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Here are details of Bar Kochba's sports activities:

Every Sunday:

Every Tuesday:

Gym at Finchley Road Baths Gym., Finchley Road, N.W.3 8.15 p.m.— 9.45 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

Swimming at the Finchley Road Baths, N.W.3 9.00 p.m.—10.00 p.m.

Every Thursday:

Swimming for Juniors, Finchley Road Baths, N.W.3 7.00 p.m.— 8.00 p.m.

Table Tennis at the Club House 7.30 a.m.—10.30 p.m.

All classes are in the hands of fully qualified instructors and everybody is welcome to attend them a few times without any obligation.

For further details, please apply to the Hon. Secretary, 57 Eton Avenue, N.W.3.

Message from the President

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3 Princes Park Avenue,

London, N.W.11.

Dear Friends,

I was very happy, when George Kestel asked me to write a few words for the Brochure which is being brought out on the occasion of the First Bar Kochba Grand Reunion Ball.

It is a pleasure to see that the spirit of Bar Kochba still exists, and that some of the New members are taking not only an active interest but also the initiative in arranging a Reunion Function for the Old and new members of the Club!

Bar Kochba since its foundation has had several great successes in the field of sports. The club trained and brought to the forefront of Jewish Sporting youth a number of international athletes such as Roman Halter, Eric Newman, John Field, Colin Levene, Susie (Nadar) Halter, Carold Reuben, Joan Mesnick, Eva Lerhfreund . . . to mention just a few of the more recent successful members. In the field of cultural and social endeavours, Bar Kochba has not been left behind either!

Sports and Cultural events, which are the day-to-day activities of Bar Kochba, are not the only fields in which members of our club have taken part. During the Israel War of Independence very many of our members went to Israel to fight for the freedom of the country, a fight which is still on. One of our members, Lothar Fried, lost his life during this war . . .

One cannot live on past history, heroism and memories. Our members must realise that we must remember and cherish the past, but work, and work very hard for the future. Bar Kochba stands for the spiritual and physical education of Jewish youth, tremendous facilities are offered to each and one of you, and the youth of to-day must be made to realise that the work which we are doing is for their advantage and their future.

There are times when the going is hard, members don't always co-operate, people lose heart . . . But in the end the good work which we are trying to do will bring its just rewards.

This Reunion Ball will give the young and old members a chance to get to know each other, to exchange experiences and to plan together for the future . . . our future, your future and the future of the children.

Our aims are high and our hopes are great, but if we can achieve our aims, then our future is secure and our work has not been in vain . . .

Best Wishes,

S. LERHFREUND.

A Brief History of Bar Kochka

Most of you, who are to-day members of Bar Kochba, were born in this country or probably came here as small children. You will fortunately find it difficult to imagine a situation in which you might have to leave your country and go to live among people whose language you only know inadequately, whose customs are strange and different from your own, and which is moreover fighting a war against the country you left. This was the position in which thousands of refugees found themselves in 1939. They had come from Austria, Czechoslovakia and Germany, were happy to have found asylum here and wanted to help in the defeat of the common enemy, fascism, but often felt lonely.

Small wonder therefore that those who had a strong link in common, in this case membership of the Maccabi Movement, got together and made plans of founding an organisation in which they could again follow their ideals: to foster the strength of body and mind. The body to be taken care of by sport, the mind by work for Zionism.

And that is exactly what happened. Early in 1940 a small band of some 15 people from Austria, Czechoslovakia and Germany met in Museum Street, then the headquarters of the Maccabi World Union. There Bar Kochba London was founded under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ludwig Lehrfreund, who was later to take a prominent part in Maccabi work in Palestine and Israel.

At first the only sporting activity consisted of gymnastic training at Maccabi House, Compayne Gardens. Here an ever increasing number of young Jews and Jewesses met once a week for a thorough work-out under Hase Sternheim, who later lost his life fighting in Burma on the side of the Allies. At week-ends there were discussions, gramophone recitals, lectures and socials.

