



Maccabi USA
BUILDING JEWISH PRIDE THROUGH SPORTS

sportscene

2022 | Vol. I

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MACCABI USA



Meet Our Team

LOOK INSIDE to learn more about the largest delegation we've ever sent to the Maccabiah, meet some of the participants, and pick up tips for touring Israel!

President & CEO's *Message*

designed in partnership with The iCenter and brought to life by our new cohort of 37 North American educators. And for the first time it will include participation of 50 members of our Masters delegation for the final two days.

A dedicated and passionate group of 18 volunteers and professionals from Maccabi USA attended Maccabi World Union Congress in March. Twice postponed due to the pandemic, it was the first Congress since 2019. It was great to see friends from Israel and around the world.

However, the feel-good factor was mitigated by the horrible situation in Ukraine. While we were attending meetings and finalizing preparations for the largest Maccabiah ever, Maccabi Europe's leadership was continuing their miraculous efforts to rescue and support members of the 3,000-strong Maccabi Ukraine community. Led by Chairman David Bessemer of Holland and President Dagmar Gavornikova of Slovakia, a hands-on effort commenced immediately after the invasion to help Ukrainian refugees leave their war-stricken homeland and provide a warm welcome in neighboring countries and across Europe. To support the effort, we've raised over \$100,000 from the Maccabi USA community, with 100% of the funds going to this initiative.

We know we speak for the Maccabi USA community when we say we've never been prouder to be a member of the Maccabi Movement and we thank all who have contributed.

Now we are looking forward to that Movement gathering this summer in Israel. We expect to have a delegation of over 1,300, the largest ever to attend a multi-sport event anywhere in the world and almost 20% larger than our 2013 and 2017 delegations. And we have a wonderful set of enhancements in store for our athletes, volunteers, and supporters.

Our flagship Israel Connect program – the week-long educational and cultural experience for our junior, open, and para athletes prior to the Maccabiah – will feature a revamped curriculum

The new Maccabi Media Program is training 14 student journalists, who will embed within our delegation and cover the Games in a way we've never done before. Families and supporters will have multiple Mission options to help them experience the Maccabiah in a manner that best meets their needs. Likewise, a new partnership with Momentum will give 30 Maccabi USA moms their own meaningful Israel educational experience prior to the start of the Games.

Congratulations and thank you to General Chair Lou Moyerman, Vice Chairs Tonja Magerman and Debbie Adams, their entire organizing committee, and the professional team for making this project such an overwhelming success.

After two years of COVID, a one-year postponement, and so much uncertainty, we can finally feel the excitement of the Maccabiah! We're just a few weeks away from this great celebration of sports and our heritage. Maccabi Chai!

Chazak Ve-ematz! Be Courageous and strong!

