



MACCABIUSA MEDAL OF HONOR



JEFF BUKANTZ

Jeff Bukantz's lifelong connection to Maccabi USA began as a fencer, proudly following in his father's footsteps. He first represented the U.S. at the 1981 Maccabiah, finishing fourth in individual foil in the same event his father won in 1950. Jeff went on to earn Bronze in 1985 and capture Gold in 1989, completing a meaningful father-son legacy nearly four decades in the making. His achievements reflect both his athletic excellence and deep family ties to the Maccabi tradition.



Jeff has been a cornerstone of Maccabi USA leadership for nearly 50 years. He began as Chair of Fencing in 1986 and later served as Junior Chair for the 1999 Pan Am Games and 2001 Maccabiah, as well as General Chair for the 2011 European Games and the 2013 and 2017 Maccabiah Games. A long-time Executive Committee member, he has held positions including Associate Treasurer, First Vice President, and President of Maccabi USA. Recipient of the Maccabi World Union Yakir Award, Jeff's dedication embodies the spirit and legacy of Maccabi worldwide.