfield branch of Le Tip, a networking organization; treasurer of the Springfield Rotary and is a trustee of Springfield H.O.P.E. In addition, he is active in many volunteer organizations and donates his office as a pick up and drop off point for the Springfield Toys for Springfield Kids Campaign as well as a local coat drive. He funds a scholarship for a Jonathan Dayton senior who is entering a health related career. Among the honors he has received are: the Meritorious Ambassadors Award from the American Chiropractic Association and the Founder's Award from Hillel of New York Chiropractic College. In 2009, Dr. Hecht was selected as one the Outstanding Community Volunteers by the Township of Springfield.

For information concerning sponsorship opportunities and reservations for the Dinner please email us at info@springfieldpatriot.com or call 973-912-2300.

SEABRA FOODS OPENS IN SPRINGFIELD

Senator Tom Kean, Jr. and representatives from the Township of Springfield and Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce were on hand on Wednesday evening November 9, 2011 to "cut the ribbon" and officially open Seabra Food's newest Supermarket in the General Green Shopping Center in Springfield.



(l to r) Chamber of Commerce Treasurer John Cottage, Township Committeeman Rich Huber, Chamber Co-Chair Scott Seidel, Committeeman Jerry Fernadez, Seabra Owner Americo Seabra, Committeemen Marc Krauss, Mayor Hugh Keffer, Chamber Secretary Elliot Merkin, Joe LLano, Senator Tom Kean, Jr. Antonio Seabra and Al Covas. Albano Seabra was not in the photo



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Message from the Mayor

This will be my last article for the year. I have enjoyed working with the Township Committee, the Township Administrator, the department managers and the Town Clerk. We've had a bumpy year that started with a blizzard and five feet of snow, an earthquake, a hurricane and power outages.

There have been a number of promotions this past year, most notably the new Chief of Police. I wish him the best in the coming years.

I thank everyone who attended Township Committee meetings with thoughtful comments, concern, ideas and challenges. There was never a dull moment.

I have always said that more people should run for public office. Getting involved is a way to learn how your taxes work, what is possible and what is not. More people should feel the tension between the desire to build a better town and the limits on our resources.

Next year, there will be a new make up to the Committee. The challenges it will face can't be planned. They will have to rely, as I learned this year, on the dedication of the many people who make government work.

Good luck to all in the coming year. Don't be afraid to try something new.

Mayor Hugh Keffer



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TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
first four Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Ken Faigenbaum Committee Chambers
2nd Floor, Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD
1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD
last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.
All of the above meet in
Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE
3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Chisholm Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

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SPRINGFIELD HADASSAH MEETING THURS., DEC.22

The December general meeting of Springfield Hadassah will take place on Thurs., Dec. 22, 12:30 PM, at the Springfield Public Library.

The meeting will be devoted to Hanukkah. Andrea Cook Nadel, RN, will provide a musical program devoted to the holiday. This year, her presentation will also include humor and a little bit of archeology. Ms. Nadel, she will bring some small Israel-area archeological pieces from the time of the Hanukkah story. "It's really quite a marvel to touch things from the time period/theme," according to Andrea. An accomplished musician, Andrea Nadel's presentations are sure to be enjoyed by all who attend.

Andrea Cook Nadel was graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Mass. For her nursing education, she attended Elizabeth General Medical Center School of Nursing/Union County College.

Coffee, tea and cake will be provided. The public is invited to attend.

JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL- Q1- PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL / 2011-2012

Summer Jade Klarfeld, Emily Ann Locke, Catherine Rodrigues Araujo, Catherine B Coleman, Nicole Marie Morrocco, Frances Marie San George, Lauren Ashley Bell, Ariel Kalati, Meaghan O'Brien, Bethany A Ralston, Andrew Jacob Shanes, Dana Torovezky

JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL - Q1 HONOR ROLL / 2011-2012

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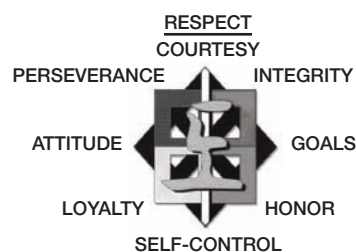
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**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT (BID)**

The Springfield Community Partnership, Springfield's newly created Business Improvement District (BID) is committed to improving the quality of doing business in Springfield for property owners, businesses and residents by making Springfield a self-sustaining, attractive, business destination for consumers and secure a clean, pleasant shopping/dining/professional environment.