Jeff Buzek *Marshall Embon*



DELEGATION BY THE

Numbers

Total in the Delegation

1,335

Athletes

1,069

U-16

137

U-18

264

Open

404

Masters

264

Coaches

121

Managers

47

Medical
Staff

43

Israel
Connect
Educators

37

Maccabi Media
Participants
& Mentors

18

Sports

34

Youngest Athlete Born

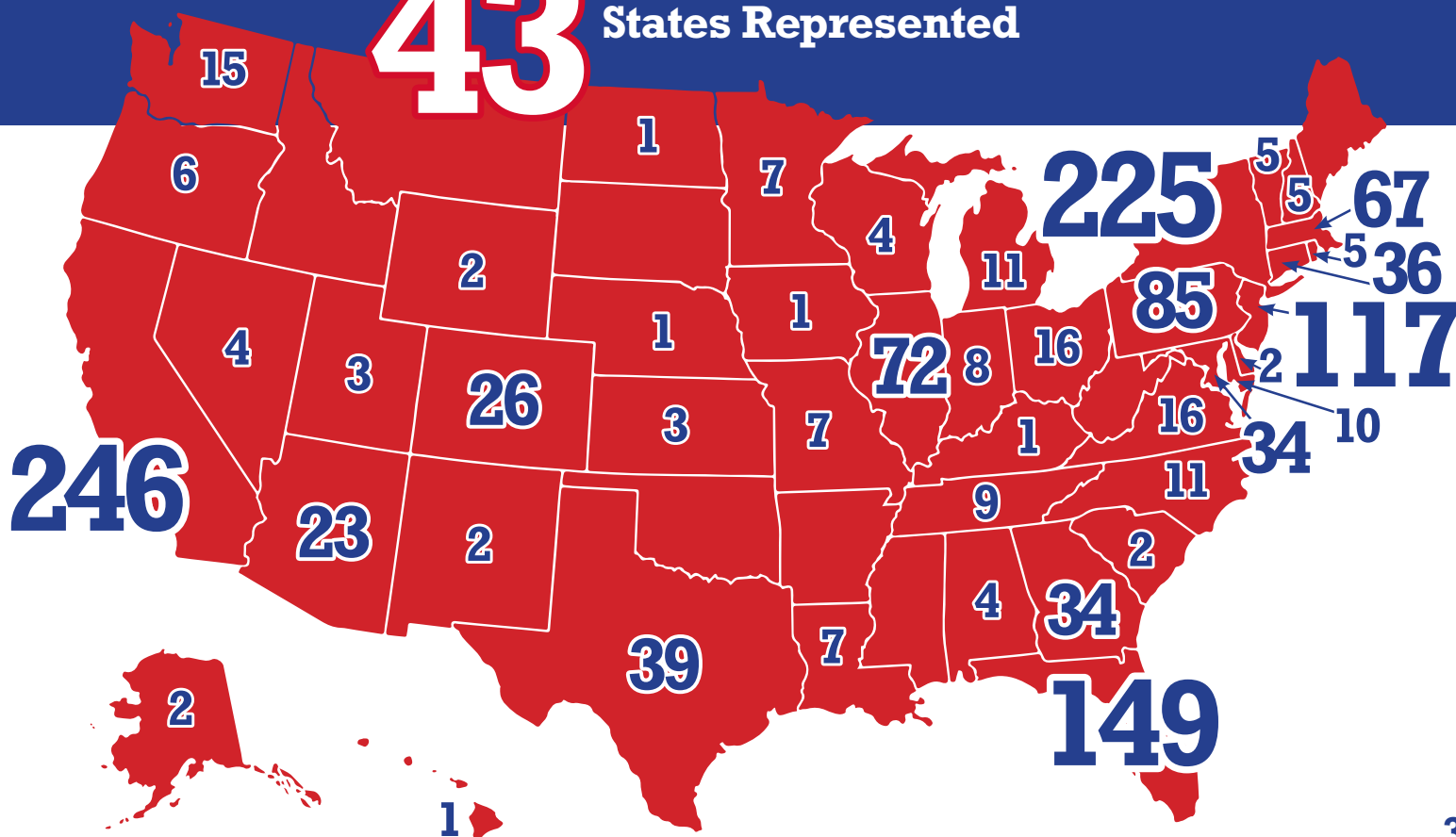
2008

Most Senior Athlete Born

1935

43

States Represented



Meet The



Lior Berman

Men's Open Basketball

Hometown: Birmingham, Alabama

College: Auburn University, 2023

Affiliations: Auburn Men's Basketball, 2022 SEC Regular Season Champs; #2 Seed NCAA Tournament

Favorite Jewish Athlete: Sandy Koufax

"Representing my country is a great honor. I am proud to be Jewish and connecting with fellow Jews is a great privilege. I was a part of the Maccabiah Games in 2017 and cherish those memories. I am looking forward to making new ones in 2022."

Photo by Auburn Athletics.

"I am super excited to be a part of the inaugural women's hockey team. It's really special on so many levels, partly because of my leadership in helping get this new program off the ground so Jewish women from around the world can participate, but also because it's exciting to be a part of the US Delegation and play in this elite competition."

Jodi Berris

Women's Open Ice Hockey

Hometown: Portland, Oregon

College: University of Michigan, 2001

Occupation: Product Line Manager & Developer for Skullcandy

Favorite Jewish Athlete: My Mom and Steve Rosen, Maccabi USA alum in track & field who inspired me to play in the Maccabiah.



Rabbi Carnie Shalom Rose

Israel Connect Educator

Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

College: University of Winnipeg, 1988, Jewish Theological Seminary, Doctorate of Divinity, 2021

Occupation: Senior Rabbinic Chair, Congregation B'nai Amoona

Favorite Jewish Athlete: I have been profoundly moved by the spirit of para-athletes like Ian Seidenfeld, a table tennis player from the United States, along with his ping pong playing dad, Mitch, who captured my heart.

"I see the Maccabiah as an amazing, disruptive innovation. Truly a unique opportunity to educate and inculcate Jewish athletes with a deep, profound and abiding spirit of passionate Judaism and pride-inducing Zionism. A brilliant and heretofore unparalleled game-changer!"

