

## Ben Stein to Speak at Queens College

Ben Stein is a commentator for FOX News and Yahoo! on finance, a commentator on human interest stories for CBS Sunday Morning, a commentator on retirement planning for PBS' Wall Street Week, a columnist on economics for The New York Times' Sunday business section, and this just scratches the surface.

But you probably know him best for his long career on the big and small screen. He made himself famous with the words, "Bueller, Bueller" and "... anyone, anyone ..." in Ferris Bueller's Day Off, and his scene in that movie was voted one of the fifty funniest scenes in movie history in a major on-line poll. His

long-running quiz show, Win Ben Stein's Money, ran for more than 900 episodes. He is the author of thirty books, including the major best seller *How To Ruin Your Life* and the more recent *Can America Survive*. He also introduced Jimmy Kimmel to an unsuspecting but grateful world. If your eyes are red and need to be clear, you might also know him. He has been in dozens of movies and was a recurring character on "The Wonder Years" and on "Star Search," but what he really likes best is speaking to people and meeting new friends.

An author many times over, his latest books include *The Gift of Peace: Guideposts on the Road to*



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*Serenity; Yes, You Can Become A Successful Income Investor! Reaching for Yield in Today's Market and Can America Survive?: The Rage of the Left, the Truth, and What to Do about It,* co-authored with Phil DeMuth.

Ben Stein will be in Charlotte on March 22 at in Dana Auditorium, E.H. Little Fine Arts Center, on the Queens University of Charlotte campus (1900 Selwyn Ave., Charlotte). The event begins at 7 PM. Tickets are \$20. For more information or to purchase tickets, you may visit [www.queens.edu/learningsociety](http://www.queens.edu/learningsociety) or call 704 337-2458. His topic will be "Ben Stein on Life." Ben Stein is a profoundly unique individual who has had the good fortune to have "been there and done that" in a myriad of professions that many of us only dream about, see on television, or read about in the news. Always entertaining, always informative and possessing expertise in everything from law to laughs, Ben Stein will leave you with useful insight (if you want it) or simply great memories of a fun time had by all. ☆

## Camp Mindy and the LJCC Teen 2007 Summer Program is Just Around the Corner

Camp Mindy's 2007 season starts off with its annual registration for LJCC members on Sunday, February 11 from 9 AM-noon in Lerner Hall at the Levine Jewish Community Center. Our exciting Camp Katan (for preschoolers) and Traditional Summer Camp Programs are from 9 AM-4 PM Monday through Friday. In addition, Camp Mindy offers for children in grades 2-5 grades, AM care from 7-9 AM and PM Care from 4-6 for parents who need that extra time and flexibility during the day. Specialty camps are also back. From our ever popular "Flag Football/Basketball," "Mad Science," or "Dance Fever," to our newer additions "Hocus Pocus," "Southern Jewish Cooking" and more. The summer program is filled with activities and events targeted for preschoolers to 5th graders all centered around the 2007 theme "What Do We Stand For? Building Character through Personal and Community Values."

This fun, educational, and activity-packed summertime program has been increasing in popularity. Last year, the day and specialty camps filled quickly. Registering early ensures that your child has the opportunity to experience all that the summer can offer and make memories that will last a lifetime. Non-member's registration begins after March 1 and the fun-filled Open House

will be held on Sunday April 22 from noon-3 PM at Camp Mindy's beautiful state-of-the-art facilities in Shalom Park.

For those of you with middle and high schoolers, this year's LJCC Summer Teen Program (grades 6-9) offers to be the most adventurous yet. Week-long camps offer everything from sports related activities exercising the body to those exercising the mind or spirit. "The Great Water Escape" takes teens to Tennessee for a wild ride on the Nolichucky River as well as experiencing our more local wet and wonderful water parks 'of the area; "Mitzvah Camp" offers teens the opportunity to volunteer in local projects and for local agencies benefiting the community while upholding Jewish traditions of making a difference; and look for the return of the popular "Beach Bum" trip, as well as "GirlThreads 2007." Check out this and more in this year's special poster insert in the Camp Mindy brochure.

For more information about Camp Mindy, call Anna Gunsher or Beth Winterfield at 704-366-5007. Call Eddie Gluck at 704-366-5007 for information about the summer teen program. ☆



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### Republican Jewish Coalition, Charlotte Chapter

About 30 people came to the first meeting of the Charlotte chapter of the Republican Jewish Coalition on January 11. Jeff Epstein spoke to the group and the members also had an opportunity to socialize.

"It's vital that our community seek balance in our political relations," said Epstein. "We want a voice with Republican office holders. ... When we need to sensitize them, we want them to hear it from friends and supporters."

Radio talk show host Jeff Katz was also in attendance. "I know there were some who wondered whether we'd have enough for a minyan," said Katz, "but I'm happy to report we did many times over."

"So much for holding the meeting in a phone booth," quipped Epstein. "We have a lot of interest from people who could not attend that night."

For more information, contact Robert Adle at 704-522-1985. ☆