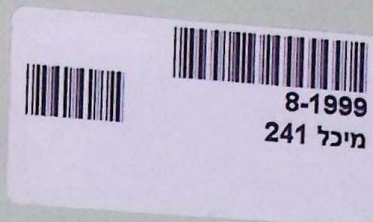




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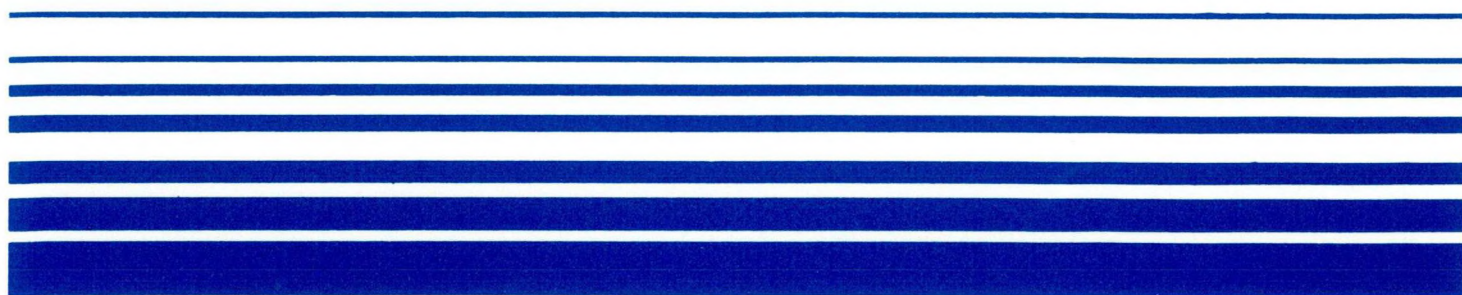
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Once every four years the Maccabi world really comes to life when more people than ever are involved in our activities. The reason for this is the 15th Maccabiah which will be held in Israel this coming July. It is affectionately known as "The Jewish Olympics" and will bring together the largest in-gathering of Jewish sports people from around the world. It is the "Jewel in the Crown" of Maccabi in which over 5000 competitors plus an estimated 25,000 supporters will arrive in Israel to be part of this sporting spectacular.

Over 50 countries have selected their teams comprising of athletes who they consider have reached the highest standards within their individual sports. The Great Britain team has also been selected and they are now all training hard for the forthcoming Maccabiah. In the coming months the GB Maccabiah Organising Committee, which has been working for the past year will really start to operate at "full speed" to ensure that our team of approximately 370 athletes will be the best prepared and equipped to leave these shores. I am sure we all wish them every success.

This year we will once again be sending our summer tours to Israel and in addition to the usual exciting programme that has been planned we will be including in the itinerary (time table permitting) tickets for the opening or closing ceremonies of the Maccabiah.

Last year we responded to the many requests from our clubs to organise a National Summer Camp. Although only 30 youngsters attended the Camp it was enjoyed by all. Plans are already well under way for this year's Summer Camp and we are expecting over 60 members from many of our clubs to attend.

To add to our summer programmes and to ensure that we are providing opportunity for all of our members, we have joined with Camp America and the Jewish Community Centre Association of North America in the placing and recruitment of our members for their summer camp programme. Our members will work as either sport coaches or camp councillors and it will give them the opportunity to use their skills working with the children of the communities of Chicago, Detroit, New Jersey and Pittsburgh. The JCC Association are looking forward to our members giving their camps a valuable Jewish input.

In addition to all I have mentioned above our normal Maccabi programme goes on. Our clubs and leagues continue to provide a wide variety of activities for their members on a weekly basis and I am proud of Maccabi's input to the Jewish community both in sport and informal education. This work could not be carried out without the continued commitment of all the people who volunteer to give Maccabi an immense amount of their time.

I would like to thank my fellow Honorary Officers for their continued support and a special thank you to my wife Diane who has fully supported me in my commitment to Maccabi. Finally I would like to thank our professional staff Marc, Arieh, Asher and Suzanne (their articles will let you know about the work they are doing) for their delivery of our education programme and our administrators Cynthia, Valerie and Michelle who manage to keep the office running so smoothly often under immense pressure in view of the enormous workload that is sometimes put on them.

Chazek Ve'emetz
Be strong and be brave



Henry Minkoff
Chairman



UNION OFFICE

From The National Director

The Jewish Community for the last couple of years has been focused on the issue of *Jewish continuity*. One cannot read Jewish newspaper or attend a Jewish meeting where this term is not encountered. Do we fully understand what we mean when talking about *Jewish continuity*.

The British Jewish community was thrown by the findings that emerged from the United States in 1990 which revealed that 52% of Jews who were married between 1985 and 1990 married non-Jews, that was the bad news, the good news was that the same study showed that day schools, Jewish camps, youth clubs/groups and the Israel experience had a transformational impact on the development of positive Jewish identity. These findings have been mirrored in the British community, again this reflects the communal anxiety that the British Jewish community seems to be threatened with and hence a need for *Jewish continuity*.

The results of these findings acted as a wake up call to Diaspora Jewry, and our community needed to respond, it's avenue for response was to invest in Jewish informal and formal education, in order to enhance positive Jewish identity.

Maccabi Union and our affiliates must be at the forefront of the drive towards positive Jewish identity for young people within our community. Studies show that some strategies are working, summer camps and Israel Tours being two of the success stories, yet we at Maccabi are unable to fill our summer camp and still only send one tour to Israel each year. It is recognised that the intensive mini-community created by these events have transformational effects on those that attend, for some it is the first time that they have experienced a vibrant and exciting Jewish environment.

The Youth Club/Centre is the place where many marginal Jews encounter Jewish life, and it is here that we are able to create another mini-community, based on the techniques, skills and methods of informal Jewish education we should be able to cater for all of the community.

In order for us to be successful in our mission we must first acknowledge that the community needs to strengthen it's ability to recruit, prepare and retain the best Jewish communal professionals, and the

present workers in the field need to take a look at their own skills in order to be effective, this will often mean training and looking at our own knowledge and experience. Maccabi Union in the future, hopes to be able to offer Jewish training experiences relevant to our work in youth clubs/centres to all our affiliates.

Maccabi Union needs to define its strategy, which needs to incorporate the views, concerns and needs of it's affiliates. We must ensure that this strategy incorporates *Jewish continuity* in its widest definition. We are part of the way towards this goal with the **Maccabi Mission Statement**.

The development of a "healthy mind in a healthy body" is at the forefront of Maccabi ideology. Maccabi affiliates adopt their own individual identities and are at the same time part of the world-wide Maccabi Movement.

Maccabi aims to ensure the survival of the Jewish people through awareness of Jewish identity, culture, heritage and values, and a belief in the centrality of Israel to the Jewish people and the world-wide Maccabi Movement.

Maccabi gives priority to the total development of the individual through the provision of sporting, educational and cultural activities and services.

The past year has seen many changes in the Union, more affiliates have chosen to join, more staff have been employed and the new management team have been working hard. This is not a time to be complacent, but a time for us to pool our resources, work together and enhance what we do for young people and the communities we serve.



MARC HERMAN

UNION OFFICE

National Shaliach - Arie Tsilik

Since September Arie, together with his wife, Dalit, and their two children, Rotem and Alon, have joined the Maccabi team. He is continuing the work that Herzl, Avichay and Tzvikah were involved in and hopes that he will meet everyone involved in Maccabi all over the U.K.

Arie was born in Haifa and served six years in the IDF as an Intelligence Officer, attaining the rank of Captain. He then went on to study at Tel Aviv University, obtaining a B.A in Political Science and Middle Eastern History and an M.A. in Labour Studies.

Arie has held various Jewish agency positions within the Student Authority and worked as Co-ordinator of Social and Cultural activities at the Aliya Department. He was also the Director of the Tavor Absorption Centre in Nazareth-Illit. He has spent time as a Shaliach in Russia and Ukraine, encouraging immigrants to go to Israel and was instrumental in persuading British youth and students from other communities to perform volunteer work in that community. He has also worked as a Shaliach for the FZY Youth Movement in the U.K.

Most recently Arie worked as Director of the Education Department, and was in charge of the ongoing management of the entire education system of Nazareth-Illit, which is known by its success in absorbing immigrants, half of the population of this town were from other countries, mainly from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia and arrived within the last six years.

Arie Tsilik and his family



Interview with Arie

Q. What are your views of Maccabi?

A. I see a picture frame which is like a puzzle which is incomplete, which during the time I am here I have to complete this puzzle to be able to see the picture. Maybe, even to become part of this picture, which will include Israel together with Zionism and Jewish Identity.

I see Maccabi Union as an umbrella organisation working in full partnership with Maccabi clubs and fully aware of Israel by sending the members on Israel Tours, Leadership Seminars and Educational events and Programmes regarding Jewish Identity and Zionism.

Everyone associates Maccabi with sport, so I am very aware of this and will try to link my goals with the saying "a healthy mind in a healthy body".

Q. What are your aims whilst you are here?

A. My aim is to visit every Maccabi club in the U.K., to meet and become part of their structure so they feel comfortable enough to phone me at any time. I want to meet people face to face and to share my feelings regarding Israel and the Jewish community now and in the future. I want to bring the Israel spirit to the clubs. It seems to me that the Jewish youth in Maccabi and in Israel have reached a crossroads regarding Jewish identity and approach to Israel as the State of the Jewish people. I would like to feel that I can contribute to help the youth of today question this in a pluralistic way.

Q. What connection did you have with Maccabi?

A. My father, Zvikha, was a leader in Maccabi Hatzair-Gordonia, from Rumania. He still has kept the boxing gloves from the time that he was a leader there. He made Aliyah with his friends from the Movement and settled in a Kibbutz near Gaza, called Nir'Am. From him I learned about values of being Zionist and proud to be Jewish, in Israel.

In the 13th Maccabiah I was in charge of promoting Aliyah options for the participants throughout the Maccabiah, which involved organising tours and visiting higher Institutes of Education in Israel.

Q. How are you going to promote Zionism?

A. It happens to be the most challenging period because we have two major events planned during my Shlichut. One is the "One Hundred Years of Zionism" (1997) and Fifty Years of Israel Independence (1998). I will build programmes together with the Clubs such as Israel Club Tours and a Maccabi Tour to Europe visiting Jewish places of interest such as in East Europe and Basel. We are also planning, in conjunction with the Zionist Federation, to hold major events in Great Britain.

Together we can reach the same goal and become Shalichim of Israel in the community.

Chazek Ve'ematz. - Arie Tsilik, National Shaliach

UNION OFFICE

From The Development Director

It is difficult to believe but 18 months have passed since I used to live at Gildesgame House, I still find it strange walking through the doors! Nevertheless I consider myself very lucky to be allowed to continue contributing to the Union's work and am grateful to Henry and the HO's for enabling me to do so. My work with the staff is also very rewarding and I hope that they find my input useful. I continue to try and widen the funding base for the organisation and also help with advice to the HO's and the staff when called upon.

