



MACCABIUSA

MEDAL OF HONOR



BOB SPIVAK (Z"l)

Robert "Bob" Spivak z"l dedicated more than four decades to transforming Maccabi USA into a strong, respected national organization grounded in Jewish identity, connection to Israel, and Jewish continuity through sports. Serving as President for 20 years, he also chaired multiple Maccabiah delegations, co-chaired the 1979 Pan American Games, and held key global roles including MWU Honorary President. His leadership earned him the Yakir Maccabi Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from The International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.



Bob's courage, vision, and mentorship shaped generations of Maccabi USA leaders and athletes. His vision helped create the Israel Connect Program, which quickly became the foundation for the Maccabiah experience. Bob strengthened partnerships within the Maccabi World Union, and championed support for countries with fewer resources, all while encouraging broader participation and women's leadership. His belief that Maccabi USA was "changing lives forever" continues to resonate, as thousands still benefit from the legacy he built.