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**CELEBRATE ISRAEL AT THE LEVIN JCC
Community Celebrates 66 Years of Israeli Independence at Israel Festival**

DURHAM, North Carolina (May 18, 2014): Today members of the community will join together to celebrate Israel at an event organized by the Israel Center, which is part of the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill. The festival will take place at the Levin Jewish Community Center, 1937 West Cornwallis Road, from 3-6pm on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

Some of the highlights of the event include:

- At 3pm a formal portion of the festival will begin with:
 - Prayers for Israel led by two local rabbis
 - Performances by 3 different groups, including students from the Lerner school, members from the Triangle Jewish Chorale, and students from the Israel Center's Hebrew classes for native speakers
- Following the performances, attendees are invited to participate in a wide range of activities including:
 - Photography contest of Israeli-themed photographs
 - Enjoying Israeli food, including falafel and Israeli salad
 - Activities that represent different areas of Israel (for example climbing a wall, like climbing Massada, taking a picture at the Western Wall, singing Karaoke in Tel-Aviv, or doing an art project like in the Israeli Artist Colony, Ein Hod)

The Israel Festival is open to all and is a free event.

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About the Israel Center:

The mission of the Israel Center is to strengthen Jewish identity and community by promoting meaningful relationships between people and communities in Israel and those in the greater Durham and Chapel Hill region. levinjcc.org/about/israel-center/

About the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill:

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill is to connect Jews in the local community, to help those in need both here and abroad, and to provide and support programs and services that enable current and future generations to lead more meaningful lives inspired by Jewish values. The Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. <http://www.shalomdch.org>