



Peek inside to meet several Maccabi USA delegation members traveling to Argentina this winter for the 15th Pan American Games and learn more about the Spanish-speaking, soccer-loving, majestic home to nearly 46 million people. Plus, Maccabi USA has been challenged to a REMATCH and we look ahead to London.

President & CEO's Message

Close to 700 Jewish American athletes, coaches, and other volunteers will have the honor of marching into Movistar Arena in Buenos Aires on December 28 for the Opening Ceremony of the 15th Pan American Maccabi Games.

When they do, it will help kick off one of the Jewish world's biggest family reunions, despite most of the 2,500 participants not knowing one another beforehand. The unique combination of Jewish community and sports represented in the arena that night and over the course of the ten days we will spend together will give everyone a sense of shared connection and purpose. Throw in the warmth, energy, and pride of our Argentinian hosts and the other Latin American delegations, and you've got a reunion for the ages.

Starting in 1963, the Pan Am Maccabi Games take place every four years in a different Latin American country: Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Uruguay, Venezuela, and, again this year, Argentina. Modeled off the Maccabiah in Israel, the Pan Am Maccabi Games (along with the European Maccabi Games) represent a more intimate opportunity for elite Jewish athletes from around the world to gather and compete in the years between the Maccabiah.

That intimacy is evident in a number of ways. For example, while athletes at the Maccabiah are spread across Israel, everyone will be staying entirely in Buenos Aires and competing (almost entirely) in one of three athletic hubs in the Jewish community: Cissab, Hacoaj, and Hebraica.

As they do, they will be creating memories and friendships – with American teammates and new family members from around the world – that will last a lifetime.

And when we find ourselves in Buenos Aires in late December, we will be keeping a close eye on another competition: the Weitzman Challenge.

Established in the Fall of 2021, the
Weitzman Challenge was a gamechanging opportunity launched by shoe
designer, philanthropist, and Maccabi
USA alum Stuart Weitzman. A little over
a year later at the end of 2022, we had
raised an incredible \$2.5M, which was
generously matched by Stuart with a gift of
\$4.5M, launching a \$7M endowed scholarship

Moved by the progress we had made as a community, Stuart extended the match to the end of 2023, giving us additional time to raise the final \$500K of the match leading to Stuart's own final \$500K contribution.

fund for athletes in financial need.

As we approach December 31, we are leaving no stone unturned in our pursuit of the full amount. We invite you to join the hundreds of Maccabi USA supporters who have stepped up to give to the Weitzman Challenge. If you have already given to the Challenge, thank you! If you have the means to double down on your investment in future Jewish athletes, please do so.

For those who have yet to contribute, time is running out to add your name. Please join us as we help ensure the financial accessibility of the Maccabiah for future generations!

Chazak Ve-ematz! Be Courageous and Strong!



Delegation Data: By the Mumber's

Total Delegation:





U16: **104 Open: 157**

Masters: 162





Managers:

Medical Staff:



Maccabi Media:



USA Teams:



Sports Involving USA Teams:

Most Represented State: California

Most Senior Athlete's

Age:

(Masters Grand Tennis 75+)



PanAm Co-Chair's Message

Shana Tova! Happy New Year!

Back in March, a few of us had the pleasure of spending some time in Buenos Aires in preparation for the 15th Pan American Maccabi Games. The experience was nothing short of spectacular!

Our hosts in Argentina have been working tirelessly to ensure the Games will be fun, meaningful and safe for all. The three competition venues (one each for Masters, Open, and Juniors across all sports) are stunning and offer a glimpse into Argentinian culture and community. They are private social clubs where families have their weekend homes, form lifelong friendships, and cultivate a love for sport. A few satellite venues will also be used.

Our delegation is 660 strong - the largest we have ever sent to the Pan Am Games. Athletes will be accompanied by a robust management team, filled with accomplished coaches, trainers, managers, media, medical, and security professionals.

