



MACCABIUSA MEDAL OF HONOR



PHYLLIS MAGERMAN (Z"l)

Phyllis Magerman was a deeply committed leader, volunteer, and philanthropist whose contributions helped shape Maccabi USA's growth and impact for decades. Originally from Philadelphia, Phyllis became active with Maccabi USA after attending the 14th Maccabiah Games. Upon her return, she joined the Board of Directors and went on to found the San Diego Chapter of Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, serving as its president from 1993–2000.



Phyllis also played a central role in major events and programs. Phyllis chaired the U.S. Organizing Committee for the 11th Pan American Maccabi Games, helping assemble the largest-ever U.S. delegation to those games, and served on the Maccabi USA Executive Committee. In recognition of her enduring dedication, she established an endowment for the B'nai Mitzvah ceremony that now bears her name, a meaningful ritual within the pre-Maccabiah cultural program for young athletes. Through her leadership, generosity, and vision, Phyllis Magerman helped foster Jewish identity, community, and continuity through sport.