"I'm really looking forward to visiting Israel for the first time, learning more about my Jewish heritage and meeting other athletes from around the world."

Addy Rothstein

Women's Open Gymnastics

Hometown: New York, New York

High School: Trevor Day School, 2023

Affiliations: Gotham Gymnastics, Founded Give A Leo A Piece of Your Heart (non-profit providing leotards to aspiring gymnasts)

Favorite Jewish Athlete: Aly Raisman



Richard Frankoff

Accommodations Manager

Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada

College: University of Houston, 1974, South Texas College of Law, 1979

Occupation: Attorney (retired)

Favorite Jewish Athlete: Thelma "Tiby" Eisen, one of the top players in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League in the 1940s-50s.

"I've seen a lot of Jewish values taught on the court, in the gym, and at the field. With this being my first Maccabiah, I can't imagine there is a better place to see this in action and I can't wait to get to Israel."

Participants



Finn Arrillaga

U-16 Boys Swimming

Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii

High School: 'Iolani School

Affiliations: 'Iolani Swim Club,
'Iolani High School Team

Favorite Jewish Athlete: Jason Lezak

"I'm so excited to represent my country and heritage in Israel and to participate in such an esteemed world sporting event. I am really looking forward to competing at such a high level alongside my teammates."

"I have been looking forward to these Maccabiah games for at least 5 years. I was always going to accompany my husband to support him and the team, but having the opportunity to help lead the MOMentum trip adds multiple layers of enthusiasm for me! These games will be life changing for the athletes who compete and for their mothers who will be participating on this trip -- I'm excited to be a part of all of it!"

Amanda Goldberg

MOMentum Trip Leader

Hometown: Merion Station,
Pennsylvania

College: Cornell University, 1996

Favorite Jewish Athlete:

Aly Raisman and my husband, Joshua Warmund, who is a member of the Masters 45+ Soccer Team for MUSA!



Peter Berry

Wheelchair Basketball

Hometown: Houston, Texas

College: University of Alabama

Affiliations: Member of the University of Alabama Wheelchair Basketball Team (full scholarship) and USA U-23 Wheelchair Basketball

Favorite Jewish Athletes: Sue Bird and Omri Casspi who inspired me to play in the Maccabiah.

"I am looking forward the to Maccabiah because Israel is such an incredible, magical place and to be there playing the sport I love while meeting the most amazing people is a true blessing."

"I am thrilled to travel to the Jewish Homeland and cover the 21st Maccabiah. It is something I have long aspired to be a part of and I cannot wait to grow as a journalist and as a member of the Jewish community during this tremendous Israel experience."

Lauren Rub

Maccabi Media Program

Hometown: Miami, Florida

College: Syracuse University, 2022

Affiliations: Executive Staff and Production Crew for CitrusTV-Syracuse's student-run news station; Former intern at Univision

Favorite Jewish Sports Journalist: Adam Schefter



Cassie Chin

Women's Open Soccer

Hometown: Ipswich, Massachusetts

College: Amherst College, 2022

Affiliations: Amherst Women's Soccer

Favorite Jewish Athlete: Aly Raisman

"I'm really excited for the opportunity to connect with other Jews from the United States and around the world through sports. As a mixed-race Jewish American, I love how our faith and culture can bring us together despite our different backgrounds."

So You're Headed to



With a delegation of 1,300+ and hundreds of families and supporters, this will be the first time many in our community will be visiting the Jewish Homeland. Here are some tips, tricks, and important things to know before you go.


5 Hebrew Phrases & Words to Memorize:

1. Bathrooms - *Sherutim* שרותים
2. Water - *Mayim* מים
3. Cool/All Good - *Sababa* סבבה
4. How much does it cost - *Cama ze oleh* כמה זה עולה
5. Thank You Very Much - *Toda Rabah* תודה רבה

5 Important Things to Remember:

1. Many stores close on Shabbat, so depending where you're staying, remember to stock up on drinks and food earlier in the week or Friday morning.
2. If you don't have WhatsApp, download it before you go. It is free to send texts and make calls so long as you have access to Wifi. 
3. Barring drastic shifts in the economy, 1 US dollar = roughly 3 Israeli shekels. ATMs are available all over, but often add transaction fees.
4. Uber and Lyft haven't quite taken hold in Israel, so we recommend you download the Gett app to help you get around. With similar functionality to American ride-sharing services, it is very convenient.
5. Increased volume and/or hand gesturing are often part of normal Israeli conversation—just roll with it.