Having stepped back from the day to day work has enabled me to develop a fresh perspective on the issues. Henry's calm and considerate approach, supported by Richard and other key HO's has meant that the painful conflicts that affected the work have largely disappeared. At the same time the Union has continued to build on the successes achieved during Stuart's chairmanship. The new staff team led by Marc has also settled in very well. All this means we have now the opportunity to plan for the future from a position of strength. What should we be doing with this opportunity, especially when the rapid expansion has meant the stretching of the financial resources of the Union to the limit? There are no easy answers to this question but I am convinced that we need to become a "lean and mean" organisation. Every activity we undertake must be effective and efficient and compatible with our view of the future. At the same time we cannot go back to being a small organisation. We must be able to punch our weight and have sufficient resources to make an impact in community, worthy of our status. I believe that the following are of the utmost priority.

1. **Sport:** I do not believe that we make enough use of Maccabi's inherent strength in the sports field. The wonderful work, led so competently by Howard Moss and other colleagues and undertaken entirely by volunteers, needs expanding both in terms of the scope of the programme and also the level of penetration into the market. This undoubtedly means a need for additional funding and also the appointment of a Sports Development Officer. The foci should be both on the development of sporting facilities in the clubs (including coaching) and also on reaching out to the community through the open sports policy and the MSA. Myself as well as the other members of the sub-committee for the Development of Sport believe strongly that this is the biggest challenge facing the Union.

2. **Partnership:** Henry rightly always talks about the concept of partnership with the clubs. At times I feel that there is not enough commitment to the concept. I strongly believe that the future lies in a much more cohesive organisation where the strengths of both the clubs and the headquarters organisation are shared to the benefit of all. We need to move towards a much more

equal and open relationship. Kenton, Catford and Glasgow are some of the shining examples for the success of the concept of partnership when properly applied. There is no time for an inflated ego - the challenges facing us and the community are far too great! At the same time I believe that the nature of affiliation should be examined - partnership is a two way relationship with mutual and shared responsibilities. I believe cherry picking to be a very damaging concept!

3. **Education:** We must continue to build on the considerable successes achieved in our educational projects especially the Leadership Programmes, Israel activities and outreach and detached projects. I know that there are many voices out there saying, for example: "Why do we need the Street Project?" The answer, my friends, is that nobody else is doing it! We cannot wash our hands of a piece of work that has been recognised as extremely valuable and innovative. Let's be honest it has not harmed the image of the Union either!

4. **Image and Funding:** Despite the huge rise in the respect for our organisation, and the huge success of "Challenge", there are still far too many people who do not know enough about the range and depth of our operations. I believe this to be a failing on our part (not helped by the community's apathy) and something that impacts on our ability to attract funding. We must continue developing in this area and also use every contact we have to widen our funding base. For example, we have very eminent people involved in the Maccabi Foundation and we must ask for their help to open doors for us - Eric and Beryl Rayman have been magnificent in this respect. I wish to thank you Henry and the HO's, Marc and my colleagues on the staff team and all of my friends for your support and warmth.

Yours always

Asher Eisen
Development Director



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Maccabi Union AGM - 16th June 1996

Maccabi Union Great Britain held their Annual General Meeting at Brady Maccabi in Edgware.

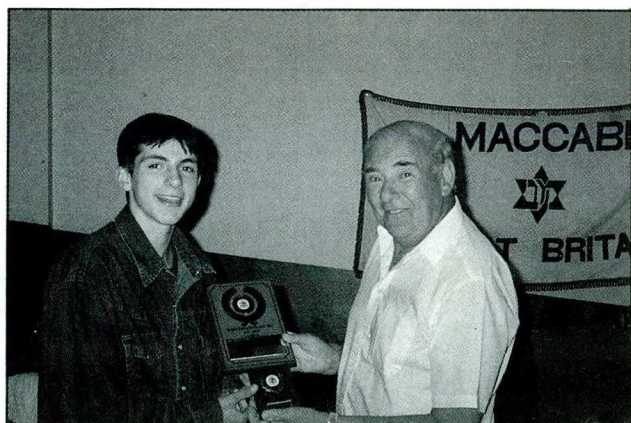
Henry Minkoff, the Chariman for the past year stood unopposed and was re-elected for a further year together with the following Honorary Officers:

Vice Chairmen:	Richard Feldman	(Kenton Maccabi)
	Philip Minster	(Glasgow Maccabi)
Hon. Secretary:	John Barnett FRICS	(MSA)
Hon. Treasurer:	Raymond Harris FCA	
Hon. Asst Treasurer:	David Jacobs	(Brady Maccabi)
Hon. Sports Director:	Howard Moss	(MSA)
Hon. Publicity Director:	Diane Minkoff	
Hon. Cultural Director:	Elaine Levy	(EDRS)
Hon. Leadership Chairman:	Anthony Gellman	(Manchester Maccabi)
Co-opted Memebers:	Lester Jacobs	(Catford Maccabi)
	David Wolff	(Maccabi Football League)

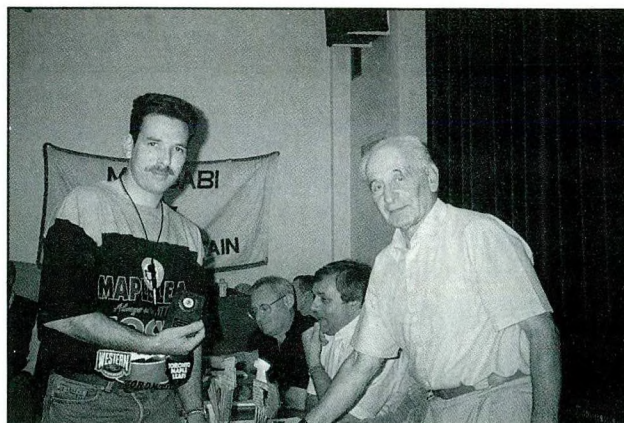
The AGM is also an opportunity for Maccabi Union to honour their hard working members by bestowing their Annual Awards.

The following were this year's award winners;

Aubrey Scott Award:	Mark Goldberg	Brady Maccabi
Pierre Gildesgame Award:	Melissa Ihnen	Glasgow Maccabi
Robert Behar Award:	Marc Levy	Leicester Maccabi
Kobi Greizer Award:	Louis Taylor	Southend JYC
Eric & Beryl Rayman Award:	Damon Shaw	Kenton Maccabi
Presidents Club Award:	Jacqueline Bowman	Edinburgh Maccabi
Harry Shapiro Sports Person of the Year:	Sheldon Lee	Manchester Maccabi
Sports Club of the Year:		Brady Maccabi



*Kobi Greizer Award
Louis Taylor - Southend*



*Aubrey Scott Award
Mark Goldberg - Brady Maccabi*

Congratulations to all the above winners. If you feel that you have a club member who deserves one of the above awards please make sure you send their name into the Union office before the AGM in June 1997.

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Ammunition Hill Memorial Ceremony 16th May 1996

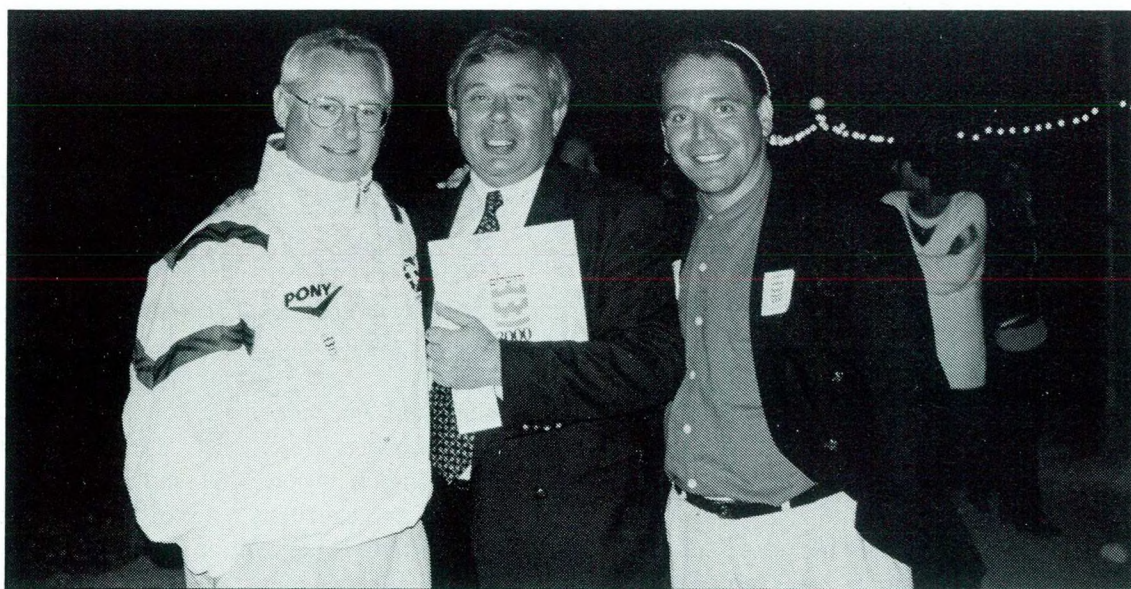
A Memorial Ceremony was held on Ammunition Hill, Jerusalem with the Mayor of Jerusalem Mr. Ehud Olmert, IDF Chief of Staff Major General Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, General (Ret) Uzi Narkiss, IDF Chief Cantor Mr Arie Brown, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem Professor Ariel Cohen and General, Rabbi Gad Navon to coincide with Jerusalem Day and the year long Jerusalem 3000 celebrations.

Seven torches were lit in remembrance of those who fell taking Ammunition Hill and liberated Jerusalem in 1967. Henry Minkoff, Chairman of Maccabi Union Great Britain who was in Israel taking a group of Maccabi Top Leaders to the Maccabi World Union Plenum was honoured to light one of the torches and gave the following address in front of 2000 spectators and guests.

I, Henry Minkoff, Chairman of Maccabi Union Great Britain, am honoured to light this torch in tribute to the hundreds of thousands of Jews who implement the proverb: "a healthy soul in a healthy body". In honour of the many around the world who are active in all fields of sport and youth education. In memory of the victims of persecution against the Jewish people throughout all generations. In memory of the millions of Jews who paid the ultimate price for the dependency upon the nations of the world, until we, their legacy, reached independence.

In honour of the peace process and the bright future that awaits the State of Israel

In honour of the three thousand years of Jerusalem - the City of David, twenty nine years of the city's re-unification. In memory of those who fell in action in defence of the people and the country and the glory of the State of Israel.



Ceremony at Ammunition Hill

L-R Stuart Lustigman (Vice-President), Henry Minkoff (Chairman), Richard Feldman (Vice-Chairman)

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Fred Oberlander 1911-1996

By Fred Worms

Freddie, as he was universally known, was larger than life. As a wrestler you would expect him to be a muscle-bound heavyweight, but to those of us who had the privilege of knowing him ever since he arrived as a young man in England, the largesse was not only physical.

