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## TOGETHER WE HAVE!

### Opening Ceremonies at Shalom Park Set for May 18

With marchers, runners, balloons, a time capsule and a musical fanfare, Shalom Park and the doors of the Jewish Education and Community Center will open on Sunday, May 18. And, that's just for openers. The entire afternoon will be filled with an Israeli theme carnival, demonstrations of JCC programs and classes, displays by all the Jewish institutions and organizations, self-guided tours of the facilities, and much, much more.

Opening ceremonies will begin promptly at 2 p.m. in the upper tier of the parking lot. Those planning to attend are urged to come early (starting at 1 p.m.). Parking in Shalom Park will have to be limited that day. Later arrivals will park in the lot at Calvary Church on Sardis Rd. near Randolph Rd. From there they will take one of the special shuttle busses to the

ceremonies.

Beginning in the late morning at Temple Israel, a march will commence up Morehead and Providence Road toward Shalom Park. Marchers from Temple Beth El will join in, and they, in turn, will be joined by others beginning at Temple Beth Shalom and the Hebrew Academy. All will arrive at Shalom Park in time for the opening ceremonies.

While the march is in progress, runners, carrying torches, will start from the institution sites including the site of the previous JCC on Sharon Amity. The runners will arrive and be greeted with a musical fanfare during the ceremonies. They will light a giant 7-branch menorah and present historical items from their institutions. These items will be sealed in a time capsule to be buried in the sculpture garden at the Park.

The brief opening ceremon-

ies will feature greetings from Mayor Harvey Gantt, the County Commission and leaders from the Jewish community. It will be highlighted by the placing of a cornerstone, designed and donated by Anne Yudell, and the affixing of mezzuzahs and blowing of shofars.

The balance of the day will feature opportunities to see the Jewish Education and Community Center (JECC) in action. Self-guided tours will be assisted by a specially prepared Program Book and by volunteer tour guides stationed throughout the facilities.

In the Leon and Sandra Levine Jewish Community Center Building, the "J" (Jewish Community Center) will introduce visitors to its wide range of programs and activities and classes.

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### Shalom Park Grand Opening May 18, 1986

1:00 p.m.

Parking Lot Opens At Shalom Park

Limited to the first 250 cars. Additional parking and shuttle bus at Calvary Church on Sardis Rd. near Randolph Rd. Sign In On Ceramic Tiles

1:15 p.m.

Contributors who have not already done so, may sign these clay tiles which will be fired and set in the sculpture garden. Tiles will be available for signing all afternoon.

1:45 p.m.

Marchers Arrive From Temples and Hebrew Academy

2:00 p.m. (PROMPT)

Opening Ceremonies Begin See story for details.

2:30 p.m.

Jewish Education and Community Center Opens

• Carnival • Touring • Displays • Activities • Art/photos • Prizes • Programs • Refreshments

4:30 p.m.

Grand Opening Concludes Last shuttle bus is at 4:40 p.m.

### Academy Gala Honors Founders

By Martha Brenner

No one said it would be easy, 16 years ago, when Charlotte's Jewish day school was founded.

Indeed, it has been harder work than anyone imagined to bring the N.C. Hebrew Academy to its latest milestone, a long-awaited move this summer to new facilities in the Education Building at Shalom Park.

That milestone will be celebrated at the Annual Academy Gala, Sunday, June 1, at Shalom Park when directors, parents and other patrons join together to honor the men who made it possible for the fledgling school to buy its first home in 1971 at 1006 Sardis Lane.

The men to be honored at the Gala are Marvin Baron, the late Dr. Philip Baron, the late I.D. Blumenthal, Herman Blumenthal, Bill Gorelick, Shelton Gorelick, Abraham Kaplan, Sam Kaplan, Stanley Kornfeld, Sam Lerner, Alvin Levine, Abraham Luski, Hugo Rosenberger, Elliott Schwartz, Benjamin Sinkoe, Gerald Sinkoe, Morris Speizman and Boris Wojnowich.

"We'll be celebrating leav-



Five of the 18 founders to be honored. Standing (L to R): Sam Lerner, Bill Gorelick, Stanley Kornfeld. Seated (L to R): Isaac Luski, Hugo Rosenberger. Photo/Arny Pickholtz

ing the old and moving into the new," says Peggy Gartner, Academy president. The Gala begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by a kosher dinner and dancing to the Larry Farber Band.

Patron tickets are available for \$125 a couple from Sara Schreiber, 8409 Raintree Lane, Matthews, NC 28105. Or you may call Debbie Palefsky, 364-1278, or Florence Widis, 525-3957.

#### School Property Purchased

Abraham Luski coordinated the purchase of school proper-

ty. "At first, we were an investment group which leased the land to the school," he recalls. "But a year after we invested, at tax time, everyone agreed to donate his investment back to the Academy and take a deduction." The financial founders put up \$21,000 toward the purchase price of \$76,000. Even the realtor, Gibson Smith Realty, waived its commission and contributed it to the school.

"Today, the land is worth between \$200,000 to \$350,000, depending on the zoning,"

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### Shalom To The Krantzlers

By Judy Sutker

After a decade of serving as spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler and his wife Helen will leave Charlotte at the end of the summer to be closer to their three children and grandchild in California. Rabbi Krantzler has chosen to retire after serving in the Rabbinate a total of 36 years.

Everyone in Charlotte who has had the privilege of knowing Rabbi Krantzler has been inspired by his religious knowledge which he shared with others, his keen sense of humor, his outreach to the Christian community, and his participation on many local community boards and cultural activities. These included serving as moderator for the Wildacres Institute, which has become an annual event; President of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association; President of the Greater Association of Rabbis; cochairman of the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and on the board of the Charlotte Lung Association.



Rabbi Harold Krantzler

Those who attended the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte also enjoyed his participation in the many performances at Ovens Auditorium during the nine years he was a member.

If you were a Temple Beth El "Retreatnik to Wildacres" each summer, you would especially enjoy his meaningful weekend with family members, inspiring Havdalah service, and sing-a-long concerts.

I quote from his letter of resignation to the Congregation: "Our lives have been bound up with the Congrega-

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