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a love for Carolina prompts Levin family to create new endowment FOR JEWISH STUDIES FACULTY

Seymour M. Levin, '48 and Carol Cole Levin of Greensboro, N.C., have recently expanded their support of the Center by establishing a new faculty endowed chair in Jewish Studies.

"Our love for Carolina and a dream for a Jewish Studies major led us to create the new endowment," said Seymour Levin. "I want this university to be the very best, and I think the Center and the Jewish Studies program are doing great work for the campus and its students."

The Seymour and Carol Levin Distinguished Professorship Fund in Jewish Studies is the seventh endowed faculty chair for the Center. When fully funded, the endowment will help the Center recruit or retain an outstanding Jewish Studies faculty member.

"Our program has grown at such an impressive rate thanks largely to our generous donors who have made it possible for the Center to bring talented, distinguished faculty to Carolina. Both our students and the general community benefit from the caliber of faculty here in Chapel Hill, and this endowed professorship will expand our efforts," said Jonathan Hess, director. "We are thankful to Seymour and Carol Levin for their generous gift and their ongoing enthusiasm for the Center."

"The growth of the Jewish Studies program is a good thing for the entire campus," Levin added. "It's important to have so many students learning about



different cultures and faiths from such wonderful faculty members."

Seymour Levin was born in Burlington, North Carolina. After starting his education at Carolina, he left to serve in the United States Navy and then returned to campus and graduated with a B.S. degree in Commerce. He has three children and six grandchildren. Carol Cole Levin, a native of Mississippi, is an artist with two sons, one of whom is a Carolina alumnus (John Hand, 1991). She has two grandchildren with a third due this spring.

State funds provide basic faculty salaries for Carolina's distinguished scholars while permanent endowed chair funds, created by philanthropic gifts, further support teaching and research. By creating a reliable source of annual support, endowed faculty chairs provide a powerful incentive to come to, and stay at, Carolina.