He was one of life's buccaneers, a fearless adventurer, a man of imagination, intolerant of fools, generous to his friends and supremely loyal to Maccabi. He not only preached the benefit of sport but he practised it.

He was born in Vienna during the heydays of Hakoah Wien when that famous club was in the top ranks of European football, swimming, water polo and wrestling. Freddie's great ambition was to become a water polo player. Amongst the tremendous talent then extant in Vienna, he was unfortunately not good enough. Undaunted he turned to wrestling with such determination that he became Austrian champion, French champion during his relatively brief sojourn in Paris where he met his wife, Alice, and British champion. He represented Great Britain during the Olympics and of course became Maccabiah champion and the principle powerhouse for the identification of Jewish sports in Canada with Maccabi.

Freddie wanted quick solutions - not next week, not tomorrow but now! He would bang the desk just like his good friend, also from Vienna, Teddy Kollick.

In London his influence during the post second World War years was considerable. He and I clashed frequently albeit in a friendly fashion. He was sports director of Maccabi Association London. I was the cultural director. We regularly fought over the availability of the gym/meeting hall. He introduced the London Metropolitan Police Team to the wrestling mats of MAL and one of them, a Sgt. Bissel, unhinged my shoulder when foolishly I allowed myself to be prevailed upon by Freddie to "have a go".

His enthusiasm was infectious. He loved the Kfar Maccabiah and was immensely proud of its growth and success. We shall not see the like of him again.



*Fred Oberlander at KfarMaccabiah
on his 80th Birthday - April 1991*

Kenton Maccabi JYC

A busy and important year for Kenton Maccabi concluded in the most happy manner when the Club's Chairman, Richard Feldman and his wife, Michele, hosted a special evening to celebrate the refurbishment of the Centre. This was thanks to various grants, including a major one from the Children's Aid Committee (CAC), who were represented on the evening by their Chairman, Mr. Ian Donoff and several fellow members. A plaque in their honour (CAC) was unveiled.

Addressing an audience which included Maccabi Union Chairman, Henry Minkoff and some of his colleagues, together with past and present Kenton Youth Aid members, Mr. Donoff recounted the origins and reasons for the establishment of a Jewish Youth Centre in Kenton and how pleasing it was nearly twenty years later, to witness the fruits of so many

people's efforts and beliefs in the community. This followed a welcoming speech from Richard Feldman who explained how the club was working so hard to provide both educational and recreational activities to benefit the whole local Jewish community, especially its young people.

Rabbi Saul Zneimer of Kenton United Synagogue said how pleasing it is that there is such a warm relationship between Shul and Club. Rabbi Zneimer spoke of the excellent work of the Synagogue's Youth Director, so visible over at the club. Rabbi Miller then proceeded to rededicate the resources room with a new Mezzuzah. The formal part of the evening was followed by a Reception.

Kenton Maccabi looks forward to future developments with much excitement.

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CATFORD MACCABI

Don't Just Do It.....

"O.K. so let's think of something to do on Christmas Day - we could volunteer at a homeless shelter or... No sorry I can't, we have a festive meal, stay home together and give each other gifts..."

Shocked? I was when I heard this response coming from 'nice Jewish girls and boys' from those youth who are affiliated, go to a Jewish club, keep kosher and some have even been on the Israel Experience tours. "You celebrate Christmas?" I said in shock and their response was just as shocked "No, not CHRISTMAS - Christmas, the commercialised Christmas that you see on TV..."

I must say that my thoughts were "how can I blame them" this is exactly what we heard about in our last shlichim seminar, these kids are a reflection of the community in G.B. Most of the Jewish community in Great Britain today are the third generation Jewish community to the big Jewish Emigration from Eastern Europe that occurred at the beginning of the century. The "first" generation Jews who came to Britain were very religious and committed to their religion and many came to Britain in order to be able to practise their beliefs. Today, three generations later the Jewish community in G.B. has succeeded 'big time'. Jews feel secure - financially and physically and are free to practise their beliefs which is Judaism of course, the Judaism they remember practised by their grandparents. Religion may last three generations but the fourth generation that cannot remember granddad and cannot remember a community practising Judaism but can remember a society celebrating the 'commercialised Christmas' will cease to be Jewish.

Judaism is alive in Britain but some people practise it because they have vague recollections of the way their grandparents practised Judaism. Today many people practise a different form of Judaism, this can be called a 'going through the motions Judaism,' i.e. lighting candles on Shabbat, going to Synagogue on High Holydays etc... We the fourth generation will eventually stop 'going through the motions' because

we will have forgotten or have not been taught the meaning of the 'motions'. We are not committed to Judaism. To commit ourselves we must first understand our Judaism and commit ourselves to learning about Judaism.

Today we see the community facing one of its biggest problems - Assimilation. At the same time we see a move towards a culture of learning and understanding our Judaism. This is why celebrating Chanukah, which is the story of triumph over assimilation and then celebrating the 'commercialised Christmas' does not make any sense. It cannot however be an individual decision because Judaism is not an individual's religion it is a way of life and a community life at that.

I believe that commitment to Judaism should be a commitment not just to aliyah but to learning and understanding Israel because Israel is the only country in the world where a Jew can be Jew in his home and in the street, at work and at play, while being an employer or being an employee, while giving birth or G-D forbid while getting a liver transplant.

As we celebrate Chanukah we must not forget that another reason for the Maccabi revolt was a desire for self rule (which is a natural desire as people who follow what is happening in Israel may tell you). I will not pretend Israel has no problems, Israeli society is still grappling with the issue of polarisation, between themselves and between Jews and non-Jews, but because it is the Jewish state there is Jewish education and the effort is made to change things.

Shira Zeitek
Schlichon Catford Maccabi

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Maccabi Leadership Tour - 1996

As members of the Maccabi Leadership Tour 1996, we began our journey to Eretz Yisrael on the Exodus boat which led us out of Athens to the Israeli port of Haifa. One of the things that made our tour special and different was the fact that even though we were a small group, our presence was strongly felt and we were respected as one of the major tour groups.

The journey began with a tekes (ceremony) in which a survivor of the Exodus boat that sailed from southern Europe to Palestine in 1947 spoke of his experiences and those of his fellow immigrants who had escaped the horrors of the Holocaust. During the ceremony he passed a torch that represented both the history and the hope for the future to one of the members of our tour.

The purpose of the trip was to attempt to retrace the journey of that famous boat in 1947 and for us to try and understand the history of the event. This was certainly a success.

Upon arrival in Haifa, the EXODUS '96 was welcomed by the Israeli airforce and navy, and Israeli dancers were waiting on the quayside to greet us with singing, dancing and even a red rose each!

The main welcome ceremony was held in Shuni, in the Roman amphitheatre. The atmosphere was electric as everybody who had participated in the exciting three days of the Exodus sang, danced and was treated to a magnificent fireworks display.

Straight from the ceremony we travelled to Jerusalem which was to be our first (and, three weeks later, our last) destination in Israel. This beautiful city was where we gained our first impressions of Israel. We visited many sites in Jerusalem during that week: the old city and the Kotel; the new city and its nightlife; Yad Vashem and even some of the Ultra-Orthodox neighbourhoods.

We visited the Kotel (Western Wall) on two occasions, both proving to be memorable experiences. We all wrote notes to place in the wall and we said some short prayers together before approaching the wall. We were also fortunate to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat

(Shabbat reception) in the old city which was a great feeling. Even the long walk back to our accommodation didn't seem so bad as we were all singing together in a joint celebration of the arrival of Shabbat.

Yad Vashem was one of - if not - the most emotional experiences of the Israel Tour. the museum was informative but harrowing and the Children's Memorial was heart wrenching and moving. Certain members of our group had grandparents and great grandparents who had suffered at the hands of the Nazis and this made it an especially difficult time for them and brought the experience of the Shoah closer to home for the rest of us. Before leaving Yad Vashem we visited the Hall of Remembrance and held a tekes during which two members of our group laid a wreath on behalf of Maccabi Union in front of the eternal flame that burns there.

Later that day there was a complete change of mood as we participated in the Youth and Hechalutz "Event". This is a huge gathering of all Israel Tours organised by the Youth and Hechalutz division of the Jewish Agency. In total over 5,000 young Jewish people from all over the world marched through the streets of Jerusalem to arrive at the Sultan's Pool in front of the Old City - surely one of the most fantastic venues for a party! A great show was put on by members of various Israel Tours as well as young Israelis and (again) we sang and danced well into the night.

We left Jerusalem at the end of a wonderful week and travelled North to the Galil and the Golan. We spent quite a lot of time learning about the area by hiking, touring, visiting places and speaking to local people. We discovered the beauty of the Galil and Golan, with its marvellous waterfalls and spectacular landscape. We walked through the narrow, winding streets of Tzfat visiting its synagogues. We visited kibbutzim and learnt about this very unique way of life that played such an important role in the founding of the state of Israel. We visited Druze and Arab villages and met with the local people to discuss their views on Israel, the peace progress and also how they perceived us - Jewish tourists from outside of Israel.

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We also managed to squeeze in some light relief such as kayaking down the Jordan river (AMAZING) and swimming in the Kinneret.

We left the north and travelled to the Tel-Aviv area where we all went to stay either with family and friends or with families of Maccabi Tzair. This was a fantastic weekend that gave us all a chance to really get inside Israeli culture and society - and to get away from the rest of the group for a couple of days!

Upon returning from that weekend we set off straight away to the south. Despite the intense heat the pace didn't relax. We hiked in Ein Gedi, swam (floated) in the Dead Sea, climbed Massada at 4am and spent a night in a Bedouin tent.

Surely the most challenging but exciting part of the southern trip was the climbing of Massada. After a tough climb we were rewarded by an unforgettable sight - the sun rising over the hills of Jordan and reflecting off the Dead Sea in front of us. Simply breathtaking.

The Bedouin hospitality was most interesting and whilst their food was great the camel ride left all of us a touch sore and made sitting rather uncomfortable for a couple of hours afterwards!!

The end of the southern trip brought us to our final Shabbat of the Tour and our movement seminar in Kfar HaMaccabiah.

WOW! What a place. Being at the Kfar and seeing the complex made us all feel very proud to be part of Maccabi. During the seminar we visited the Maccabi museum and were joined by members of Maccabi Tzair, our sister movement in Israel. It was a great experience to spend a Shabbat learning about Maccabi

with people who are from a different, yet similar, Maccabi background.

We of course fitted in a few trips to the swimming pools as well as visiting Ramat Gan after Shabbat to mix with the locals in the large shopping centre.

Our Tour then moved in to the 'final furlong' as we returned to Jerusalem for our Hadracha (Leadership) seminar. Three packed days of learning and creativity provided us all with plenty of ideas to bring back to our clubs the knowledge and experiences that we had gained in Israel.

