

## **Hoffman SummerWood Couple Win Photography Awards**

West Hartford, CT- November 20, 2009 - SummerWood Residents Sholom and Alma Sussman were recently honored for their entries in the Connecticut Community Care, Inc.'s (CCCI) Senior Photography Contest. Alma's photograph of a broken cello in a store window with another photograph overlaid took first place in the creative category. Sholom's photograph of a lily flower won second place in the advanced division.

When the Sussmans found out they had won these awards and that they were to be honored at CCCI's annual dinner meeting at the Aqua-turf in Southington, they right away wanted SummerWood's Program Coordinator, John Buccini, to join them. They claim John was the one who encouraged them to enter the contest some months ago. Because organizers from CCCI felt it was rare for a married couple to both receive awards, they also invited Joan Carney, Executive Director of SummerWood, and Valerie Bartos, SummerWood's Director of Community Relations to attend the event and honor Mr. and Mrs. Sussman.

There was an impressive exhibit of the winning photos followed by a narrated slide show presentation. Asked how he felt about being honored, Sholom said, "I was dumbstruck...I was up against some professional photographers in the advanced division....I couldn't believe I won." Alma added, "We were so flattered and were even seated at a reserved table in the front row."

Hoffman SummerWood Community is an assisted living community located on Simsbury Road in West Hartford, and is an affiliate of Hebrew Health Care. For more information call 860-523-3808 or visit the website at [www.hoffmansummerwood.org](http://www.hoffmansummerwood.org).

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*Pictured are front row: Sholom and Alma Sussman, SummerWood members; back row, Valerie Bartos, SW Director of Community Relations, John Buccini, SW Program Coordinator and wife Sara, and Joan Carney, SW Executive Director and Vice President of Hebrew Health Care.*

