

Foundation of Shalom Park Completes First Phase of Expansion

Camp Mindy Celebrates Grand Opening

Sunday, June 3, was a "really great day at the J!" More than 200 visitors joined in the celebration of the official opening of the Mindy Ellen Levine Day Camp at the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, an expansion project of The Foundation of Shalom Park.

The highlight of the ceremonies was an announcement by community philanthropist Leon Levine that he and members of his family - his wife Sandra, daughter Lori and husband Eric Sklut, and son Howard and his wife Julie Levine, and daughter Amy - would assure a bright future for the new day camp by collectively adding \$1

million to the Mindy Ellen Levine Day Camp Endowment Fund.

The surprise announcement was greeted by an enthusiastic response from the gathered crowd. Jewish Community Center President, Lane Ostrow expressed his gratitude to the Levine and Sklut families and thanked them for their ongoing commitment. "You all have set a wonderful example for quite some time. With the additional generosity of setting up this endowment today, you secure the future of the Camp and again raised the bar for this community. Thanks for the today's gift and for all you have done to make

this a great place to have grown up, and more importantly, a great place to raise our Jewish children."

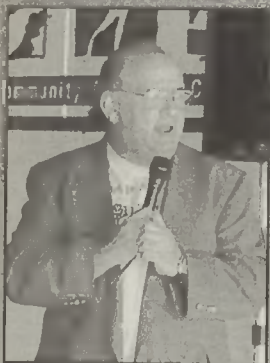
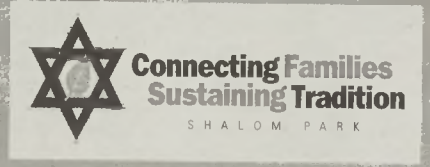
And the surprises kept on coming. In recognition of his unheralded work and leadership in the Charlotte Jewish community, Lori Sklut delivered a warm and touching tribute to her husband, Eric, announcing that she dedicating the Camp Mindy Administration Building in his name. Included among the long list of Eric's dedicated communal leadership involvements are: serving as President of the Jewish Community Center; co-chairman

of the Foundation of Shalom Park Building Committee; member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Central Carolinas and, presently, serving as Campaign Chairman for the most successful annual fund raising effort in the history of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. Going forward the facility will now be known as the "Eric Sklut Administration Building."

The finale of surprise announcements came from Sandra Levine who informed the audience that she was dedicating the camp's new outdoor recreation area in memory of her parents.

From now on, this facility will now be called the "Dorothy and Herman Poliakov Athletic Pavillion."

Jewish Community Center Executive Director Alan Feldman summed it up by saying, "Camp Mindy offers us an incredible array of facilities that enhance our ability to provide quality programming experiences. The unparalleled generosity of the Levine and Sklut families is both a reflection of their communal mindedness and an investment in the future of our institution. We sincerely appreciate both." ☆



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