At the start of the Tour, each member of the group had set a personal goal for the three weeks. Everyone seemed to have achieved these goals and whilst these were only personal goals, the group was such a close one that many became group aims that we all worked together to achieve.

The group had bonded well and we had formed long-lasting friendships. On the last night of the Tour we went to Tayelet and looked out for the last time over the whole of Jerusalem. It was a reflective time for all of us and to say that it was emotional would be an understatement. We had come to the end of three and a half weeks that can never be fully described. We had learnt, travelled, played, sunbathed, argued, laughed, cried and one or two had got sunburnt! The fact was though, that we had done everything together and every memory is a shared one.

Thank you Maccabi for this outstanding opportunity. We will never forget it.

**Written by Francesca Herman and Sara Racs
(participants on Maccabi Leadership Tour 1996)**

**Written during Hadracha Seminar at Kiryat
Moriah, Jerusalem.**



Leadership Tour 1996

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Goodbye

I really can't believe that I'm sitting here to write a goodbye letter to my friends at MUGB. A full year has nearly come to an end, and it all happened so fast. It seems like only yesterday that I arrived at Glasgow Maccabi, only to find that the Community Shaliach has taken the wrong luggage for me...

Seriously, he did.

The traditional Scottish warm welcome was a great contradiction to the freezing cold of December 1995, and after a short period of settling in, I began to learn and know the people around me, their qualities and their amazing ability to pronounce words that I didn't have the foggiest idea what they meant.

There was a lot of work to be done in Glasgow Maccabi. Despite the wonderful facility and the tremendous devotion of the members, there was a serious age gap developing between the leaders. A fact that, unless changed, would have meant a discontinuation in the leaders' progress from chanichim to madrichim. Of course there were other problems, but this seemed to be the major one which has been tackled this year, and dare I say - quite successfully.

I wish any Shaliach in any club to receive the same treatment that I have been greeted with by both my fellow leaders, led by the indestructible (though sometimes bashful) Stephen Low, and my Senior council, held together firmly (but with some magnificent haircuts) by Doreen Minster. Taking the approach of not holding back anything that can be channelled into the youth sections, the management of Glasgow Maccabi enabled me to do practically anything I thought right. As far as they were concerned, this was what I was here to do and there is no point in holding me back. For this I am truly grateful.

One of the major achievements of Maccabi this year was establishing this club as a community focal point. Given the fact that the Community Shaliach was not replaced in August, Glasgow Maccabi assumed many responsibilities that were usually his domain. Since then, more community activities were either initiated, hosted or held under the auspices of the club. A very important fact that was acknowledged here is that anything that was good for the community, is good for Maccabi. And indeed this is the case now. A lot of credit is given to this establishment today, for things that weren't identified with Maccabi before. A prime example is informal education. I know that other clubs have the same problem - they are not recognised as being an informal education organisation. Last year there was one section running for 5-8 years. It took a

great deal of effort and sometimes courage to take this on, but it was a good section. Today there are three sections running at full capacity, this is definitely due to the leaders' hard work. However sometimes, when building the parents' confidence, other aspects of the club need to be taken into consideration and when they realise that again and again they find themselves at Maccabi, or see its name identified as a centre of leadership, they give it more and more credit with taking care of their children.



Guy Geltner - Shaliach from Glasgow Maccabi

I cannot conclude this letter without saying a few words about my friends in the London Office. Throughout all the times we have worked together, in National Leadership Weekends, Veida, Junior Weekend, Social Weekend, Chanuka and Or Yehuda Delegations and many other occasions, the amount of help and support I got from them in all aspects of my shlichut would probably be best described as incredible. I take this opportunity to thank them from the bottom of my heart - I'll never forget you guys!

I guess that with all the sadness in the air, I can only take comfort in the fact that two of my leaders - Jonny Shenkin and Warren Jacobs, will be back in Israel with me. So, when I ever feel like listening to my favourite accent in the world, I'll be able to call them up.

Thank you for what was, is and always will be my most amazing, fulfilling, educating and eye-opening experience I have ever had.

Yours truly

Guy Geltner
Glasgow Maccabi Shlichon

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Yitzhak Rabin Z"L Memorial Tribute

One year ago, on the night of November the 5th 1995, my life changed. But the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin did a great deal more than that. Apparently, it changed and affected many people's lives.

On the 27th October the Glasgow Community paid a tribute to PM Rabin. Glasgow Maccabi's initiative led to one of the biggest and most respectable events within the community this year. Most importantly - it was probably the most emotional of them all. Our special guests for the evening was Dan Scemama, a celebrated Israeli journalist who is currently the Political Correspondent for Israeli Television News. He talked about his personal acquaintance with Rabin and tried to deliver a message of hope for the continuation of the peace process. The evening began with a minute of silence and also consisted of Kaddish and "El Rachamim" as well as a reading and a song.

I think that the most difficult part about the memorial was actually preparing it. Together with the Glasgow leaders, I watched a special film made about Rabin, as part of commemorating the event and together we made a memorial corner for Yitzhak Rabin. As we went through the countless photos and videos of Rabin, reading his speeches and the speeches about him, the tears wouldn't stop. It is still incomprehensible that he is dead.

If any comfort at all was to be found in that evening, it was in the fact that over 250 people, including dignitaries out of the Jewish community, such as The Lord Provost of Glasgow, representatives of the Church and different MP's, all came to pay their respects to a great man, who did some wonderful things.

Guy Geltner

MACHON AND ULPAN

Shalom from Israel,

Yet again Maccabi's six year course participants are living through another historical year in Israel where there has already been riots in east Jerusalem and the occupied territories, seeing whether Netanyahu's new government will succeed, and the 15th Maccabiah Games to look forward to in the summer. This year, Maccabi is running two year course schemes. Judith Reef, Shelley Goldberg and Denise Schlager are on Ulpan at kibbutz Ramat Rochel, whilst Marc Levy, Jonathon Daniels and Elliott Kantor are studying at the institute for Youth Leaders from abroad (Machon) until January when all of us will go to work within the community of Or - Yehuda. So far, for all of us, this year's course has been an enjoyable and valuable experience of what life is really like living in Israel. On Machon, we have studied topics including; Ancient Jewish History, Modern Jewish History, Zionist Ideologies and Personalities, Yishav and the Mandate, the Geography of Israel, Jewish Identity and of course a wide range of issues dealing with youth work. We have also participated in an archaeological dig, climbed Massada for a five hour history lecture, toured the north of Israel, slept in Bedouin tents, been camel riding etc..., so as you can see it has already been a very intensive few months.

Meanwhile, on kibbutz. Ulpan has similarly consisted of a study of Jewish History, learning Hebrew, and also an experience of real kibbutz life involving working in the fields, restaurant, hotel, shop etc... All of us are having a great time, and are looking forward to seeing everyone upon our return.

**Marc Levy, Jon Daniels, Elliot Kantor,
Shelley Goldberg, Denise Schlager, Judith Reef.**



*Last Year's Machonakim 1995/96
(As I have not received a photo from this years Machonakim)*

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JNF Eagle Eye Rally 1996 - John Barnett FRICS

We had been part of a unique adventure and that is still our view of this magnificent trip even after we have arrived home.

Everything the JNF had promised came true. We were seen off by the Duke of Kent who spoke to every driver and co-driver. We left Pall Mall with a police escort over Westminster Bridge and then we were on our own until the Shuttle Terminal. After an easy and interesting crossing through the tunnel we drove to Vinay just south of Epernay.

Then on to Basle where we saw the birthplace of Herzl's Zionist dream in 1897 and on to Milan, San Marino, Rimini and overnight on a ferry to Greece.

Then to Athens where we stayed at the Hotel which hosted both the 1896 and 1996 Olympic Organising Committees.

We were admirably hosted in every city by the local JNF Organisation and when we left, the local police escorted us in convoy through all the red lights until we reached the motorways.

A three day trip on another ship stopped at Rhodes and Cyprus and finally reached Haifa in Israel.

After driving to many modern and ancient historic sights from Tiberius to Masada, we then drove on to Jerusalem for further fantastic adventures including a reception in the Knesset.

We became the first passenger convoy to cross over the Allenby Bridge since 1947 and drove into Jordan where we were escorted over beautiful terrain, stopping at Mount Nelso (supposedly where Moses looked at the promised land) before driving to the RAC Club in Amman where after lunch we were all introduced to King Hussein, who proved what a charming man he is - a real mensch!

This was the icing on the cake for the trip and was followed by a memorable stay and visit to Petra before driving through the wilderness to Aquaba and Eilat and then another drive through the Negev stopping for the magnificent views at Mitzpe Ramon and finally loading the car into a container at Ashdod from where it sailed to Felixstowe - nor so romantic or exciting!



The RAC sent their 'Patrolman of the Year' to escort us and ensure that everyone kept moving. Much needed items were sent over in the diplomatic bag to help the drivers.

One car, a 1924 Lanchester was reputed to be worth £1 million and a 1930 Bentley Blower which did 6 miles to the gallon is worth £1½ million. Our little Fiat Punto car drove 2461 miles without a hiccup!

Everyone on the rally were so friendly and helpful and I feel rather guilty that I did not end up with sore feet or a sore behind like the walkers and the bikers, but the end result is that with the help of my supporters/sponsors over £12000 was raised for the JNF and Maccabiah.

So thank you all for your support and I would recommend you to participate in the 1997 JNF Car Rally and/or come to Israel next July and support the GB Team in the Maccabiah.

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'Chanukah Torch Run'

Maccabi held its traditional Chanukah Torch Run for the 52nd time.

Through the years we keep up the tradition of carrying the torch from Modiin, through Israel and throughout the Diaspora. The Torch Run symbolises the value of Jewish continuity from generation to generation.

The Chanukah Torch was, this year, brought from Israel by Riki Klein (Netanya) and Tomer Ariel (Maccabim) and together with Samantha Levy (Bushey), Jeff Vulcan (Glasgow Maccabi) and Jacqueline Bowman (Edinburgh Maccabi) was carried through the Maccabi Communities of Glasgow, Leicester, Brady Maccabi, Catford, Bushey, Brighton and finally Kenton. The first candle was lit on Thursday 1st December at the Israeli Embassy by H.E. The Ambassador Moshe Raviv together with Maccabi Union Chairman, Henry Minkoff and Maccabi Honorary Officers and Maccabi Friends.



*Henry Minkoff, Chairman Maccabi Union GB,
presents H.E. the Israeli Ambassador Mr Moshe Raviv,
with a special plaque for Chanukah 1996.*

On behalf of all the Maccabi members around the world we were honoured to bring this torch to you and wish all of you a very joyful Holiday of Lights. Happy Chanukah.

Chanukah Message from the Israeli Delegation

From Modiin where the Maccabim lit the flame of freedom and raised the torch of rebellion for the independence and continuity of the Jewish people in the land of Israel - we, the Young Maccabim, carry on their way by presenting the Torch Relay for the 52nd time.