5 Fun Facts About Israel*:

1. Israel is the only country in the world with more trees today than 50 years ago (special thanks to our partners at JNF for helping out that cause!).
2. The Mount of Olives in Jerusalem is the world's oldest continuously-used cemetery. Look for a good view of it when you visit the Old City. 
3. Over a million pounds of hummus is eaten in Israel every year.
4. If you mail a letter to Jerusalem addressed to G-d, the Letters to G-d department of the Israeli postal service will place them in the Western Wall (Kotel) for you.
5. The glue on Israel's postage stamps is kosher.

*Facts courtesy of the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC in Houston and Israel 21c

5 Foods to Try When in Israel:

1. **Bamba** – a delicious peanut butter flavored snack you can find at any convenience store. Babies in Israel are 10x less likely to be allergic to peanuts than in other countries, perhaps because of these delicious treats. 
2. **Hummus** from Abu Kamel in Old City Jerusalem. Ten Israelis will give you 20 opinions on the best place to go, but we prefer this one.
3. **Sabich** from Sabich Tchernichovsky in Tel Aviv. Pita or laffa stuffed with fried eggplant, egg, chopped salad, and other delicious ingredients from a hole-in-the-wall near Shuk HaCarmel. You won't see this option on many American restaurant menus, but trust us, it's delicious!
4. **Shakshuka Burrito** from Jachnun Bar in the Machane Yehuda in Jerusalem.
5. **Burekas** from Mercas Habureka at the Shuk HaCarmel in Tel Aviv—get some Moroccan donuts while you wait.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

21st MACCABIAH (\$10,000+) as of 5/1/22

\$2,000,000+

Stuart Weitzman (A) and Family

\$500,000+

Aileen and Brian (A) Roberts
The Paul Singer Family Foundation (A)

\$100,000+

Anthony and Debbie (A) Adams
The Ike, Molly & Steven Elias Foundation
Kim and Todd Horberg
Jewish National Fund USA Boruchin Center
Donald Kent (A) and
Ellen Goosenberg Kent
John R. Levene (A)
Joel and Tonja Magerman
Jennifer and David (A) Millstone
Marc (A) and Amy Rosenberg
Marcy Gringlas and Joel Greenberg,
Seed the Dream Foundation
Randall (A) and Tamara Winn
Anonymous

\$50,000+

Backal Family in Memory of
Dr. Gary H. Cohen
Blavatnik Family Foundation
Jeff Bukantz (A)
Fred (A) and Dhana Cohen
Mark and Lisa Fishman

Harry and Leah Gudelsky Foundation
Mark Horowitz and Jennifer Koen
Richard Kreisel-Kilstock
Budd and Nanette Mayer
Family Foundation
Dave Rudzinsky (A)
Laszlo N. Tauber Family Foundation
Anonymous

\$25,000+

Sloan and Roger Barnett
Bender Foundation
Ross Berman
Derek Borisoff
Beth and Josh Brodtkin
Chao Family in memory of Brenda Hyman
Susan and Leland (A) Faust
Stephanie Fein
Leonid and Lisa Feller
Francis Fraenkel
Peggy Edersheim Kalb and Scott Kalb (A)
Jean and Steve Kaplan
Pamela and Bradley Korman
Amy and Alan Meltzer
Jeanie Milbauer and Bill Knapp
Susan and Harvey Morgan
Nancy (A) and Daniel Neff
Nancy Jacobson Penn and Mark Penn
Emily and David (A) Pottruck
Dede Robbins

Susie and Rick (A) Schnall
Kim Sinatra
The Sirovich Family Charitable
Foundation
Laura Stein and Sam Goldfeder
Laura and Casey Wasserman
Anonymous

\$10,000+

Jan (A) and Pete Albert
Kerry and Alan (A) Appelbaum
Philippe Bennett (A) and Lora Moffatt
James and Rachel Calmas
Talia and Ron Carner
Stuart Chason
Steven M Cohen and Lisa Melmed
Martha and Michael Davidson
Michael Ellis
Falafel Stop
Richard Farber (A) and Janet Leahy (A)
Keith Feder (A)
Jeff Feinberg
Arnie (A) and Susan Fielkow Family
Ben (A) and Heidi Fox
Scott Gelb (A)
Mona Geller
Gold Family
Matthew Halpern (A)
Iris and Igal Hami
Harvey Hirschfeld/Law Cash
Julie and Ben Kadish

