

GOLDSTEIN PHILLIP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GOLDSTEIN PHILLIP**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND, INC. [SPE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**60 HERITAGE DRIVE**  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/30/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman and Secretary**

**PLEASANTVILLE, NY 10570**  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					30,062	D	
Common Stock					117	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Spouse's IRA

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Subscription Rights (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 50	07/30/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>		X		1,450 06/15/2012 07/23/2012	3.00% Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A
3.00% Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A	\$ 0	07/30/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>		X	2,989 <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock
Subscription Rights (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 50	07/30/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>		X		11 06/15/2012 07/23/2012	3.00% Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A
3.00% Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A	\$ 0	07/30/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>		X	22 <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDSTEIN PHILLIP 60 HERITAGE DRIVE PLEASANTVILLE, NY 10570	X		Chairman and Secretary	

**Signatures**

/s/ Phillip Goldstein 07/31/2012

<sup>(1)</sup>Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities owned by his spouse and this report should not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.  

Transferable subscription rights ("Rights") were issued on a pro rata basis to stockholders of record as of June 15, 2012 in connection with a rights offering by the Issuer, at the rate of one Right for each ten shares of common stock owned (the "Basic Subscription Right"). Each Right entitled its holder to purchase one share of 3.00% Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A ("Preferred Stock") at a subscription price of \$50 per share. Pursuant to the terms of the offering, a stockholder who elected to purchase the maximum amount of Preferred Stock that such stockholder was entitled to purchase pursuant to its Basic Subscription Right was also entitled to purchase additional shares of Preferred Stock that were not purchased by the other stockholders pursuant to their Basic Subscription Rights (the "Over-Subscription Privilege").
  - (2) The rights offering expired on July 23, 2012 and shares of Preferred Stock were allocated by the transfer agent to purchasing stockholders on or about July 30, 2012.
  - (3) Includes shares of Preferred Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of the Over-Subscription Privilege.
  - (4) The shares of Preferred Stock are convertible into common stock immediately upon issuance at the ratio of three shares of common stock for every one share of Preferred Stock, subject to adjustment.
  - (5) The shares of Preferred Stock will be redeemed by the Issuer if not converted prior to July 24, 2017.

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