The Maccabees fought to renew the independence of Israel and to strengthen the Jewish tradition and culture, with the belief in the basic elements of freedom and justice. The beginning of this struggle was in their attempts to unite the Jewish people, since unity and coming close is our main strength as a people.

We, the Maccabees, continue their tradition and try to bring a contemporary and everyday meaning to this challenge, as part of the Israeli society and our activities in the Diaspora.

Even today, as we mark 100 years of Zionism, we continue our work with the knowledge and belief that the coming together of hearts, the feeling of unity and the willingness to compromise and appease are most vital in our existence.

The Maccabi movement both in Israel and around the world unites thousands of members from different backgrounds and sets an example in the

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way the members manage to find what is common to them all, and to feel united and part of something bigger, despite the differences.

As I speak, the Maccabi torch is carried to absorption centres, development towns, settlements in Israel and around the world.

May the fire in this torch that will light the Chanukah candles in the homes of religious and seculars, new emigrants and old, Jews in Israel and Jews abroad, may this flame unite the hearts of the whole Jewish people and light the aspiration to coming together, tolerance and togetherness.

This torch is a symbol of our unity and the common thing that unites us all, but no doubt it is a warning sign to what may happen - and has happened - by lack of tolerance and unity, a thing we have learned and will remember for ever after the assassination of our prime minister - Yitzhak Rabin Z"L.

We, the young Maccabis, proudly carry this torch as a spearhead in the hope and belief that we all may learn to find the thing that unites us and that is common to us all - that is our guarantee that this torch will burn in the generations to come.

*H.E. Mr. Moshe Raviv, Ambassador of Israel,
lights the 1st Chanukah candle*



Maccabi Summer Camp - Machaneh Ofek

August of this year, saw the inaugural Maccabi Summer Camp, called Machaneh Ofek, set in the lovely surroundings of Trig point in sunny North Yorkshire!

The theme of the camp was the environment within Judaism. "Science versus Miracles", involved the madrichim dressing up as historical figures from Joseph to Einstein and entering a court case, where the chanichim had to decide for themselves whether or not past events actually happened. Many other programmes helped to describe the importance of the environment within many aspects of the Jewish religion and they were all successful.

There was also the infamous Cluedo Evening, where again madrichim dressed up as the characters and the chanichim played detectives.



Maccabi Summer Camp - 1996

This is a brief outline of a wonderful week, which everyone enjoyed. I would like to say thank you to all the people that made Machaneh Ofek a success.
Looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

Samantha Levy

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Le'an ?

Le'an Jewish youth theatre are back!! Yes, we're here and are starting rehearsals for our 4th production.

Following on from the success of last year, *Le'an?* has been invited to take part in the B.T. National Connections Scheme. This scheme involves a wide variety of youth groups nationwide (170 of them) in producing 12 new plays especially commissioned for young people by the National Theatre. It culminates in a regional showcase at the Riverside Studios. 12 productions will be chosen from amongst the 170 to perform at the National Theatre in July 1997. The play we have chosen to do is *The Chrysalids* by David Harrower adapted from a novel of the same name by John Wyndham. The 22 young people that make up *Le'an?* this year (17 girls and 5 boys) have taken a leading role in the process of making the choice of play. The play is brilliant and offers a lot of scope for exploration both educationally and theatrically. (As to the exact content of the play... well, you'll just have to wait and see!!).

I believe that *Le'an?*'s involvement in this scheme marks a major step forward which will enable the project to expand its activities, whilst accessing a wider and more diverse audience. The scheme will provide the members of *Le'an?* with an exciting opportunity to meet and interact with young people of varied backgrounds, work on a larger theatrical scale and further promote tolerance and understanding of Jewish related issues. It will also enhance the profile of *Le'an?* thus furthering the projects aim to become an active and integral member of the wider Youth Theatre world.

There is only one small hitch... At the point of writing (4th December 1996) *Le'an?* is only funded until the end of January and thus desperately needs help.. financial help!! So if you believe that a Jewish youth theatre is

important, and you might be able to help then please don't hesitate, just call Colette or myself on 0171 624-2004 or 328-4776 and we will give you any information needed.

As has been made clear, the coming year is going to be an exciting one and if we manage to raise the necessary funds to run the project smoothly then it will also be a huge success. After all we have 22 young people of the highest calibre with loads of energy and commitment, a director who is raring to go, a play of the highest quality and we're involved in a national scheme... What else could we possibly ask for (apart from a bit of dosh...!) So, our sights are forward, our goals high yet obtainable and we are sitting on the edge of our seats... we hope you will be too!! See you at one of the performances of **THE CHRYSALIDS!!**

The production will open at Maccabi house at the end of March 1997, tour to regional venues in April and May ending at The Riverside Studios at the beginning of June. If chosen *Le'an?* will be performing at the National Theatre of Great Britain in July 1997.

Thank you for reading.

Ben Yeger
Le'an Project Director

It Takes Just One Day to Arrange Your Summer in the USA

Put your skills and experience to the test working on an American Jewish Summer Camp.

Camp America once again is hosting the largest American Camp Recruitment Fairs in the UK. It's your opportunity to meet Camp Directors and find your own summer camp placement on the day!!

There will be a large number of Jewish summer camps looking to recruit Jewish staff in a variety of different roles, from sporting activities such as swimming, sailing, archery and tennis to activities such as arts and crafts.

Camp America is now working in association with Maccabi Union and welcome any Maccabi members who would like to attend the fairs. There are a number of camps looking to give priority to Maccabi members, therefore increasing your chances of placement.

Working on a Jewish summer camp will allow you to use your sporting and leadership skills by teaching others and learning just as much in return. The fairs are being held at the following venues:

LONDON
The Great Hall
Kensington Town Hall
Hornton Street W8

SUNDAY 16 FEB
11am - 4pm

MANCHESTER
The Town Hall
Albert Square
Manchester

WEDNESDAY 12 FEB
1pm - 6pm

EDINBURGH
Assembly Rooms Building
54 George Street
Edinburgh

WEDNESDAY 19 FEB
12pm - 4pm

Please bring along to the fairs, 2 passport size photos, 2 current references and a first deposit of £40. To find out more about Camp America and to receive a recruitment fair application form please fill-in the form below and send to:

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Maccabi Union Israel Tours 1997

Maccabi Union Time Out with Hanoar Hatzioni General Tour

A general tour of Israel, travelling the whole country, including tiyulim, visits to museums and places of interest. Shabbat in Jerusalem and home hospitality with Israeli families. The tour will give participants an opportunity to be part of a dynamic and exciting group who will explore Israel culturally and socially. The tour will be at the closing ceremony of the 15th Maccabiah.

Dates: 23rd July - 13th August 1997

Age: 15-17 years

Cost: £1269

Maccabi Union Bnei-Mitzvah Tour - Led by Brady Maccabi

This offers an opportunity for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah age group to explore Israel visiting places of interest and spending time with young Israelis of their own age group. The group will visit all parts of Israel as well as visits to museums, tiyulim in the North and a Shabbat experience in Jerusalem.

Dates: 29th July - 10th August 1997

Age: 12-14 years

Cost: £749

Maccabi Union Leadership Tour

This tour is now in its ninth successful year. The tour deals with the highest level of Hadracha and prepares participants for the leadership roles within their communities. The tour gives participants an opportunity to explore Israel culturally, politically and socially within a dynamic group framework.

Dates: 29th July - 18th August 1997

Age: 15-17 years

Cost: £1299

Maccabi Union Seniors Tour - Led by Maccabi Association London

This offers the opportunity for the senior age group to explore Israel and get to know 'real Israel'. There will be time set aside for exploring the country and time for just having good fun. The tour will be interesting for not only first time people visiting Israel but also for people who have been before. The tour will be at the opening ceremony of the 15th Maccabiah.

Dates: 7th - 17th July 1997

Age: 19-29 years

Cost: £799

Kenton Maccabi Leader Tour - Led by Kenton Maccabi

This is the first year for the tour, but is a shorter version of the Maccabi Union Leadership Tour. The tour includes a sea to sea Tour together with hotel and home hospitality accommodation. The tour lets participants explore Israel but work in a group framework.

Dates: 19th August - 29th August 1997

Age: 15+

Cost: £699

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NORTH AMERICAN GAMES - August 1996

MACCABI GREAT BRITAIN BAG A STASH OF MEDALS IN USA

The Maccabi Great Britain team returned victorious from the JCC Maccabi Youth Games held in Whippany, New Jersey, USA.

Aside from the sporting competition, the group of youngsters enjoyed spending this time with Jewish teens from all over the world and from very different backgrounds. Firm friendships have been forged, against a background of camaraderie and team spirit. During the first few days we were hosted by the wonderful community of Southern Jersey, near Philadelphia where we were entertained and swiftly became a part of their own Maccabi group of athletes. The activities included a day at their Summer camp, and a trip to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

The JCC Maccabi Games, largely sponsored by Coca Cola, brought together more than 2,200 Jewish teens aged between 13 and 16 years, from every part of the USA, Canada, Israel, Australia, and Great Britain.

In order to host the event, the Jewish community of Metrowest, had to enlist huge numbers of volunteers, including close to one thousand host families in the area.

The whole experience was unforgettable; we took a great group of youngsters who performed brilliantly on and off the field.

The outstanding GB athlete was, without doubt, 14 year old Sophie Koehne who collected 5 individual and 4 relay gold medals in the Track and Field competition. Sophie, by nature a modest character, was clearly thrilled by her performance, winning all the individual and relay events for which she was entered, all by large margins. Her wins included the 2.5 mile cross country event; a distance at which she took second place recently in the London Mini-marathon.

GB Track manager Colin Rosen was delighted with his squad's success taking first overall team place in the track competition.

Golf, always a strong competition generated two silver medals; Nicky Harris, in the Junior individual event, and Jay Aaronson, and Ricky Forman in the team event. This was a real achievement considering the quality of the American players in the Championships.

Table Tennis too fared extremely well, outplaying the opposition in every event. Mark Freyd took 4 golds, Steven Gooblar, three, and Sarah Shephard, two. In addition, Teddy Liefer and Sacha Wilson took a gold a piece in the doubles. Donna Greenberg and Neil Phillips also picked up medals including a team gold.

Only Tennis faced stronger opposition, despite a spirited performance by Anna Gilford who made it through to the final round. Their lack of medals does not do their standard of play justice as all the players fought their matches skilfully and with good sportsmanship. Jamie Byder was unlucky to only lose one match in a long tie-break, whilst team mate James Milton also won three out of his four matches.

The whole programme was a huge challenge and one that I believe all members of the group responded to admirably.

Sandy Kattan, Head of Delegation, JCC Youth Games, Great Britain team.

