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Scott Edlein, Dr. Jon Bregman and Heath Prior start off the ceremony with the call of the shofar.

## Ground Broken For Community Project

To the piercing sound of the shofar, the Presidents of the participating institutions turned the first shovels of earth for the new community Education-Recreation facility.

The day had been called, in the flyer, "a history making event." In the estimation of those who attended, and some 400-500 were present, it lived up to that claim.

Despite threatening clouds bunched overhead, by 1 pm, a half hour ahead of schedule, the cars began to arrive at the

assembly point. Long lines quickly formed as people hurried to sign the guest book and to inscribe their family's names on clay tablets to be fired and placed in the completed facility.

Promptly at 2 pm the band from East Mecklenberg High School struck up a lively melody and marched out across and down Providence Road followed by two antique autos carrying state, county, city and Jewish community dignitaries. They were followed by the WBT Fun Bus and

hundreds of participants carrying blue and white balloons. As the parade turned up Jefferson Drive it was greeted by the residents who stood in their driveways cheering it on and then joined in with the marchers.

At the corner of the former "Armstrong Drive" a new sign proudly proclaimed "Shalom." Alvin E. Levine, Foundation President and Master of Ceremonies, repeated that word as soon as the last of the marchers had gathered at the groundbreaking site overlooking a small pond and central area of the 54 acre tract.

"We had arranged for a skywriter to spell "Shalom" over our heads," said Levine looking up at threatening skies, "so I ask you to imagine those letters floating gracefully in the air because, truly, over this site and this undertaking there is a mantle of peace and welcome."

Levine then called on Dr. Jon Bregman, Scott Edlein and Heath Prior to begin the afternoon with the "mighty sound of the Shofar." Edlein is a high school student and Prior is 9 years old. Between the three they sustained the unique sound and sent it echoing across the water.

The invocation was given by Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Temple Israel. Accompanied by the East Mecklenberg band, Rabbi Harold Krantzler of Temple Beth El led the singing of the national anthem and Hatikvah.

Levin read letters of congratulations from the Council of Jewish Federations who called the Project "Unprecedented" and from Governor Hunt who said in part, "This facility will be a marvelous focal point for the cultural, civic, educational and religious life of the Jewish community. I am very proud of what all of you have accomplished, and I look forward to visiting the center."

A telex from the Jewish community of Caracas, Venezuela referred to the warm reception given their youth in a visit to Charlotte several years back and went to say, "As you advance toward the fulfillment of your dreams,

## Dinner To Honor Brothers

Senator Joseph Biden to Speak

On Saturday evening, Feb. 4, the Men's 1984 Federation/UJA Campaign will honor the community work and efforts of Shelton and William Gorelick. To be held at the new Marriott Hotel on I-77, the evening will feature a speech by Delaware Democratic Senator Joseph Biden. The evening is open to all donors to the Men's Campaign of \$1200 or above.

Honorary Chairman for the evening, Alvin E. Levine, foresees a great response, "The Gorelicks have touched so many facets of the com-

munity with their leadership and support, that this should be a momentous occasion."

"This evening should be the culmination of the Men's 1984 Campaign," said Stan Greenspon, Federation President and 1984 Major Gifts Chairman. "With a successful Super Sunday and extensive campaigning during December and January, I look forward to announcing a total in keeping with our growing community and our sense of responsibility to the needs of Jews in Israel and around the world."

Joseph R. Biden, Jr., was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on November 20, 1942. He is a graduate in history and political science from the University of Delaware and received his law degree from the Syracuse University School of Law. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1972 and re-elected in 1978.

Since he was first elected to the United States Senate in 1972, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the Democratic junior Senator from Delaware has been closely associated with issues involving U.S. policy for the Middle East, and he has been one of the strongest supporters in the Congress of the American commitment to Israel.

A member of the Foreign Relations Committee since the beginning of his first term in the Senate, Senator Biden has traveled widely in the Middle East, including Israel. During his nine years in the Senate, he has met with most of the heads of state in the Middle



Lydia Eskanazi

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## Super Sunday Soars To \$44,000

Over \$44,000 was pledged on 1984 Super Sunday, December 4, by 634 donors. This was an increase of \$17,000 over the 1983 Super Sunday. The number of donors was also up by 137. Among these responding so generously were 159 new donors.

"Super Sunday is far from over, even now," said Wendy Rosen, one of the three Women's Division co-chairs for the event. "Workers have been following up, by phone and by mail, those we were unable to reach that day and

the results have brought the total close to \$50,000."

Almost 50 volunteers (see photo feature page 14) worked from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. By the end of the day the pledges had all been entered into the Federation's new computer and acknowledgements had been mailed to every contributor.

Geri Lit, Federation comptroller, reports that 185 responses were returned in the mail in the first 10 days. Of these, 80% included full payment of

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## Women's Division To Host Speaker From Greece

On Wed., Jan. 25th, the Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation will present a unique program featuring Lydia Eskanazi from Athens, Greece. Mrs. Eskanazi, who heads the Joint Distribution Committee in Athens, will enlighten the Charlotte Community about the activities of the "Joint," and brings a special perspective, as a survivor of the Holocaust.

The Joint Distribution Committee, supported by the United Jewish Appeal, provides a wide range of health, welfare, rehabilitation, education and cultural services for Jews around the world, including Israel. Through the years, the "Joint" has

distributed approximately \$1200 million in over 70 countries so that individual Jews and Jewish communities might survive. The very young and the very old are the most vulnerable members of these societies and are the ones most helped by the activities of the "Joint."

Charlotte is privileged to hear Mrs. Eskanazi, as this is the first time in recent years the important programs of the "Joint" have been presented to the community.

This program is open to any woman making a contribution to the 1984 Women's Division campaign and invitations will be forthcoming. Remember the date - Jan. 25th.

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