



MACCABIUSA MEDAL OF HONOR



MAX SHELDON (Z"l)

Max Sheldon was a distinguished tennis player whose involvement with Maccabi USA left a lasting legacy. At 21 years old, Max traveled to Israel from Germany to participate in the Maccabiah as a Track and Field athlete in the Maccabiah in 1932. Sheldon went on to compete for the U.S. Delegation in the 13th and 14th editions of the Maccabiah.



In recognition of his achievements and his embodiment of the values of the Maccabi movement using sport to promote Jewish identity, continuity, and connection to Israel, Maccabi USA posthumously honored Max Sheldon in its inaugural Legends of the Maccabiah Gala. He was also honored as a recipient of the Yakir Maccabi Award in 1997, celebrating his leadership and dedication to the Maccabi Movement internationally. Sheldon's story not only reflects athletic excellence, but also illustrates how individuals like him helped strengthen Maccabi USA's mission of building Jewish community through sport.