

# My Maccabi Legacy

## Scott Gelb



**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA

**Profession:**

Technology Integrator in Data

**Involvement:** 3 Maccabiah Games, 1 Pan Am Games, 1 European Games, Maccabi USA Board, 2022 Los Angeles Legends of Maccabiah Gala Committee

**Sports:** Judo

The Maccabi USA mission to build Jewish pride through sports while promoting support for Israel is very important to me. I am a proud Zionist and Maccabi USA brings together Judaism, Israel and my sport, Judo. After the 2016 Rio Olympics, a good friend and Judo champion from Israel, Yarden Gerbi, asked me to get involved in the 2017 Maccabiah. Through Judo connections, I found Lou Moyerman, and this amazing and noble journey began at the 2017 Maccabiah in Israel. It has been an honor volunteering for the organization and to have the additional opportunity to support Judo and now a larger role with all sports.

The Maccabi movement is family and an amazing way to meet Jewish people from all over the world in Israel with a shared experience. The blend of culture and sport empowers athletes who go back to their countries as ambassadors for Israel. In a world of increasing anti-semitism, this is powerful and the key reason for me to leave a legacy gift to Maccabi USA.