Lisa and Neal (A) Kalish
David (A) and Leslie Kantor Family
Knue Family (A)
Koret Foundation
Dan and Katie Krause
David Lazarus and Family
Charles and Betty Lebovitz
Michael Magerman and Kelly Greenleaf
Earl Marks/RBC Wealth Management
Kenneth and Linda Morton
Lou (A) and Kinfar Moyerman
Orender Family (A)
Mary Owen
The Rabinovitch Foundation (A)
Mark Rabinowitz
Rabbi Amy Rader and Kevin Rader
Tom and Debbie Rosenfeld
Ruth D. Rosin
James Rothstein and Felice Sklamberg
Marvin Rubin
Lori and Murray Rudin
Shalchon Family
AM Skier Insurance
Sylvia and Martin Snow Family Fund
The Doris and Stanley Tananbaum
Foundation
Geoffrey Thaw (A) and Nancy Jacobs
Todd (A) and Vickie Volyn
Carolyn (A) and David Wasserman
Selig Zises and Ellyn Bank (A)
Anonymous

MACCABI USA ENDOWMENTS (\$25,000+) as of 5/1/22

PATRONS

\$1,000,000+

Aileen & Brian (A) Roberts
Ellen (A) & Samuel (A) Sporn (IC)
Stuart Weitzman Family Foundation (A)

CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE

\$180,000+

Talia & Ron Carner
Leah & Ed Frankel
Keith Frankel (A)
Monica & Barry Gurland
Iris & Igal Hami
Kim & Todd Horberg
Edy (z"l) & V. David (A) (z"l) Levitt
Phyllis Magerman (z"l)
B'nai Mitzvah Endowment
Joy & Jerry (z"l) Monkarsh
Taylor Hogge & Robert E. Spivak

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Level \$100,000+

Sarah (A) & Robert Cohn
Cecile (z"l) & Allan Dalfen
Cecile (z"l) & Lester (z"l) Fein
Suzan & Allen Fox
Mark S. Goldstein & the
Jean Alenstein Trust
Kantor (A)/Knue (A) Family
Phyllis (z"l) & Alan Magerman
Susan & Harvey Morgan
The Sheldon Family (A)

Randall (A) and Tamara Winn
Dr. Lee Winston & Herman Silver
Charitable Fund/Sam Rabinowitz (z"l)
Toni & Wally Wortman
Selig Zises & Ellyn Bank (A)
16th & 17th U.S. Maccabiah Teams

GIBORIM

\$50,000+

Debbie (A) and Anthony Adams
Kerry & Alan Appelbaum (A)
Sandi & Jerry Bloomberg
The Chaskin Family
Florence & Michael Edelstein
The Fraenkel Family Foundation
Benjamin Frankel Fund
Lynn & Carl (z"l) Goldstein
Mark S. & Marty Goldstein
Shirlee (z"l) & Bill (A) (z"l) Jacobs
Donna & Jeffrey (A) Laikind
Budd and Nanette Mayer Family Foundation
Tonja & Joel Magerman
Amy & Alan Meltzer
Ilene & Melvyn Miller
Robert Pincus (A) & Family
The Rabinovitch Foundation (A)
Estherly & Leonard (A)(z"l) Reifman
Barbara Brizdle (A) & Larry Schoenberg (A)
Janet & Ellis (z"l) Shore
Jill & Stu (A) Siegel
Harry & Beatrice Sley Foundation/
Betsy Grossman

Diane & David (z"l) Stern
Marilyn (z"l) & Harry Swimmer

ISRAEL SPORTS AMBASSADOR

\$25,000+

Jan Albert (A) Family Golf Endowment
Ellen & Simon Atlas
Backal Family in Memory of
Dr. Gary H. Cohen
Gladys & Lewis (A) Bass & Family
Endowment
Bender Foundation
Blavatnik Family Foundation
Jerome Bornstein (A) & Morris & Rose
Bornstein Memorial Fund
The Peter Brand Foundation (A)
Ruth & Ray Brenner
Beth and Josh Brodtkin
Barbara & Jim (A) Bronner
Jeffrey Bukantz (A)
Marilyn & Simon (z"l) Denenberg
Susan and Leland (A) Faust
Doris & Sheldon (A) (z"l) Gitman
Joy & Gary (A) Gordon
Mark Horowitz and Jennifer Koen
Ira Kamens
Jean & Stephen Kaplan
Donald Kent (A) and
Ellen Goosenberg Kent
Stanley Kleckner (A) (z"l)
Richard Kreisel-Kilstock
Marilyn & Mark Labkon Family
Endowment

