

LJCC Celebrates Its Distinctive Members

On Tuesday April 13 the Levine Jewish Community Center hosted a Distinctive Member Circle Reception at The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte. The evening was a tribute to thank the many Distinctive Members who, through their generosity, provide funding for those in our community who are in need. Also in attendance were current and past Board Members as well as Levine JCC members interested in learning more about this philanthropic program.

The event was graciously sponsored by The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte and held in "The Living Room," on the 15th floor of the

hotel. The setting was warm, beautiful and the perfect backdrop for such a lovely gathering. The evening included a selection of wines and hors d'oeuvres along with an artful presentation of delectable treats.

Philip Berman, Chief Executive Officer of the Levine JCC, opened the evening's remarks with a welcome and expressed his gratitude for all who understand and recognize the importance of the Distinctive Member Circle Program. Larry Schwartz, President of the Levine JCC Board of Directors, took the time to thank his colleagues and fellow board members for all they do to

serve our community. Scott Menaker, Past President and Membership Committee Chairperson, spoke to our responsibility to and for all of those who may be less fortunate.

Harry Lerner, a founding member of the Levine JCC, was spontaneously inspired to share his story of the "Amity Club" days. Harry spoke with passion and sincerity to the importance of "this magnificent entity we call the 'J'" and urged fellow Levine JCC members never to forget "its crucial contribution to our families" and that it is "the core of our Jewish lives here in Charlotte." He spoke of his daughter and the

inspiration she provided to him to help create a "place called home in which we can all take tremendous pride."

The Distinctive Member Circle strengthens the community for this generation and the next by helping to provide Levine JCC programs such as fine arts, camp scholarships, membership assistance and senior enrichment.

Reception Co-Chairs Alison and Mark Lerner and Stacey and Ira Slomka, along with Roni Fishkin, Planning Chairperson, were honored to host this wonderful opportunity for Levine JCC members to learn about the Distinctive Member Circle and to get to

know their fellow Levine JCC members. If you would like to become a part of this philanthropic program, please stop by the Levine JCC Membership Department or contact Karen Maniloff at 704-944-6801. ✪



Mark and Alison Lerner



John and Shari Box, Ira and Stacey Slomka



Andy Cohen, Jill Newman, and Roni Fishkin



Harry Lerner and Larry Schwartz



Phil Berman, Lisa Blau, Scott and Pam Menaker

Henry Hirschmann Speaks at Davidson Day School

By Ellis Sandler

This year the fifth and sixth grade classes were learning about the holocaust. In February of 2010, my family and I attended my cousin's Bar Mitzvah where my dad introduced me to Mr. Hirschmann. I asked if he had ever spoken about his life to a school class and he said it had been two years since he has spoken about his life. I asked him if he would speak at my school and he said he would love to. On April 22, Mr. Hirschmann spoke at my school and his life story was very

interesting and sad as 5th-12th graders were there to listen. Mr. Hirschmann is so nice, I will never forget him and the experience of listening to a holocaust survivor. ✪

Ellis Sandler is a 6th grader at Davidson Day School. She spearheaded the program to bring Henry Hirschmann to speak to students, faculty, and parents about his Holocaust experience. She is the daughter of Bernie and Susan Sandler and the sister of Mollie, who is in the 9th grade.



Standing, left to right: Susan Sandler, Mollie Sandler, Bernie Sandler, and Ellis Sandler. Seated: Henry Hirschmann

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