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New York Knicks center Enes Kanter leads sold out basketball clinic at Sid Jacobson JCC

Free clinic hosted by NBA superstar sells out in less than two hours

EAST HILLS, NY, October 22, 2018 – On Saturday, October 13, New York Knicks center Enes Kanter held a basketball clinic for children from ages 8 to 18 years old at the Sid Jacobson JCC Gershwind / Jacobson Health + Wellness Center. This free clinic officially filled up with registrants in less than two hours and was attended by nearly 100 youth participants.

“I had so much fun leading this clinic at Sid Jacobson JCC,” says Kanter. “Basketball brings people together, and it’s important to me to spread that message to our youth.”

During the two hour clinic Kanter led participants in warm up drills and scrimmage games, provided tips on basketball and the importance of education, talked about his time in the NBA, and hung around to autograph everything from jerseys to pictures and even sneakers.

Philip Flynn, director of sports and leagues at Sid Jacobson JCC reflects on the popular event with the larger than life superstar, noting Kanter’s personable nature and willingness to engage with all attendees. “It was great having Enes volunteer his time to come to the JCC. He completely involved himself with the kids while leading every activity,” notes Flynn. “He even took the time to talk with the kids about life in the NBA. This will be something our community will never forget.”

Charles Giegerich, special needs program coordinator at Sid Jacobson JCC attended the event with his nine year old son Kevin, a New York Knicks fan who acquired new basketball skills and left the clinic with a sense of excitement. “It was amazing to meet an awesome Knicks player, I learned a lot about teamwork,” says Giegerich. “He was really cool and he even gave me a high five!”

Next month, the Sid Jacobson JCC Gershwind / Jacobson Health + Wellness Center will host an Election Day basketball clinic happening on Tuesday, November 6 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. At this

clinic, open to ages 6 to 18 years old, children will learn how to improve their basketball game while having fun.

To register your child in the Election Day clinic, please visit sjcc.org/sports or contact Philip Flynn, 516-484-1545, ext. 133, pflynn@sjcc.org.

About Sid Jacobson JCC

[Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center](#), in East Hills, and its surrounding campus, the [Bernice Jacobson Day School and Camp](#), in Old Westbury, provide a full range of cutting-edge recreational, health, fitness, educational, cultural arts and social services programs. Sid Jacobson JCC promotes Jewish identity and provides a comprehensive program based on Jewish values, traditions, heritage and culture and is committed to enriching the lives of all individuals and families in its community. For more information, contact the JCC at 300 Forest Drive, East Hills, NY, (516) 484-1545 or visit www.sjcc.org.

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