We also look forward to welcoming our friends and supporters traveling to Argentina to cheer us on! We have extraordinary and robust itineraries planned for our Gold and Silver missions. The missions are sold out but if you are interested in adding your name to the waiting list for either of our mission packages - feel free to email Danny Sirdofsky at dsirdofsky@maccabiusa.com

In addition to competitions, our team is working hard to provide fun and meaningful tours - both in and outside of the Jewish community. From all accounts, the experience is shaping up to be once-in-a-lifetime.

As we get closer to December, we will be sending you important updates and reminders. Please make sure to read these carefully (check your spam folders!) and respond in a timely manner when prompted. From Games registration to purchasing Opening Ceremony tickets and everything in between, it is important that we have all your information to ensure you have the best experience possible!

We also encourage you to follow the excitement of the Games on the various social media channels @maccabiusa @buenosaires2023_, and @faccma_ argentina.

If you've been appointed to the team - mazel tov! If you are a supporter who is planning to join us in Argentina - we can't wait to welcome you. And if you are cheering from afar, stay tuned for information about games and events we will stream. Thank you for all you do to support Maccabi USA. You are why we do what we do!

Gracias! Thank you!

Deb Lichtenfeld and Marc Backal

Maccabi USA Co- Chairs, 15th Pan American Maccabi Games









Buenos Aires is often called the "Paris of South America" due to its architectural resemblance to the French capital. This winter Maccabi USA will send more than 650 members to Argentina's largest city, so what should our delegation also know about this destination?



Geography & People:

Argentina land size: 2.7M km2 (8th largest)

Argentina population: 45.8M (33rd largest country)

Buenos Aires metro-area population: 15.5M

Buenos Aires Jewish population: 200,000 (largest in Latin America)

Culture:

Gaucho: skilled horseman/cowboy (symbol of Argentinean society)

Tango - dance originated in Buenos Aires in the 1880s

National sport: Pato - mix of basketball and polo

Favorite sport: Soccer - Reigning FIFA Men's World Cup Champions





Food Favorites:

Asado (parrillada/bbq) - various grilled meats including world-famous beef

Empanada - lightly crusted turnover/pastry

Dulche de Leche - a dessert caramel-like pudding

of condensed milk for dessert

Yerba Maté - beverage made of leaves/twigs steeped in hot water



What Else You Need To Know:

Language: Spanish

Currency: Argentine Peso (1000 ARS = \$3.80 USD)

Name: derived from "argentum" (latin for silver) - source of vast

precious metals in 16th century

Discovery site of Patagotitan mayorum - largest dinosaur ever found (28 ft tall, 122 feet long)



Scan the QR Codes to learn more about the participants!

Meet The



Lisa Levin - Open Half Marathon/Cycling Time Trial

Hometown: Gaithersburg, MD

Profession: Co-founder and Coach of Run Farther & Faster

Affiliations: Greater Washington Jewish Sports Hall of Fame (2016 inductee, current chair of the selection committee), Run Farther & Faster, Montgomery County Road Runners Club, Rock Creek Velo, Synergy

Women's Racing Team

Notable: Was a practicing lawyer until she changed careers





David Linn - Masters 45+ Men's Soccer

Hometown: Santa Monica, CA

Profession: Executive Vice President - Oak Point Partners

Affiliations: Co-Founder of Cycle For Survival, Chicago Stingers/

USL (1995-97), Northwestern men's soccer (1991-95)

Notable: His partner Kathy Carter is the CEO of the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games. His organization Cycle For Survival has raised more than \$350M for rare cancer research





Maddie Chao - U16 Girls' Artistic Gymnastics

Hometown: Newport Beach, CA
High School: Sage Hill School

Affiliations: Social Media Co-Chair for Oui Tutor, Trains at

South Coast Gymnastics

Notable: Fluent in French and English





Tyler Weiss - Open Men's Futsal Assistant Coach

Hometown: York, PA

College: Rochester University (2017)