The Springfield BID has gotten off to an aggressive start in 2011. The eleven member Board made up of business and property owners, the very people paying into this program, began the following to help accomplish their goals:

- Developing a web site to communicate with its stakeholders and residents
- Hired a consulting group to do a retail analysis of Springfield's business district. The JGSC Group will do a market analysis focusing on three areas: an analysis of the physical environment; an analysis of consumer preferences and perceptions; and an analysis of economic conditions and potential.
- Physical analysis – They will examine the physical environment to uncover situations that could enhance or hinder retail activity, including the following tasks:
 - Review Springfield's master plan, existing market studies, zoning regulations, redevelopment plans, and similar documents to identify opportunities to better promote retail and economic opportunities.

• Evaluate retail properties and recommend ways to make them more appealing to shoppers by enhancing their visual appearance or signage.

• Interview key stakeholders and merchants to gain insights to their goals and the challenges they face, and learn more about the tools and resources that will be needed to stimulate economic growth. Additionally, they will use our retail interviews to help identify retailers that might be at-risk of failure.

• Create a detailed inventory of retail businesses and properties so we can understand what types of businesses already exist in the community and to better understand the community's capacity to accommodate certain types and sizes of businesses.

• Consumer preferences – The JGSC Group as part of this study will conduct a survey to explore the preferences and perceptions of area consumers.

• Economic analysis – They will examine syndicated demographic, economic and lifestyle-behavioral data to find untapped economic opportunities in and around Springfield.

**MAYA NISANI CHOSEN
AS THE SPRINGFIELD
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE'S
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Every year The Springfield Municipal Alliance selects a Volunteer of the Year. This Year the Alliance has selected Maya Nisani. Maya is Co-President of the Alternatives Club, a drug free and alcohol free club committed to finding alternative ways of having fun without drugs or alcohol. She has been a member of the club for the past 3 years and has demonstrated her dedication to a drug free and alcohol free way of life. She has participated and organized countless teen activity nights, wellness fairs, and peer outreach programs during school and after-school. Maya was a key player in the Every 15 Minutes program last year as she volunteered to read a heart felt letter to her mom thanking her for teaching her and giving her the strength to resist peer pressure. As busy as Maya is in the Alternatives Club, she is also an active member of the Springfield Municipal Alliance, Peer Leadership, Volunteer Club, Spanish Club and the Key Club in which she is the vice president. Not only is she an active member in her school community, she also volunteers at Keenan House, a half way house for people in recovery, in Allentown PA. Maya will be honored at the Dec 6th 2011 LACADA Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

**SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

On Monday, November 21, Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield proudly hosted this year's Springfield Community Thanksgiving Service. Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, completing his 30th and final year as Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Rabbi, offered the sermon. He was joined by clergy from Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, First Presbyterian Church and St. James Roman Catholic Church. In addition, Springfield's Mayor Hugh Keffer delivered the Presidential Proclamation and members of Springfield's First Aid Squad were honored with a special blessing. Musical selections were performed by the Springfield Community Children's Choir and choirs from the other congregations.



From left (back row) Reverend Vicky Ney, First Presbyterian Church, Monsignor William Hatcher, St. James, Deacon Jerry Bongiovanni, St. James, Reverend James Worth, St. James, Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Rabbi Mark Mallach, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Front row: Cantor Richard Nadel, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael and Cantor Amy Daniels, Temple Sha'arey Shalom.

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LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDA 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The library will be closed beginning Saturday, December 24th through Friday, December 30th in observance of Christmas & for carpet installation. The library will be open on Saturday, December 31st from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and will be closed Sunday and Monday, January 1st and 2nd in observance of New Year's.

Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield • 973-376-4930

Check Library website for regular MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, January 9th, 10:00 am – 12:00
Overlook Hospital Health Screening
 Van will be offering blood pressure and other tests free of charge.

Wednesday, January 11th, 7:00 pm
Antiques Appraisal with Ken Jakupko of Ken's Antiques
 PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED.

Special event for ages up to 5 years:
Inspired Sprouts presents Music Together
Thursday Jan 5 @ 10:30 am

Teen Lit Review Group. Meet with the YA librarian to preview new teen books and make your own recommendations on which the library should select. Earn volunteer hours and enjoy refreshments. Teens grades 6-12.

Wednesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, 6-7 p.m.

Storycraft with Ariel Most Fridays @ 4pm ages 3 to 7

The Reading Stars for Grades 1 to 3 Most Fridays @ 4:00 Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group with a high school volunteer

NEW PROGRAMS

Karate Kickers! Ages 4+ Presented by USA Karate Friday Jan 6, Feb 3 @ 3:30-4 Please sign up for this program

Ink Thoughts Writers Group for Grades 6 to 12. Meets on selected Saturdays @ 3:30 Dec 17, Jan 14, Jan 28

The Reading Circle for Beginning Readers Fridays @ 4:00 Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group.

Your favorite programs are back!

Lets' Play Chess! Thursday evenings 7 to 8pm for ages 5-12.

Math Homework Help Tuesdays 3:30 to 4:15 a drop in service for quick questions, all grades, must bring your textbook

Storycraft with Ariel Fridays @ 4pm ages 3 to 7

Wii Games with Matthew Thursdays 4 to 5 pm ages 6 to 11

The Reading Stars for Grades 1, 2, 3 Fridays @ 4:00 Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group.

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES AND PERFORMANCES

Thursday, January 12th, 7:00 pm
Weight Loss through Hypnosis presented by Marc Sky

Essay Competition for all grades. Write an essay on an assigned topic and you could be the winner of an ice cream prize! Call or visit the Youth Services dept. or check us out online! www.sfplnj.org

Learn to Draw with Asiale. Mondays @ 2pm Ages 5 and up.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS and WRITING

Mother Goose Group @ 10:30 am (ages baby through pre-school):
 Tues Dec 13, Sat Dec 17, Wed Dec 21,
 New! Monday evening Dec 19 @ 6:30pm

Storycraft with Ariel Most Fridays @ 4pm ages 3 to 7

The Reading Stars for Grades 1 to 3 Most Fridays @ 4:00 Practice reading aloud with your friends in a guided group with a high school volunteer

Storytime Yoga is back! Call Library for dates and times.

Monday evenings at 7pm
Moonlight Storytime, all ages

Tuesdays @ 11 am
Storycraft with Nicole, ages 3 to 7
Thursday, January 5th, 7:00 pm
 Really Good Book Discussion Group –

Monday, January 9th, 7:00 pm
 Current Events Discussion Group with facilitator Bobby Fewell

Thursday, January 19th, 10:15 am
 Great Books Discussion Group – On Evil by Moses, son of Maimon

FILMS

Monday, January 9th, 12:00 pm
Lunchtime Film – Elizabeth Taylor's classic film about her passion for a racehorse.

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **One-to-One Computer Training** BY APPOINTMENT

Every Tuesday & Friday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Free GED Test Prep Classes** offered by Literacy Volunteers of Union County.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.
SCRABBLE - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Monday, January 9th, 10:00 am
 Knit Wits Knitting Group

Thursday, January 19th, 7:30 pm
 Board of Trustees meeting-Open To The Public



Hundreds gather on the first brisk evening of December for the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Festivities at the town hall. The ceremony originally scheduled for Tuesday was postponed due to inclement weather. The crowd was warmed by hot chocolate and donuts supplied by the Springfield FMBA at the First Aid Squad building.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP NEWS:

Four members of Springfield Girl Scout Troop 40501 received the Bronze Award: Katie Zarembor, Sarah Rodrick, Danielle McBratney and Katie Iglesias

There are four more girls who are still candidates: Sara Kasler, Alexa Fishman, Julia Horowitz and Amanda Brown.