Carol (z"l) & Harvey (A) Leff
John R. Levene
Jon (A), Kelly, Kenton & Ashlyn Levin
Cissie & Robert (z"l) Levy
Sydney Levy Memorial
Ronnie & David (z"l) Lowenthal
Michael L. Magerman Family
Beth & Jed (A) Margolis
Ava, Edward & Jordan (A) Mendelson
Jeanie Milbauer and Bill Knapp
Dennis (A), Marc & Steve Needleman
Nancy and Daniel Neff
The Orender Family
Bernard Osher Foundation
The Pincus Charitable Fund (A)
Amy & Marc Rosenberg (A)
May & Samuel Rudin Foundation
Dave Rudzinsky (A)
Silverstein Family
Kim Sinatra
The Sirovich Family Charitable Foundation
Dana & Mark Susson
Wertheim Family Endowment
Charles Simon
Rhea & Edward Slade
Edward M. Slater Memorial Fund
Louise & William Steerman
Tanner Tananbaum
Ruth & Howard (z"l) Walzer
Patricia & Philip Wexler
Ira & Shirley Yohalem Endowment
Deborah Miller & William Zabel (A)

LEGACY SOCIETY as of 5/1/22

Hank Alpert
Ellen and Si Atlas
Robyn Barsky
Howard A. Berger
Sandi and Jerry Bloomberg
Merri and Jay (A) Blumenfeld
Jerry Bornstein, MD
Ray Brenner
Jim Bronner (A)
Jeff Bukantz (A)
Talia and Ron Carner
Douglas Erenberg
Leland (A) and Susan Faust

Libby Newman Feldman
Suzan and Allen Fox
Ben (A) and Heidi Fox
Marilyn Glaser
Joy and Gary (A) Gordon
Linda Greenberg (z"l)
Betsy Grossman
Harvey Gutman
Alan Hahn
Richard Hermann
Larry Hirsch (A)
David Hochberg
Marilyn Labkon

Jackie and Nat Levine
Deb Lichtenfeld and Jeff Schulman (A)
Karen Karper
Donald Kent (A) and
Ellen Goosenberg Kent
Irv Levine (z"l) (A)
David Lowenthal (z"l) (A)
Beth and Jed (A) Margolis
Ilene and Mel Miller
Susan and Harvey Morgan
Jay Moses (A)
John Paul
Leonard Reifman (z"l) (A)

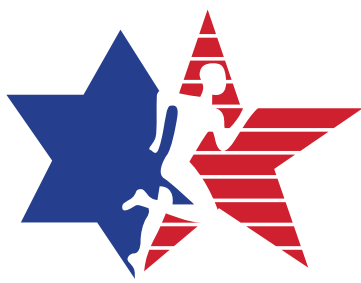
Ken Schwartz (A)
Claire A. and Alan Sherman
Taylor Hogge and Robert Spivak
Ellen and Sam (A) Sporn
Louise and Bill (z"l) Steerman
Harry Swimmer
Dana and Mark Susson
Frank Velie (A)
David Weissman (z"l)
Steven Wertheim
Toni and Wally Wortman

(A) Athlete

Thank you to all those who have made a planned gift through a will or other vehicle to Maccabi USA.

If you would like to join the ranks of this revamped program and leave a legacy with us, please contact Danny Sirdofsky at dsirdofsky@maccabiusa.com. We make every attempt to make sure our donor listing is accurate.

If your name is listed incorrectly or missing, please contact the office (maccabi@maccabiusa.com, 215.561.6900).



Upcoming Events

**Athlete Sendoff Parties
in various cities
around the US**



**Philadelphia Golf Tournament
June 20, 2022
Manufacturers Country Club, PA**

**Maccabiah
July 6 - July 25 in Israel**

MOMentum Trip: July 4-14

Israel Connect: July 6-12

Supporter Missions: July 12-21

Opening Ceremony: July 14

Competition: July 12-24

Closing Ceremony: July 25

**Chicago Golf Tournament
August 15, 2022
Skokie Country Club, IL**

**Legends of the Maccabiah
Gala: October 30, 2022**

**Skirball Cultural Center
Los Angeles, CA**



On Deck:

16th Pan Am Maccabi Games: Buenos Aires, Argentina: Dec. 27, 2023 – Jan. 5, 2024