



MACCABIUSA MEDAL OF HONOR



ALAN SHERMAN (Z"l)

Alan Sherman (z"l) was a towering figure in Maccabi USA whose decades of visionary leadership helped define the organization's role in building bridges between American Jewry and Israel through sport. Throughout his involvement with the organization, Sherman served as Vice President of Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, sat on the International Maccabiah Committee from 1973 to 1989, led U.S. delegations as All-Sports Chairman, and played a pivotal role in strengthening American participation in the Maccabiah. His outstanding leadership and service to the Maccabi Movement earned him the Yakir Maccabi Award from Maccabi World Union.



Sherman founded the North American Maccabi Youth Games (now the JCC Maccabi Games), launched the pre-camp program for Maccabiah athletes (including Jewish-Israeli orientation), and organized high-profile U.S.-Israeli sports exchanges, most notably bringing the 1978 NBA champion Washington Bullets to Israel. Beyond his Maccabi involvement, he established and led the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, supported athletes with disabilities via the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled, and connected U.S. Jewish communities to Israel in powerful and lasting ways.