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Medal Winners

Sophie Koehne	Track	5 Individual Gold	4 relay Gold	
Lauren Thomas	Track	2 Individual Gold	3 relay Gold	1 Individual Silver
			1 relay Bronze	
Jemma Wayne	Track	1 Individual Gold	2 relay Gold	1 Individual Silver
		2 Individual Bronzes	2 relay Bronzes	
Jo Ankier	Track	1 Individual Gold	3 relay Gold	2 Individual Bronzes
Ayelet Kahn	Track	2 relay Gold	1 relay Silver	
Daliah Morell	Track	2 relay Gold	1 Individual Silver	2 relay Bronzes
Simon Cooper	Track	1 relay Silver	2 Individual Bronzes	1 relay Bronze
Simon Buckman	Track	1 Individual Gold	2 Individual Silvers	1 relay Silver
			1 relay Bronze	
Johnathan Gee	Track	1 Individual Silver	1 Individual Bronze	2 relay Bronzes
Nicky Haris	Golf	1 Individual Silver		
Jay Aaronson	Golf	1 Team Silver		
Ricky Forman	Golf	1 Team Silver		
Sarah Shephard	Table Tennis	1 Gold (singles)	1 Team Gold	
Donna Greenberg	Table Tennis	1 Silver (singles)	1 Team Gold	1 Mixed Delegation Bronze
Mark Freyd	Table Tennis	1 Gold (singles)	1 Gold (doubles)	1 Team Gold
				1 Mixed Delegation Gold
Sacha Wilson	Table Tennis	1 Bronze (singles)	1 Gold (doubles)	1 Team Gold
Stephen Gooblar	Table Tennis	1 Gold (singles)	1 Gold (doubles)	1 Team Gold
Teddy Leifer	Table Tennis	1 bronze (singles)	1 Gold (doubles)	1 Team Gold
				1 Mixed Delegation Bronze
Neil Phillips	Table Tennis	1 Silver (singles)	1 Silver (doubles)	1 Team Gold
			1 Mixed Delegation Bronze	
Total Medals	Gold 21	Silver 12	Bronze 13	
Grand Total	46 Medals			



NORTH AMERICAN GAMES - August 1996

Report of the Track and Field Team at the 1996 North American Jewish Youth Council Games in New Jersey

14 GOLD 9 SILVER 8 BRONZE

The achievements of our nine young track and field athletes at this year's North American Youth Games was absolutely outstanding.

Of even greater satisfaction however, way beyond the winning of 31 medals, was the demonstration of sportsmanship and team spirit admired by all of the other teams. Resplendent in their eye catching red, white and blue strip each member of the team performed to their full potential. Working hard for each other the team spirit led to the team winning gold in four relays, silver in another and bronze in two more.

Particularly pleasing was that everyone won individual medals in addition to those they won as members of various relay teams.

Sophie Koehne, with her 9 gold medals, was the outstanding athlete of the games. Lauren Thomas won 5 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze. Jemma Wayne 3 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze. Jo Anker won 4 gold and 2 bronze. Ayelet Khan won 2 gold and a silver. Daliah Morell a splendid team captain who set an example of sportsmanship to everyone else won 2 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze. Simon Buckman won 1 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze. Simon Cooper won 1 silver and 3 bronze and Jonathan Gee 1 silver and 3 bronze.

Finally, my thanks go to the organisers of the competition. Working tirelessly for the benefit of the athletes the games struck the perfect balance between serious competition and fun. Providing Jewish athletes from America, Canada and Israel with the opportunity to develop friendships that will last for many years.



*Senior Relay Team
Left to right: Lauren Thomas, Jemma Wayne, Daliah Morell, Sophie Koehne*

NORTH AMERICAN GAMES - August 1996

GOLF

**Golfers competed: Jay Aaronson (c)
Ricky Forman, Nicky Harris, Pierre Foster.**

After having competed in the Games four years ago I was very excited to be given the chance to represent the Delegation again, although a little apprehensive as I was returning as a coach rather than an athlete.



Boys Captain - Jay Aaronson

At my disposal were four young golfers, two of which had been before. The tournament was held in two different golf courses over a four day period. The first day was a practice round, this was very much needed as our boys had to get used to the American courses. The next three days were Medal rounds involving a team competition as well as an individual contest.

The competition was very tough with 50 boys competing, however all of my boys in my eyes played excellently all deserving medals. Jay and Ricky won a silver medal each in the team event. Ricky was unlucky not to receive a medal in the individual tournament. Nicky however won a silver medal in the U14 category with fantastic consistency, Pierre though was very unlucky not to win anything.

I would like to thank everyone involved, the whole squad, not just my golfers for competing hard and behaving with such respect (well most of the time). Sandy, Morris, Mitchell and Colin thank you for everything and making this trip very memorable.

Thank you

Zack Berman.

Table Tennis

We arrived, we conquered and we returned. This years Table-Tennis team did exactly that, they were all superb, we won one if not two of the available three medals in every event played.

Events included, 15-16 singles, doubles and team event, 13-14 singles, doubles and team event, girls singles, doubles and team event. We won gold in every one of these events, a highly commendable achievement I think you would agree!

Not only were we successful in sport, once again I feel that everyone, including all of the managers enjoyed a wonderful trip, with great organised activities and memorable excursions.

We took a great bunch of athletes this year and they all got on together very well and I know all of them made some great International friendships, which is a lot of what Maccabi is about.

My thanks go to Sandy, who once again made the trip a memorable experience for each and everyone of us.

Morris.

Tennis

The Tennis team faced very strong opposition, there were many National ranked players involved in the competition in every event, despite this, all of the tennis players showed great determination and played extremely well, proving to all of the competitors that they all were a force to be reckoned with.

Anna Gilford played very well to reach the quarter finals, losing narrowly to a very good player, maybe she had other things on her mind, i.e. Athletics!!!!

I feel that everyone had a great time once again and the trip proved to be a great experience for everyone.

Thanks, Sandy, for proving to be a great Jewish Mother to all of us including me.

Mitchell.

SPORTS REPORTS

MACCABI - NO. 1 IN JEWISH SPORT

From: The Honorary Sports Director

Another busy Sports programme in 1996, which as previously reported in last years Challenge included a Maccabi U/17 Basketball team, successfully winning the Herts League at the first attempt. Now they have gone up an age group to U/19. Congratulations to the team, managed by Matt Suher.

Other highlights for 1996 included a return of a successful Badminton Open Competition and a Junior Basketball Tournament, both held for the first time at the King Solomon High School in Barkingside.

The Judo Open became just a junior event but more youngsters than the previous year attended. This seems to be proving a very popular item on our Sports Agenda.

Table Tennis attracted the largest entry we have ever had and again produced a superb competition, tiring both competitors and organisers in a very long days event.

Our two main Open Events were: The Swimming Gala and the Track and Field Fun Day. Once again attracting a cross section of fine and fun athletes. The clubs work very hard in finding squads for these events and we at Maccabi appreciate all their efforts.

Football and Cricket continue to include the majority of our sportsmen. Whilst Lawn Bowls, Water Polo, Rugby, Ten Pin Bowling and Squash continue in their own sweet way.

A First for the South and a Second in Great Britain created a European Bridge tournament in June and special thanks to to Maurice Weitzman, Laurie Izen, Su Simons and Stuart Lustigman for their help in organising this adventure.

All the sports managers are at present working hard to prepare themselves for the Maccabiah in 1997, but we still are managing to fulfil a complete Sports Programme.

Thank you for your efforts and your full reports again are printed further in this issue with the 1997 programme.

Howard Moss
Honorary Sports Director

MACCABI SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE - AWARDS EVENING - 1995/6

<u>Division</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Premier	Brady Maccabi	Catford & Bromley
1st	Maccabi Assoc. London	Faithfold
2nd	Chandos	Gotham City
3rd	Blueline	West Heath
4th	Asbury Park	Brady Maccabi
5th	Maccabi Assoc. London	Scrabble

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*Premier Division Winners
Brady Maccabi*



*Division 2 Winners
Chandos*

Peter Morrison Cup	Winners	Maccabi Association London
	Runners Up	Manchester Maccabi
Cyril Anekstein Cup	Winners	Marshside
	Runners Up	Maccabi Association London

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

<u>Division</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Club</u>
1st	Aviel Schwartz	Maccabi Association London
2nd	Darren Saffer	Kenton Maccabi
3rd	Ashley Davidson	West Heath
4th	Danny Grant	Asbury Park
5th	Nick Astaire	Maccabi Association London
Secretary of the Year:	Trevor Racke	Gotham City
Manager of the Year:	Lennie Klein	Brady Maccabi
Referee of the Year:	Peter Finestone	
Sportsmanship/Turnout	West Heath (again)	
Young Player of the Year	Robert Donn	Marshside
Footballer of the Year:	Robert Finegold	Brady Maccabi



*Player of the Year
Solly Littlestone Memorial Cup
Robert Finegold - Brady Maccabi*

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CYRIL ANEKSTEIN CUP FINAL 28th April 1996 held at Boreham Wood FC

In the 1995-6 season the Maccabi (Southern) Football League operated with 60 teams spread throughout 6 divisions.

The Cyril Anekstein Cup Final is a knockout competition and the 1996 final was between Maccabi Association London and Marshside FC.

MAL had just been promoted from the First Division and will this year play in the Premier Division. Marshside have been members of the league for over twenty years and have a string of honours to their name having won both league and cup on numerous occasions.



Cyril Anekstein Cup Winners - Marshside

MAL Team

Farley Conway age 31
Barnett Horowitz age 36
Phil Lewis age 42
Gary Heuman age 37
Frank Steinberg age 29
Mark Jacobs age 29
Dave Bazack age 21
Jason Silver age 21

Laurence Swerner age 34
Gary Gotkine age 35
Lawrence Beck age 27
Jon Zneimer age 29
Avi Schwartz age 31
Ami Schwartz age 18
Steven Gordon age 25
Gary Blumberg age 29

Marshside Team

Richard Cirsch age 32
Raymond Russell age 30
Mitchell Klein age 30
David Simberg age 33
Alan Heller age 38
Faramaz Moghim age 36
Lloyd Schaverien age 21
Paul Salador age 29
Paul Shamlina age 24

Phillip Rees age 45
Mark Goldman age 31
Gary Franklin age 26
Robert Donn age 18
Peter Sollosi age 35
Simon Cohen age 15
Stephen Donn age 14
Alan Donn age 43

The score was Marshside 2, MAL 0

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PETER MORRISON TROPHY

5th May 1996 - held at Wingate & Finchley FC

The Peter Morrison Trophy is the National Maccabi Senior Competition.

The final this year was between Maccabi Association London and Manchester Maccabi.

MAL, the current holders, have two teams in the Maccabi (Southern) Football League both of whom have won their respective divisions and the team playing in Division One was in the final of the Cyril Anekstein Cup.

Manchester Maccabi's hold on the Peter Morrison Trophy is legendary with their name etched on the trophy many times. This particular team plays in a non Jewish league in Manchester but they also have Senior and Junior teams in the Manchester Jewish Soccer League.

Both teams can boast several Maccabiah and Maccabi European Games players down the years.



