





**TOT SHABBAT** 

*at Temple Shalom of West Essex*

Join us for song-filled Shabbat services, dinner and crafts. Tot Shabbat services are perfect for families with children in the first grade or below.

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## Where to Donate New and Used Toys

Friday, December 4, 2009



As the holidays are here I know my children will soon have a new slew of toys. Even though I have made a request for no more toys and made suggestions for other ideas....grandparents can't help themselves!

I always feel thankful for how much we have and try to teach my children the same. I know they will be well-gifted by family, so to make room for the new I found some places to donate some of their less-loved toys. And hopefully make a child's holiday brighter.

### Second Chance Toys

Gently used plastic toys can be donated to [Second Chance Toys](#). There is a drop/off location at Investors Savings Bank's [local branches](#). Second Chance Toys distributes toys to the local community while helping save the environment. Please make sure they are in good condition, fully operational and include batteries.

### St. Joseph's Family Medicine

Gently used books can be donated to [St. Joseph's Family Medicine](#) in Clifton. They collect the books for the [Reach out and Read](#) program, which makes literacy promotion a part of pediatric care.

### Vietnam Veterans of America

You can schedule a pick up of your gently used toys with the [Vietnam Veterans of America](#). Leave the toys outside your door and they will pick-up.....rain or shine.

### Saint Barnabas

If you can't part with your toys because of fear of temper tantrums, [Saint Barnabas](#) would gladly accept new, unwrapped toys. On their site they have a "wish list" by age category. And if your child needs a break from their Playstation they are asking for these and Xbox 360 games.

### United Way of North Essex

[The United Way of North Essex](#) is having a special Holiday Toy Drive benefiting the children of the [WIC](#) program. From December 2 - December 16 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., drop off new, unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 1 month and 5-years-old.

I am going to do my best to let my 4 year old help me choose....AND go with me to the drop-offs. I like the idea that he actually sees where they go. I'll let you know how that goes!

Post by [Nancy Breslin](#).

Do you know of any other places to donate new or used toys? Let us know in comments.

If you still have toys to clear out in February, **The Great Essex Toy Swap** will take place at Temple Shalom of West Essex on Sunday, [February 21](#).

Posted by Georgette Gilmore on December 4, 2009 9:00 AM

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Essex County Kip's Castle Park located at 22 Crestmont Road in Verona is a designated Toys for Tots drop-off site and will be accepting donations on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from December 1 - 18, Mondays through Fridays from 8:30am to 4:30pm. New, unwrapped toys only please.

 KellyZ | [December 4, 2009 11:20 AM](#) | [Reply](#)   Rating: 1 (1 votes cast)

Seems that you have forgotten THE HILLSIDE SWAP (this directly from the Montclair Watercooler)

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### BARISTAKIDS ON TWITTER

- [georgette](#): 2 yr singing "You Are My Sunshine" - "you make me happy, when skies are grey, you'll never know dear how much I lub you!" 6 days ago
- [georgette](#): FYI - Unbelieva-Bills is giving away free bagels and coffee with a jungle gym purchase tomorrow. 19 days ago
- [kristenkemp](#): Annoying detour on Bradford Rd. today. 20 days ago
- [georgette](#): Montclair's Bobbi Brown about to appear on the Today Show with her dad to promote his new children's book. 20 days ago
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Lighten your load in preparation for the holidays and donate your new or gently used things to the Hillside Winter Swap.

Noticing you need new coats, boots or a good winter read? Come browse the Hillside Swap for great finds. The Swap will take place on Saturday, December 12th, with drop off of donations on Friday, December 11th.

As always, the swap is free and open to everyone. All the information is below. Please forward this email to help us spread the word.

HILLSIDE SCHOOL PRESENTS THE 10TH FREE COMMUNITY-WIDE SWAP  
Saturday, December 12th from 9:00 to 12:00

Do you need or can you donate gently used:

**Adult's & Children's Clothing:**

Coats & jackets  
Sweaters & sweatshirts  
Pants  
Shirts & blouses  
Skirts & dresses  
Shoes & boots  
Gloves, hats, mittens & scarves  
Snowsuits and pants

**Sports Equipment:**

Soccer balls, cleats & shin guards  
Rollerblades and rollerskates  
Mitts, balls & bats  
Hockey gear  
Lacrosse gear  
Skates, hockey sticks  
Sleds, snowboards

**Baby's equipment:**

Strollers, highchairs  
Baby swings, bouncy seats  
Portacribs, exersaucers

**Also:**

DVD's, videos, CD's, adult & kids books  
New toys & unopened games & puzzles

**The Deal:**

\*Everything will be FREE. Come and take whatever you want!

\*You do not have to donate anything to take things.

\*To make this work, we need donations of any of the above items. If you are making donations, everything must be in very good condition. This means it looks like something you would put on yourself or your own child or want your child to play with.

\*Drop off all donations on Friday, December 11th between 3:40 and 6:30 at Hillside in the gym. (If you cannot drop off at that time, please email Jane Marcus to try to make other arrangements. janeson094@aol.com janeson094 at aol dot com)

\*We CANNOT ACCEPT: games or puzzles unless in original wrapping and still sealed, or carseats, potties, full-sized cribs, skis, bikes, computers, text books and computer manuals.

\*If you can volunteer to help on Friday or Saturday, or if you have questions about the swap, please email Jane Marcus at janeson094@aol.com janeson094 at aol dot com

Hillside School is at 54 Orange Road in Montclair. (If dropping off donations between 3:40 and 4:00, please enter on St. Lukes Place.)

a map:

<http://tinyurl.com/l5drfe>

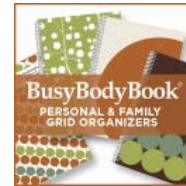
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