Profession: Boys' varsity soccer coach - Julia R. Masterman School

Affiliations: Maccabi USA Futsal Commissioner

Notable: Father is Australian (Tyler has a strong Australian accent)





Matt Fine - Media Mentor

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

College: Clark University

Profession: Associate Professor, Media Studies and Production -

Temple University, Play-by-play broadcaster

Interests: Sports, teaching, writing, being a dad to Adam & Evan

Notable: Ran 5 marathons, Father pitched in the Minnesota Twins organization His son Evan attends Temple University (College of Music and Dance)



Participants

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Tulie Tucker - Athletic Trainer

Hometown: Silver Spring, MD

College: West Chester University (PA)

Profession: Athletic Trainer - Sandy Spring Friends School **Affiliations:** The Rugby Advantage, Athletic Coast All Stars

Interests: Skiing, Hiking, Traveling





Niv Konfino - 3v3 Open Men's Basketball

Hometown: Tel Aviv, Israel (Born in NY)

College: Brooklyn College

Profession: Senior Analyst (Finance)

Affiliations: Bournemouth professional basketball (England),

Inter Aliyah (Israel)

Interests: Walking and Observing Things, Tennis





Ari Rubinstein - Accommodations Manager

Hometown: New York, NY

Profession: Senior Director of Healthcare Operations for the New York City Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response

Affiliations: JNFuture NY (President), Save a Child's Heart (board member), Chabad Young Professionals UES

Notable: Former bartender, corporate mixologist, and Secretary of the United States Bartender's Guild





Alana Werwa - U16 Girls' Field Hockey Goalie

Hometown: Livingston, NJ

High School: Livingston High School

Affiliations: Starting goalie for Livingston HS girls' field hockey team, Mid-Jersey Knights, USA Field Hockey Nexus Athlete Directory

Notable: Wants to be a marine biologist





Alex Nickoll - U18 Boys' Tennis

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

High School: Harvard-Westlake School

Affiliations: Israel Tennis & Education Centers, Wilshire Boulevard Temple

Interests: Sports, Broadcasting, Volunteering

Notable: His brother, Eli, 20, will also compete in Argentina on the

Open Tennis Team



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EMYG Chair's Message

I am excited and looking forward to chairing the European Maccabi Youth Games (EMYG) in London in 2024. I love being involved with Maccabi USA, the people, the mission, and the spirit. The EMYG will be my fourth Maccabi event, and I am thrilled to be involved once again. My journey started at the 2017 Maccabiah as the judo team manager after a friend, World Champion and Olympic medalist, Yarden Gerbi, recommended that I get involved, and current Maccabi USA Vice President Lou Moverman welcomed me to the team. I was the judo chair and team manager again in 2022, and this year I will serve as the Masters division lead manager for the upcoming Pan American Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

With the help of Mackenzie Mager's leadership from the Maccabi USA professional staff, we are working diligently on entry forms, building an organizing committee and speaking with potential sports chairs and coaches. Together, we want to make the team's experience as outstanding as possible!

The games and accommodations will take place July 30-August 6, 2024, at the University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield which is 25 minutes from Central London. We anticipate taking upwards of 250 athletes plus additional staff and volunteers to the Games, and are still determining which sports and teams the USA delegation will bring. Athlete

TUMY:

categories will include U18 (born between 1/1/2006 – 12/31/2007) and U16 (1/1/2008 – 12/31/2009.)

Scott Gelb

Chair, European Maccabi Youth Games

The Maccabi GB hosts are planning ceremonies and parties created by young people for young people and to minimize formality and maximize fun! Athletes can submit a Maccabi USA Interest Form at www.maccabiusa.com/upcoming-games/ or visit www.maccabigb.org/emyg24 for more information.

Maccabi USA Alumni News

Mazel Tov to...

Shahar Frank was named CEO of Maccabi Tzair Youth Movement and returned to Israel after 3 years with Maccabi USA as the Maccabi Central Shaliach in North America.