MAL - Peter Morrison Winners

Manchester Maccabi Team

Larry Radivan	Sheldon Lee	Mark Sheldon
Craig Berger	Darren Cohen	Richard Harari
Mike Hymanson	Robert Greenstein	Jonny Bloom
Jonny Cainer	Eddie Alexander	David Nadler
Lawrence Bloom	Brett Issitt	(Manager)
Paul Bhatti	Brandon Issitt	Jack Nebitt (Manager)
Anthony Gellman	Daniel Cohen	

Maccabi Association London Team

Gary Blumberg	Steve Gordon	Sam Waller
Peter Lazard	Nick Astaire	Paul Wise
Matthew Wise	Craig Henry	Richard Baum
Malcolm Newman	Nathan Kosky	Jason Bookbinder
David Kyte	Bradley Lazarus	Jon Zneimer
Andy Zeller	Alan Matthey	Jamie Lee
Danny Schindler	Danny Reuben	Jon Steinberg

The result was MAL 5, Manchester Maccabi 4 aet and penalties!

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Maccabi Mid Term Football Report

At the mid point of the season all the competitions are now under way and the teams are well into their programme.

Hillgar now lead The Maccabi (Southern) Football League premier division with newly promoted Scrabble close on their heels and with a game in hand. Brady are finding it difficult to maintain last seasons form and Catford & Bromley are struggling at the foot.

In Division 1 PANYC are the current leaders with 4 games in hand over North West Neasden and look set to end the year in amongst the honours. Brixton Old Boys and Stamford Hill are also well in the frame.

In the Second division the South Mancunians lead the table by one point from Bushey who have 3 games in hand. Asbury Park and Oxford are also in the challenge.

In division 3 Real Casino are the pacemakers with Barkingside in second place. However, Redbridge in fourth place are three games behind Real Casino and are in the most challenging position for honours.

In division 4 Faithfold are leading the field with Racing Hampstead in second place. Shadwell Town with very much improved form could also be amongst the honours at the end of the season.

In division 5 Montana Rangers out if front with the J.I.A. as their nearest rivals. Marshside and Faithfold are also going well.

The league have had a very difficult time covering all the games with referees. This is due to a variety of reasons not least the players unwillingness to accept decisions. We are in the process of recruiting and hope that the problem can be resolved in the new year.

We do hove some excellent teams in the league and I have enjoyed most of the matches that I have seen so far.

In the Maccabi Union football programme all the competitions are progressing on time in the south but sadly the northern section has been depleted by a lack of entries because of the ongoing dispute between ourselves and the Manchester Jewish Soccer League and their refusal to allow their teams to participate.

David Wolff - Chairman MSFL

MSPFL Report

This season the Maccabi (Southern) Primary Football league has 36 teams spread over three age groups - under 11, Under 13 and Under 15.

We are continuing our efforts to start an Under 17 age group as well as increasing the involvement of girls in Maccabi football with the aim of sending a girls team abroad in the future.

Once again we will be sending teams to Brussels for a European Maccabi Football Tournament - we came runners up in the Under 13 age group last season and we will be having Representative matches for all our age groups.

As well as our indoor 5-a--side competition held at Spitalfields in January for boys and girls, we will once again be holding our ever popular annual all day outdoor 5-a-sides in May. This event attracts approximately 70-80 teams with 200 spectators at any one time watching matches.

Our cup finals, like last season, will be held at Wingate and Finchley Football Club giving those boys a chance to play in a stadium and run onto the pitch through the famous 'tunnel'.

I must through the magazine, thank the Committee who work tirelessly throughout the season and close season giving up to 700 boys all these wonderful opportunities.

Stephen Levy
Chairman - MSPFL

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Maccabi Southern Primary Football League Awards Night

1995/6

<u>League</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Under 11	1	Brady Maccabi	Spec
Under 11	2	HMH	Brady Maccabi
Under 13	1	Wingate & Finchley FC	HMH
Under 13	2	Redbridge JYC	Spec & Kenton (shared)
Under 15		Brady Maccabi B	Leytonstone & Brady Maccabi A (shared)



*U15 Cup Final
Brady Maccabi v Leytonstone*

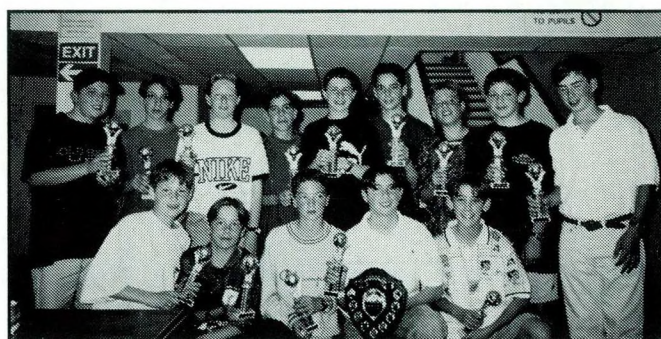


*U11 Team
Brady Maccabi*

TOP GOAL SCORERS

Under 11	Joshua Lipman	HMH
Under 13	Lee Blair	Wingate & Finchley FC
Under 15	Doron Weinstein	Leytonstone

<u>Cup Winners</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Bill Orkin Cup Under 11	Spec	Brady Maccabi
Orion Under 13	Wingate & Finchley FC	Faithfold
Under 15	Brady Maccabi	Leytonstone



*U13 Division 1 Winners and Orion Cup Winners
Wingate & Finchley FC*

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INDOOR 5 A SIDE

Under 11
Top Goalscorer
Girls Under 12
Girls Under 15

Winner

Spec
Jonathan Gilbert
Barkingside
Barkingside

Runner Up

Brady Maccabi
Brady Maccabi
HMH
HMH

OUTDOOR 5 A SIDE

Under 11
Under 13
Under 15
Under 17
Girls Under 12
Girls Under 15

Winner

HMH
HMH
Spec
Faithfold
Barkingside
Faithfold

Runner Up

Spec
Shirehall
Brady Maccabi
Falcon
EDRS Stonegrove
Barkingside

Referee of the Year: Peter Finestone

TSB Sportsmanship Award: EBOR Eagles (Under 11's)

Under 13 Manager of the Year: Alan Benedick

Under 15 Manager of the Year: Jon Kessel

Maccabi Union National Football Competitions

Martin Lane Memorial Trophy (Under 11)

Radlett Rangers 5 South Manchester 1

John Rubens Cup (Under 16)

Glasgow Maccabi 0 Brady Maccabi 3

Phil Spanjer Cup (Under 13)

Redbridge Liverpool Haroldeans

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John Rubens (U/16) National Cup Final

Played at Glasgow Maccabi, Giffnock on Sunday 21st April 1996. 3.00pm

Glasgow Maccabi 0 - Brady Maccabi 3

A 14 player squad and 19 supporters from Brady Maccabi, Edgware, flew from a sunny 21 degrees at Luton Airport to an overcast, cold Glasgow Maccabi to challenge for the John Rubens National Cup Final on Sunday 21st April 1996. Glasgow Maccabi's hospitality was superb and the team and supporters were warmly welcomed.

Due to torrential rain, all stadiums were called off so the game was played on Glasgow's second pitch, on top of a hill by the side of the club. Support for the home side was huge as this was the first time that Glasgow had reached the final of the John Rubens cup.

Playing in the now famous new short sleeve blue/green kit, Brady dominated the game from the start, with Michael Woolf and Jason Cohen penetrating the defence from the wings. The break through came in the 18th minute when Robert Commissar found Jason Cohen free on the right, he skilfully took the ball to the touchline and sent over a deep right footed cross to Michael Woolf who unleashed a vicious 15 yard left foot volley into the bottom left hand corner. Brady kept the pressure on, with the best chances of the half coming to Craig Salber who ran the ball 50 yards only to screw his shot wide and Danny Simons who put the ball in the net only to have it ruled off side.

The best chance of the half for Glasgow fell to Daniel Hecht who latched onto a long ball but his chip over the advancing keeper, David Fox, flew over the bar.

The second half saw Brady increase the tempo of the game and with the wind behind them they kept pounding at the Glasgow goal. Glasgow's keeper, Peter Marco pulled off some superb athletic saves from Richard Wallis, Danny Daggers, Sammy Carr and Danny Simons. Brady made their 3 substitutions in quick succession and pushed Adam Levene into the centre of midfield, but again it was Jason Cohen who set up Brady's second. Robert and Jason again teamed up, Jason fought off two challenges, sent over a teasing ball into the box for substitute Joel Sharp to head in from close range.

The third came from the penalty spot. Again it was Star man Jason Cohen who, with the bit between his teeth, took the ball round two Glasgow defenders only to be brought down inside the box. Sammy Carr blasted the penalty past Peter Marco, to take his goal tally for the season to 31.

All credit to Glasgow, they kept battling and only a fine save from David Fox kept them from coming back into the game. However, in the 78th minute, Glasgow were awarded a penalty when Brady's captain Craig Salber was shown the red card for a challenge inside the box. Only a superb save from Fox, diving low to this left, prevented Glasgow getting a consolation goal.

Maurice Weitzman presented the cup and medals to Brady during a wonderful meal laid on by Glasgow Maccabi for both teams and supporters. He said "Although there has to be a winning team and a losing team, Maccabi football is also a winner today with both teams being a credit to their respective clubs. Mark Goldberg, Brady's team manager said after the game, "The boys were magnificent, this was an excellent display of character and football, we are all proud of what the squad achieved today.

Brady Maccabi Team

David Fox, Dean Brown, Robert Commissar, Adam Levene, Daniel Fox, Simon Isaacs, Jason Cohen, Daniel Daggers, Craig Salber, Joel Sharp, Daniel Simons, Sammy Carr, Richard Wallis, Michael Woolf

Glasgow Team

Peter Marco, Philip Hecht, Barrie Saffer, Giles Bendell, Nicholas Goodman, Andrew Barnett, David Brown, Paul Samuels, Marc Branson, Daniel Vallance, Bradley Bendell, Benjy Glekin, Daniel Hecht, Barry Collins, Andrew Marco, Gregory Statt, Martin Lott.



John Rubens Cup Final - Brady Maccabi

Mark I Goldberg - Brady Maccabi

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NATIONAL U11 FOOTBALL COMPETITION The Martin Lane Memorial Trophy - 31st March 1996

This was the first Under 11 National Competition that Maccabi has held. The finalists were Radlett Rangers and South Manchester.



