

# Charlotte Celebrates Israel@60!

In May 2008 the holiday of Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) commemorated the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the modern state of Israel. Here in Charlotte, local Israel@60 celebrations brought together Jews and non-Jews alike in a proud celebration of Israel's determination, perseverance and resolve.



More than 1500 people gathered at Shalom Park for the Israel Independence Day Festival. Participants celebrated Israel by joining in a Worldwide Walk for Israel, exploring an archaeological dig, climbing Masada, and enjoying Israeli food, dance, crafts and culture.

Our celebration continued with an incredible performance by Israeli Percussion Phenomenon, SHEKETAK. With close to 1,000 tickets sold, you could feel the rhythm in the Belk Theater as you clapped your hands to the beat.

Thanks go out to the entire community for their enthusiastic participation and passionate celebration of Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Special thanks to our Israel@60 Patrons, Kevin and Leslie Archer. We are grateful for their generosity and patronage.

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