Jordan Weinstein welcomed the arrival of grandson Ziv Lior Brown (Son to Jennifer and Don).

Danielle Credeur along with Dad Adam and sister Isadora (Izzy) welcome the arrival of Corgan Ann Credeur on August 31, 2023 (7 pounds, 10 ounces).



Danielle & Corgai

Si & Ellen Atlas celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 7, 2023.

David Berliner married **Olivia Gold** on October 7, 2023. David is the son of **Meryl** and **Stephen Berliner** (alum and board member).

Please share your news with us. Send us updates (maccabi@maccabiusa.com) and we will include in our next communication.

Members of the Maccabi USA family we have lost: Z"l

Alan Sherman passed away on July 29, 2023, at the age of 87 due to complications from cancer. A passionate Maccabi USA board member and supporter, Alan devoted five decades to championing Jewish athletes, international sports, and Israel.

Richard Ader passed away on September 1, 2023 at the age of 81. The longtime Maccabi USA board member and Masters Tennis player/co-captain was a member of the University of Vermont's Athletic Hall of Fame and a renowned businessman.

Jerry Bloomberg passed away on September 12, 2023 at the age of 85. The manufacturing and business entrepreneur was a previous Maccabi USA board member and dedicated supporter.

Jonathan Dolgen passed away on October 9, 2023 at the age of 78. The former Viacom Entertainment Chief and Fox Executive is the father of Tamar and father-in-law of Sergio Bicas, a board member of both Maccabi USA and Maccabi World Union.

Holding Court!

Diego Schwartzman, a professional Jewish tennis player and Pan Am Maccabi Games alumnus from Argentina, led Maccabi USA's family-friendly tennis clinic in the Hamptons on August 20. The great grandson of a Holocaust survivor, Schwartzman grew up playing tennis at Hacoaj in Buenos Aires, which was founded in 1935 for Jews who weren't allowed to join other clubs. With more than 100

people in attendance, the audience not only got to hit with Diego, but learned more about his upbringing and connection to Judaism. In the process, more than \$50,000 was raised to support the upcoming Pan Am Maccabi Games in Argentina and the Weitzman RE-MATCH.

Thank you to our Organizing Committee, Deb Lichtenfeld, Meredith Shifman, and Joel Roodyn, our Event Sponsor, Nancy Neff, our Venue and Accommodations Sponsors, Rodney Propp and the Tannenbaum Family, respectively, and to all our volunteers who helped make this such a wonderful day.







The RE-MATCH

is on in 2023!

Last year, Maccabi USA alum Stuart
Weitzman made a gift of \$4.5M to
match the \$2.5M we raised to start the
Stuart Weitzman Scholarship Fund. The
initiative was such a success that Stuart
generously offered a RE-MATCH: If we can
raise \$500,000 before December 31, 2023,
he will match it with another \$500,000 to his
namesake fund. Maccabi USA is looking for
major donors to join the Weitzman Honor
Roll at \$10,000 and above to help us win
the RE-MATCH and add another \$1M to this
game-changing endowment.

This need-based scholarship pool helps future generations of young Jews participate in the life-changing Maccabiah experience in Israel regardless of their financial means. Cost should never prevent our young people from engaging with Judaism or Israel, and your support will make sure this never happens again.

Please use the QR code or reach out to Danny Sirdofsky (dsirdofsky@maccabiusa.com) for more information.

"After this Maccabiah experience, I want to be more involved in the Jewish community back home. I have a better understanding of Israel and feel more connected to my heritage and want to bring more Jewish values into my life."

— Open Women's Soccer Player, 2022



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

STUART WEITZMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thank you to Stuart and everyone who contributed to the Stuart Weitzman Scholarship Fund in 2022. This new \$7M endowed scholarship fund for need-based athletes will help connect young American Jews to Israel for generations. Stay tuned for an exciting update coming this fall.

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