

Ms. Paige Maderer To Wed Jason Silberfein

Mr. and Mrs. William Maderer of Scotch Plains have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Paige Maderer, to Jason Silberfein. He is the son of Ms. Jane Silberfein of Riverdale, N.Y. and Stephen Silberfein of New York City.

Ms. Maderer is a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., where she majored in Elementary and Inclusive Education. She received her Master of Social Work degree and Jewish Communal Studies Certificate from The Wurtzweiler

School of Social Work of Yeshiva University in New York City.

The bride-elect is Program Director and Camp Director at The Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center in Bridgewater.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Ramsey High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History/Journalism from the State University of New York at Purchase. Mr. Silberfein is the JCC Association - NFL Youth Football Partnership Program Director in New York City.

A November wedding is planned.



VIBRANT EXHIBIT...The floral displays of Barbara Mullin, located on New Providence Road in Mountainside, will be among eight private gardens in Westfield and Mountainside featured during the "Other Side of the Fence" garden tour on Saturday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by the Garden Club of Westfield. This event will be held rain or shine.

Local Gardens to Be Shown During Tour Slated June 10

WESTFIELD—The owners of eight homes in Westfield and Mountainside will welcome visitors to their private gardens on Saturday, June 10, during the "Other Side of the Fence" garden tour sponsored by the Garden Club of Westfield.

The largest garden on the tour is at the one-and-a-third acre estate of Westfield Councilman Sal Caruana and his wife, Darlene, on East Dudley Avenue. Mrs. Caruana designs most of their gardens but has professional help with their care.

There actually are three separate gardens surrounding the Caruanas' home, built in 1904. To the right of the house is the "tea garden," a wide expanse of lawn with beds of salvia, petunias, geraniums and other annuals, backed by a tall hedge.

At one side is a miniature "tea house," a playhouse-sized replica of the old carriage house at the end of the garden. To the rear of the main house are a circular rose garden and a fenced-in swimming pool surrounded by beds of day lilies, hibiscus and other blooming plants. For the tour, Garden Club members will set up a boutique in the Caruana gardens.

Another large garden on the tour is that of Barbara Mullin on New Providence Road in Mountainside. Her colorful flowerbeds include over 200 different species. Since moving to her present home in 1971, she has planted an extensive collection of peonies, hemerocallis, iris, some 500 lilies and thousands of spring flowering bulbs. Indoors, she tends a solarium, where she plants seeds to be transplanted to the outdoor beds in spring.

Another home on the tour is the residence of Suzannah Plant and her mother, Marretta, a longtime member of the Garden Club, on Effingham Place in Westfield. Suzannah Plant recently decided to switch careers

from sales and marketing to gardening as a profession.

Still working part-time for a nearby nursery, she experiments with some 60 varieties of plants, usually combining them in sets of three, some in shade, others in sunny spots. For her mother, who was born in the south, Miss Plant has planted crape myrtle and a miniature magnolia. The herb garden has a variety of new plants, including one called Lady in Red. The shady back border is brightened by arborvitae, a hardy orchid and blue monkshood.

Miss Plant has started her own Plant Solutions Company, offering gardening and landscape design services. During the tour, various plants provided by Garden Club members and Miss Plant's company will be on sale there.

Beyond a white picket fence, visitors will see a profusion of lush flowerbeds at the Westfield home of Florence and Alex Chermak on Winyah Avenue in Westfield.

Looking at the Chermaks' garden, one is reminded of a garden book that illustrates hundreds of different perennials, bulbs and shrubs, plus a rose trellis and 20 varieties of lush hostas in varied shades of green. Mrs. Chermak also grows orchids indoors and overwinters some annuals and tender herbs with grow-lights in the basement.

Tickets for the garden tour are on sale at Baron's Drug Store and Williams Nursery in Westfield; Christoffers Flowers in Mountainside; Irma's Hallmark in Fanwood and from members of the Garden Club.

Gardens at homes on Elm Street, Wychwood Road, Kimball Circle and Westfield Avenue also will be showcased on the tour. The price is a donation to the club of \$15, or \$20 on the day of the tour, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Scotch Plains Youth Among Red Cross Award Recipients

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves 22 area communities including Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Garwood, recognized its network of volunteers at a reception held April 25 at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains.

Among the Youth Award recipients were several high school students from Scotch Plains. They included Courtney Breskin, Megan Silk, Sarah Silk and Zach Silk. All are members of the Tri-County Chapter's Youth Council. Youth Council members participate in Red Cross events, help people learn disaster preparedness and take part in disaster relief efforts as they prepare to become adult volunteers.