The Bronze Award is the highest level of service award for Junior Girl Scouts. The girls were required to achieve several badge requirements in addition to at least 15 hours of service. For their service hours, the girls collected clothing donations and sewed quilts that were given to a homeless shelter in South Orange.

Katie Clayton, owner of Partez in Maplewood, donated her time to assist girls with the sewing.

At the Troop's meeting in October 2011 the four girls, Katie Zarembor, Sarah Rodrick, Danielle McBratney and Katie Iglesias were presented with the Bronze Awards by their troop leader, Susan Zarembor. The girls also received letters from the Girl Scout Council congratulating them on this great achievement.

IAN MCLEER RECOGNIZED AT SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING



(l to r) Dermott Mcleer, Deputy Mayor David Amlen, Springfield HOPE Trustee John Cottage, Ian Mcleer, Springfield HOPE Trustees Dr. Gary Hecht, Pat Paoletta and Scott Seidel

On December 6, 2011 Ian McLeer, a seven year old boy was recognized at a Springfield Township Committee meeting for his generous donation of \$140 to Springfield HOPE. For his recent birthday, he asked his party guests to bring Target gift cards instead of birthday presents for him. This selfless act was rewarded at the meeting with a certificate of appreciation from Springfield Hope and a township pin by deputy Mayor Amlen. Ian, with his deeds, is an inspiration for us all, especially at this time of year.

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDWARD V. WALTON SCHOOL 601 MOUNTAIN AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07081

Registration for children eligible for the 2012-2013 Pre-Kindergarten program in the Springfield Public Schools, as well as for those children eligible for Kindergarten, First and Second Grades in September 2012, who are **NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED** in the Edward V. Walton School Pre-Kindergarten Program will be held on the following days:

PREKINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE	LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH	TIMES
January 10, 2012 Tuesday	A-G	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM
January 11, 2012 Wednesday	H-O	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM
January 12, 2012 Thursday	P-Z	10:00-11:00 AM or 1:45-2:45 PM

Registration will be held at Edward V. Walton School, 601 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-376-1304, if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session.

To be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be a Springfield resident, and be four years old on or before December 1, 2012. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before December 1, 2012. Parents/guardians need to bring the following materials to registration:

- * Child's Birth Certificate
- * Current Immunization Records
- * 4 Proofs of Residency
 - NJ Driver's License
 - Utility bill, lease, contract, etc.

Some registration forms are located on our website at <http://www.springfieldschools.com/evw>. The link is located on the left side under Registration Forms.

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if BOTH age appropriate vaccines and ALL FOUR (4) proofs of residency are submitted at the time of registration.

Chanukah Wonderland



Children of all ages, parents and grandparents are invited to the Chanukah Wonderland at the Chisholm Community Center on Sunday, Dec. 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At the Chanukah Wonderland, they will experience an intriguing hands-on olive press demonstration, creative crafts corner, and a bounce house. They will see a giant Menorah and make a unique duct tape craft. Everyone will have an opportunity to take a photo with Judah the Maccabee and enjoy fresh, hot latkes and delicious donuts.

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Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

If you are considering helping out your community please contact:
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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

- The strategic planning component of will focus on the following areas:
- Based upon the findings of the market analysis, they will help us develop strategies to reduce vacancies and recruit a mix of retail stores and restaurants that will stimulate economic growth in your community.
- The final report will include recommendations for creating a more appealing and attractive retail environment within the community. Depending upon the findings, these recommendations may address issues such as zoning recommendations, parking, wayfinding and other signage, façade improvements, or similar areas. The group is also hiring MyTown Marketing to develop a Facebook page and to develop mar-

keting events using social media, discounts, coupons and contests to drive business in Springfield. This program will begin in January.

The BID and the Chamber of Commerce are working with the Gruskin Group, a local company who has donated their time to design banners for the Township.

