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SUPER SUNDAY IS A RINGING SUCCESS!

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*The Jewish Federation of Greater
Charlotte Women's Division Shalom Y'all
Newcomers Committee Hosts*

Newcomer Family Pool Party

Sunday, June 24
11:30 AM

at the home of Liz & Brad Winer
5411 Mirabell Road

*For more information, please call Marnie Moskowitz
in the Federation office at 704-944-6764.*

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In the Beginning...There was Camp Mindy!

*Grand Opening Celebration June 3; Limited Spaces Still
Available in this State-of-the-Art Summer Camp*

The first step in the evolution of the "new" Shalom Park is about to become a reality. On June 3rd the community will come together to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Mindy Ellen Levine Day Camp (10:00 AM-12 noon at the camp grounds).

The new multi-unit facility makes an impressive sight from its perch across the soccer field from the JCC building. But even more impressive is the view from close up, when each of the buildings is investigated and its purpose and function revealed.

By far the most imposing structure on the Camp Mindy campus is the covered sports complex. While standing inside the massive basketball court, one can almost hear the happy laughter of children as their sneakers squeal and the basketball thumps on the concrete. But that's not the only sound your imagination detects; due to an ingenious new product, "Border Patrol," this outdoor arena can be transformed into a completely enclosed roller hockey rink. Volleyball can also be set up here, as well as other sports.

The top level of the sports complex is where all campers will start their day. There are more than 350 cubbies so that each camper can have his or her own personal storage space. In addition to campers' cubbies, the counselors will have lockers for their personal belongings. The upper level of the sports complex also houses locker rooms where campers will get ready for swimming. This is the first time that campers will not be sharing rest rooms and locker space with the regular JCC pool patrons.

Four Special Activity Centers

"The activity centers will make coordinating camp activities a pleasure for both staff and kids," says Anna Gunsher, back for her



The sports complex is the central building on the Camp Mindy campus.

fifth year as Director of the K-5 unit. "We have four state-of-the-art buildings, each comprised of two separate activity areas, that allow for a variety of engaging programs."



Four Activity Centers such as this one will house the campers for specific programs.

The Nature Center will be a place where the kids can participate in gardening, rocketry, studying bugs, learning from telescopes and more. Nick LaFave, better known to our experienced campers as Nature Nick, will be returning for his 3rd summer at the JCC and is looking forward to tak-

ing advantage of the programmatic opportunities the new Nature Activity Center will offer.

The Arts and Crafts Activity Center is where campers will create age-appropriate camp crafts. Highlights of the program include painting, mixed medium, three-dimensional art, wearable art, watercolors, painting on silk, collage, as well as traditional camp crafts.

The third activity center is specifically designed as a "teaching kitchen." "It's amazing how much kids enjoy cooking their own creations," says Gunsher. "Whether they decide to eat them or not!" Gunsher added, "Connee Lisnek is returning for another summer as our cooking instructor. This year, she'll actually have the facilities to allow our kids to really interact with her program. I'm sure this will be a favorite area for many of our campers."

State of the Art Computer and Photography Center

"We've put significant thought and resource into creating a Technology Activity Center that will be ideal for our camp," says professional photographer Andrea Mellen. Andrea will be conducting a digital photography program for all seven weeks of Camp Mindy. Kids will learn about how 35 mm cameras function, work with digital cameras, learn picture composition, become skilled at documenting life around them, display their work, dabble in underwater photography, assemble an exhibit and maybe even a take a field trip to the Light Factory.

The same activity center will house the Computer Activity

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Welcome Rabbi Yosef Edelstein, B'nai Shalom's First Rabbi

Congregation B'nai Shalom, a modern orthodox congregation in Charlotte since mid-1999, along with the Charlotte Torah Center, a Jewish learning initiative, is pleased and honored to announce that it has hired its first rabbi: Rabbi Yosef Edelstein, presently of Savannah, Georgia.

Rabbi Yosef Edelstein was born in New Jersey, and raised in West Hartford, CT. He attended private school, and later graduated from Harvard College cum laude, majoring in English Language and Literature. After teaching high school English for three years in New Orleans and New York City, he embarked on a period of intensive Talmudic study for several years in Israel and New York. His



Ivy and Rabbi Yosef Edelstein

rabbinical ordination is from the Alexander Heiden Torah Center (Machon Shlomo) in Jerusalem.

Since returning to America, he began teaching Hebrew studies at the elementary and high school levels. After moving to Savannah, he founded the Savannah Torah Education Project (STEP), an

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