Other volunteers were honored with the Gold Awards, for 500 hours or more of service; Silver Awards, for 300 hours of service, and Bronze Awards, for 100 hours of service.

Additionally, nine volunteers who were trained by the Tri-County Chap-

ter in disaster services and then deployed to provide assistance in the region impacted by Hurricane Katrina received Disaster Awards. The chapter also presented its Blood Award to Geoffrey Burrill of Elizabeth for his efforts as a blood program volunteer and the Lifetime Award to Livia Keleman of Clark for more than 30 years of service.

"We couldn't possibly do all of the things we do for the people in our community without the efforts of these volunteers," said Executive Director Patricia Mulligan. "We really do owe a lot of our success over the years to the quality of our volunteers and the dedication they bring."

Usher Boards to Hold Annual Day Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS – The combined usher boards of St. John's Baptist Church will host their "Annual Day" this Sunday, June 4, at 3:30 p.m. The Reverend Kevin Jones, senior pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church in New Brunswick, will be the guest speaker.

Accompanying Reverend Jones will be his ushers, officers and choir and congregation members. St. John's Baptist Church is located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains. The community is invited to attend. For more details, please call (908) 232-6972.

First Baptist Singles Post June Meetings

WESTFIELD – The singles group for widowed, divorced or never-married individuals at the First Baptist Church of Westfield will meet on Sundays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 9 a.m.

Coffee, cake and bagels will be served. A \$2 donation is requested and all are welcome. The non-denominational group also takes part in winter movie nights, picnics and holiday get-togethers.

The First Baptist Church is located at 170 Elm Street. For more information, please call Lil at (908) 889-4751 or Ed at (908) 232-4159.

Knights Council Plans Memorial to Unborn

SCOTCH PLAINS – Father John S. Nelligan Council No. 5730 of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Monument to the Unborn. The dedication ceremony will be on Sunday, June 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. All are invited.

The church is located at 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Participants will gather behind the church, to the left of the Nazareth Center, on the site where the memorial will be built.

Blood Drive Scheduled Saturday at Church

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues in Fanwood, has announced that it will host a blood drive.

The drive will take place on Saturday, June 3, from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Walk-ins will be welcome. Donors must be at least 17 years of age and bring photo identification.

Small Business Forum On Tap at Library

SCOTCH PLAINS – On Wednesday, June 7, the Kean University Small Business Development Center will hold a workshop at 9:30 a.m. on "Sea's Building and Financing Your Own Business" in the Community Room of the Scotch Plains Public Library.

Conducted by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) and the New Jersey Small Business Development Center, this workshop is designed to provide individuals who are in business or thinking of starting a business with information on the SBA's business loan and technical assistance programs.

This workshop is free and meant for the local business community. Registration is suggested for this program. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. For more information and directions, please call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204.



DAISIES VISIT POLICE...Daisy Troop 36 of Westfield took a tour of the Union County Police Department in Westfield on April 24, led by Lieutenant Ronald Esposito, shown standing behind the girls. Troop members, pictured left to right, are: Shailla Saifee, Samantha Forcht, Brianna Hui, Sarah Fox, Mia DeVito, Julia Clifford, Sabrina Wells and Anna Glueck.

Miller-Cory Herbs Program To Include Craft Activity

WESTFIELD – On Sunday, June 4, the Miller-Cory House Museum will feature a program entitled "Gifts of the Earth - 18th Century Herbs." It will take place between 2 and 4 p.m. and is described as ideal for children.

Melinda Mucha will relate how 18th-century families used herbs for house-keeping, beauty and grooming, medicine and food. The program will include descriptions of unusual Colonial herbal mixtures, as well as a "sensory table" of aromatic herbs. Children will be able to create a tasty herbal blend as a Father's Day gift.

Costumed docents will provide tours of the restored farmhouse, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, throughout the afternoon.

In the Frazee Building, members of the Cooking Committee will demonstrate open-hearth cooking techniques using authentic Colonial recipes featuring seasonal herbs. Taste treats will be available. The gift shop

also will be open.

Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age six. Upcoming Sunday events include "The Life of a Continental Soldier" on June 11 and the annual "Aunt Carrie's Attic Sale" on June 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call the museum on weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776.

Caregivers Meeting Set For Monday Evening

WESTFIELD – A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 5, in the Parish Center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

Meetings are held on the first non-holiday Monday of each month. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

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