The BID is the business community's liaison to the Township Boards, Committees and departments and has begun to meet with the heads of these groups to see how we can work together to improve the business climate in town.

There is much to do and accomplish and the BID is committed to reaching its goals!

Please feel free to contact us with ideas and suggestions!

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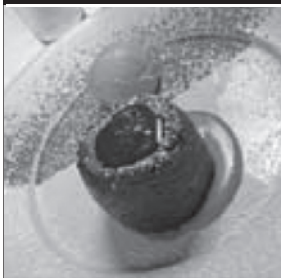
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**THE BIBLE PLAYERS PRESENT
"THE QUEST FOR MENSCHHOOD"
AT TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM'S CHANUKAH PARTY!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011 10AM-1PM**

Springfield, N.J. (November 28, 2011) The Bible Players, an entertaining duo of actor/writers who perform an interactive Bible comedy show, will present "The Quest for MenschHood" at Temple Sha'arey Shalom's annual Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 18 from 10am-1pm. The entire community is invited to celebrate with us! Admission is FREE.

The fun starts at 10am with Brotherhood's Annual Brunch, featuring bagels, schmears and sides, along with an abundance of delicious latkes and desserts. The Temple's Brotherhood will be selling latkes to go--a bag of seven for \$10. They will also be selling imported Israeli olive oil (750 ml bottles) for \$10.

Andrew Davies and Aaron Friedman, "The Bible Players," appear from 11-11:45am. They encourage lots of audience participation during their interactive Bible comedy show. "The Bible Players" use improv games and funny scenes to teach stories from the Torah, Tanakh and the Jewish holidays, entertaining young and old alike. You can learn more at www.thebibleplayers.com.

The fun continues with Chanukah crafts for children from 11:45am-12:45pm, with a \$6 cost for crafts per child. Throughout the party, Sisterhood's Judaica Shop will be open for

business, with an array of gifts, toys and other items for sale. You will be able to purchase books for all ages at the Temple's Religious School Book Fair. The Senior Youth Group is running a coat drive, so bring a gently-used coat for donation. There will also be blood pressure screenings and an opportunity to create Child Safety ID's. There's something for everyone!

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Carbon monoxide poisoning is the number one source of poisoning in the United States, with approximately 500 fatalities per year. Symptoms of CO poisoning include fatigue, dizziness, headache, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, disorientation and loss of consciousness.

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Any homeowner in Springfield who experienced flood damage is eligible for a waiver of building permit fees from the Township. Although the fee has been waived, anyone who experienced damage significant enough to warrant replacing their furnace or hot water heater is still required to take out a building permit and have the installation inspected by the town.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed near all bedrooms. Batteries should be replaced when you change your Smoke Detector batteries. A good time to do this is when the clocks change in the spring and again in the fall. Both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors need to be replaced every few years – check your packaging for the manufacturer's recommendations.

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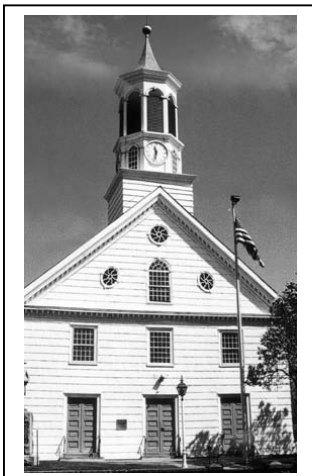
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The \$1,000 stipend is a gift from the Foundation for Jewish Camp and local donors through United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ (UJC MetroWest). Building on the success of last year, the additional gifts offered for 2012 will encourage more local children to have the transformative experience of residential camp. Families of past recipients have given glowing reviews of the experience, through which campers cultivate their self-confidence, independence and knowledge of their Jewish heritage while participating in fun activities with lifelong friends.

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Personalized guidance, including free DVDs, brochures, and details about \$1,000 gift, are available by visiting www.onehappycamperNJ.org or by contacting Tracy Levine at tracy@onehappy-camperNJ.org or (973) 929-2970.



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