When the first Annual General Meeting took place a few months later, Bar Kochba already had over a hundred members. Not even the Blitz dampened their enthusiasm, numbers continued to grow and soon other activities were added, first athletics at the L.C.C. ground on Hampstead Heath, then swimming, football, tennis and table tennis.

In 1942 Bar Kochba, together with two or three other Zionist organisations, acquired its own home in 57 Eton Avenue, and now the organisation of cultural work became much easier. The constant financial difficulties were solved by arranging dances in bigger halls. Bar Kochba's name was beginning to get known in ever increasing circles, and its successes in the field of sport gained it many friends. Yet the war drew off many of the most active members, who joined the Forces or did war work. Meanwhile Bar Kochba had affiliated to the Maccabi World Union and tried to do its share in the larger community.

Maccabi Championships and inter-Club matches became a regular feature and in all of them Bar Kochba took part, often with excellent results. At one time, it was the Athletic Section which won most prizes, at others the Gym Section, then the Football team and later the Swimming Section, especially the Water Polo team.

The administrative work was carried out by a small band of people. It is difficult to give names, but a few come to mind, which should be mentioned. There is first of all Sieg Lehrfreund, who for many years so ably acted as Chairman, and to whom Bar Kochba owes so much. Arthur Timberg, the first Hon. Secretary, Leo Feiner always there and willing to do a job, Claire Kramer, Eugene Rakower who made the Swimming Section what it is to-day, together with Max Reiser and many, many more.

When the war had finished preparations started for the first Maccabia, which took place in Israel in 1949. In the strong British team, there were many Bar Kochba members, who brought home numerous medals. The outstanding victory was gained by Susi Nador, who was awarded three gold medals in the swimming competitions.

By then most of those who are now called "the older generation," had settled down, had married (many of them friends they had met in Bar Kochba), had their own homes, social and business interests. Thus gradually the membership changed, and the leading work was taken over by younger people, which is just as it should be.

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The many friends of Bar Kochba who have helped this function with donations;

All our guests, friends and well-wishers, who, by their kind patronage have helped to make this function a social and financial success;

Mr. George Kestel for his enthusiastic lead, and hard work as Chairman of the Ball Organising Committee, and his many helpers.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE:

- (a) To promote the interest, and the active participation of Jewish Youth of both sexes, in Amateur Sports, in all forms of Cultural and in non-political, communal activities.
- (b) To inculcate within its ranks, a team spirit, the conception of fair play, good citizenship and self discipline.
- (c) To provide Members of the Association with facilities for training and friendly competition in ALL its activities.
- (d) To promote and to foster the interest and active participation by Members, in work aimed at the Development of Israel, to cultivate a knowledge of Jewish history, of the Hebrew language and National traditions.
- (e) To provide for the advancement of Jewish religious education and to develop within Jewish Youth the principles of the spirit of the Jewish faith.
- (f) Generally to encourage the development, in Jewish Youth, of the mind, spirit and body, in the tradition of the Maccabeans.
- (g) To foster better understanding and friendship between Jews and non-Jews, by means of sporting, Cultural and Social intercourse.
- (h) To co-operate with any Organisation, Association or Club throughout the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whose Aims and Objects are similar to those of the Association.



BAR KOCHBA

Organisation for Physical Recreation and Zionist Education of Jewish Youth

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Message from a Friend

Dear Friends.

After many months of hard work and pushing around of a lot of people, we have finally reached the point where this Brochure is on sale at the Pigalle Restaurant on "The night."

It was not an easy thing to get everybody to do some work, especially at the same time, and on the same thing. Nevertheless, it has been done, and here we are.

My message to you is just a short one. All I want to say to the lot of you, is THANK YOU! Thank you for the work you have put in, for the time you gave, and for the few kind words . . .!

In the meantime, I just want to wish all our friends, visitors, guests, and fellow collaborators a pleasant evening, and the proverbial "HAVE A GOOD TIME." Last but not least I personally would like to welcome all the old friends of our club, especially the "Older generation"—older and wiser in years . . . but young in Spirit—the Bar Kochba Spirit!

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE H. KESTEL.

Anonymous

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SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 1957

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