*Martin Lane Trophy
Runners Up - South Manchester*



*Maccabi Union National U11 Competition
Martin Lane Memorial Cup presented to
winners Radlett Rangers by Gerry Lane*

Radlett Rangers Team

Jason Balsam	(Midfield)	Jason Lachter	(Midfield)
Robert Franks	(Centre Back)	Lee Platt	(Midfield)
Joshua Gilbery	(Forward)	Joshua Rosenfield	(Forward)
Joshua Gordon	(Defence)	Nicky Smith	(Centre Back)
Joel Gordon	(Midfield)	Nicky Stern	(Midfield)
Jamie Klein	(Goalkeeper)	Lenny Klein	(Manager)

South Manchester Team

Daniel Sylvester	(Goalkeeper)	Mark Hymanson	(Right Wing)
James Heron	(Left Back)	Joseph Burke	(Centre Forward)
Andre Backner	(Right Back)	Michael Basger	(Left Wing)
Daniel Ash	(Centre Half)	Marc Bernstein	(Midfield)
Simon Brande	(Centre Half-Midfield)	Illan Scoriah	(Midfield)
Mark Conway	(Midfield)	Ben Myers	(Forward)
Adam Levine	(Midfield)	Oliver Gee	(Goalkeeper)
Ian Tussie	(Midfield-Forward)	David Tussie	(Manager)

The result was Radlett Rangers 5 South Manchester 1.

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The Annual Tennis Tournament was held at Stanley House Country Club on 13th October 1996

Mens Singles	N Baum	beat	A Matin	6-2, 6-1
Ladies Singles	Miss C Silverstone	beat	Miss G Lucas	6-2, 6-1
Mixed Doubles	N Baum & Miss C Silverstone	beat	D Lazarus & Miss D Greenspan	6-3, 6-3
Mens Singles 45+	E Harari	beat	G Lux	6-0, 6-0
Mens Doubles 45+	E Harari & D Berkovitch	beat	G Lux & E Brower	6-1, 6-1
Ladies Doubles	J Sarner & S Shelley	beat	B Cowan & P Morris	6-1, 7-5
Boys U/14	A Gordon	beat	J Byder	4-6, 6-4, 6-7
Girls U/12	S Cohen	beat	A Silverstone	6-1, 6-2
Girls U/16	N Neri	beat	G Shain	6-1, 6-0
Girls U/14	K Swirl	walk over	N Neri	
Mens Doubles	D Lazarus & D Houseman	walk over	H Becker & B Wein	



Natalie Neri (left) asnd Gabrielle Shain (right)

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Water Polo

The Maccabi Water Polo team have continued to compete in local and Cup Competitions with mixed success. The results have in the main reflected the availability (or otherwise) of key players some of whom have now gone on to university and are not always available for selection.

The highlight of recent competitions has been reaching the finals of the Referee's Handicap Cup where Maccabi were beaten by Beckenham whose handicap in the competition belied their actual ability. The game would have been a closer match had the handicapping of the teams more correctly reflected the quality of the players.

Maccabi Water Polo have continued to perform with credit in the London, Middlesex and Southern Counties Leagues and are now recognised as a force to be reckoned with. Having had to enter the leagues at the lowest level Maccabi have managed to progress steadily up the divisions. At the time of going to press Maccabi lead the fourth division of the London Summer league and with the results of only a few matches yet to be posted it is anticipated that promotion will have been gained to the third division.

Plans are now well in hand to prepare the squad for

the Maccabiah in Israel in July 1997. Formal training sessions and weekends have now been arranged and Maccabi are fortunate that Steve Baker, recognised as one of the leading coaches in the country, has agreed to coach the players and to accompany the squad to Israel. This is a real boost for the team and his coaching ability and experience will enhance the G.B. Maccabiah's water polo team's chances of improving on their 1993 results.

It is expected that the final squad will be chosen by the middle of December and this will be selected from a larger number of players than were available in 1993. This will result in a stronger squad being sent to Israel and much will be expected of this team in the Maccabiah.

Maccabi are proud to number amongst those seeking a place in the squad, and playing regularly for the Maccabi team, James Kattan, who, at the age of 16, has been appointed Captain of England Under 19 team who are to compete a forthcoming European tournament to be held in Denmark. Brothers Danny and Wayne Davis continue to represent Hammersmith Penguins in the First Division of the National League and have recently travelled to Jugoslavia to represent Penguins in a European Competition.

SQUASH REPORT

League

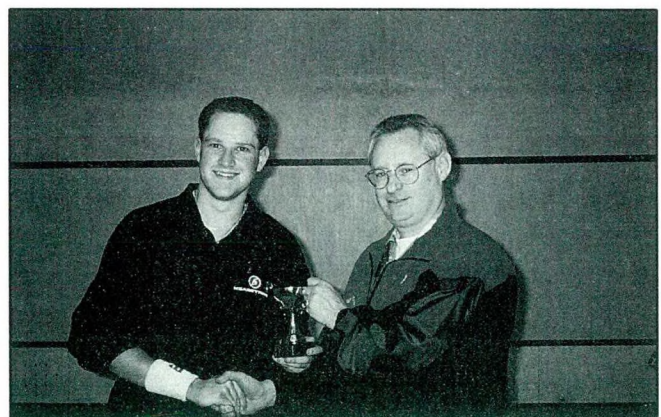
The 1995-1996 season concluded with GEFEN SPORTS clinching the title ahead of ROSE TRIO.

Tournament

The National Squash Tournament Open winner was Sean Friedman for the second successive year when he beat Phil Yurman in what can only be described as a game of two halves. Phil won the first two games (9-7, 9-7) and a major upset looked on the cards. But Sean made a lightning recovery to win the next 3 games for the loss of only 2 points.

In the Veteran's final, Israel Gefen, winner of the event for the last 5 years, was comprehensively beaten by David Sacker in 3 straight games.

Attention now turns to the new league season which will commence in November and also to the Maccabiah Games due to take place in Israel next year. Trials for selection for the various teams took place at the Dolphin Leisure Club on Sunday 13th October 1996 and Paul Davison, the Great Britain Squash Convenor will be announcing the final selections imminently.



Sean Friedman receiving the National Tournament Squash Trophy from Stuart Lustigman Vice-President Maccabi Union

Ricky Philip

Chairman Maccabi Union National Squash Committee

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JUDO REPORT

David Bright, aged 9, a member of the E.D.R.S. Judo club based at Edgware District Reform Synagogue, entered the Hertfordshire Area Championship of the British Judo Council held in September at St. Albans Judo Club. He won all four of his bouts by throwing each of his opponents for 10 points IPON wins, thereby winning the GOLD medal in his category. This has led to David being invited to Squad Training by the Hertfordshire Area Committee and he will be travelling to Bristol in November as a team member to compete against the Avon area team in a challenge match.

This has not been David's first success. Coached by Dick Knighton (5th Dan) last year David won medals at the Maccabi Southern Championship and the B.J.C. North London Championships as well as his own Club Championship.

Mick Kushner, the club secretary says "We are all delighted for David in his achievements so far. His selection for the County Squad is a tribute to his own ability and Dick Knighton's coaching. We hope that David is the first of many members of E.D.R.S. Judo Club who will follow in his footsteps to County honours".

Mike will be organising The Maccabi Judo Championship in February. Anyone interested or wanting more information on E.D.R.S. Judo Club can contact Mike Kushner on 0181 958 6793.

4TH EUROPEAN MACCABI BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CLUBS

The 4th European Maccabi Bridge Championships for Clubs were held over the weekend of 27th - 30th June 1996 at Stanley House Country Club in Radlett.

14 teams took part made up from 7 countries:

- 3 teams Maccabi Sports Association
- 3 teams Glasgow Maccabi
- 2 teams Budapest (Maccabi VAC)
- 2 teams Vienna
- 2 teams Israel
- 1 team Holland
- 1 team Malmoe (Sweden)

The visiting teams were mainly housed in local hotels and the competition was played on a round robin basis (13 matches each) on Thursday all day and night until midnight, and Friday up until 5.30pm. The final sessions were played on Sunday morning finishing at 1.30pm when the trophy and medals were presented at the poolside of Stanley House CC by Henry Minkoff, Chairman of Maccabi Union GB.

The final results were:

1. M.S.A. London
(Team: Malcolm Harris, Maurice Esterson, Ian Panto, David Edwin and Howard Cohen)
2. Malmoe - Sweden
3. Glasgow Maccabi
4. Vienna
5. Holland

The previous championships have been held in Budapest, Glasgow and Amsterdam. It is hoped that Malmoe - Sweden will hold the 5th Championships in 1999.

London - Bridge Winners



Best Wishes
from
Beryl & Eric Rayman

Vice Presidents

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MACCABI TRANSATLANTIC CUP

The Maccabi Transatlantic Cup is a 'Ryder style' golf competition between twenty 'scratch' amateur golfers, ten from the United States and ten from Great Britain.

The inaugural match was held in Potters Bar Golf Club, England in 1995 and was won by the US 16½ to 8½. This tournament is being held every year alternating between the US and GB except the year of the Maccabiah.

The second Maccabi Transatlantic Cup was held at Delaire Country Club, Delray Beach, Florida, USA between 17th and 19th July 1996.

The teams were:

Great Britain

Jeremy Bohn	Hartsbourne
Richard Curtis	Abridge
Alan Green	Potters Bar
Peter Little	Dyrham Park
Jamie Little	Dyrham Park
Sammy Little	Dyrham Park
Richard Marrett	Royal Wimbledon
Gary Perkins	Dyrham Park
Lance Pomerance	Abridge
Aaron Winston	Bonnyton
Dean Jacobson	Coombe Hill
	(non playing Captain)

USA

Jay Blumenfeld	Mountain Ridge CC (Captain)
Jeff Fleishman	Williamsburgh VA
Merton Goode	Belvedere CA
William Green	West Caldwell NJ
Stuart Katzoff	Yardley PA
Joel Kaye	Owning Mills MD
Arthru Lavitt	Charlotte NC
Gary Shemano	San Francisco CA
Steve Jacobs	Deerfield Ill
Brian Rothaus	Huntingdon Valley PA



Maccabi Transatlantic Cup 1996

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The Americans were not only defending the cup they won last year but also perfecting their game, as the US Maccabiah Golf Team were holding their qualifying rounds one week later.

Jay Blumenfeld, Maccabi USA Captain and a veteran of the 1977 and 1993 Maccabiah Games.... "Was delighted that the event was biannual as it had been successful and spread so much good cheer... I am looking forward to reuniting with the friends I made last year as well as seeing my old teammates... Though I love the sport, playing for the Cup last year was just like the Maccabiah, the friendships we made and renewed were the most important thing. I cannot wait until this year..."

"This cup competition is an extension of the Maccabiah tradition that brings Jewish athletes from different parts of the world together to share their Jewish identity and camaraderie."

The following is a report from our roving 'Foreign Correspondent' Beryl Rayman (Vice President Maccabi Union GB)...

Eric and I were truly privileged to have accompanied the GB Golf Team to Florida for the second Maccabi Transatlantic Cup to be played at the Delaire Country Club in Delray.

This beautiful club has only 320 members all living on the course that has twenty seven picturesque holes and a most magnificent clubhouse. They opened their arms to us all and their generosity was overwhelming as they wined and dined us all day long. Fifteen golf buggies were donated for our use, as were the free golf balls for use on the range.

The Maccabi spirit and camaraderie reached all the members as well as the teams. The wives of the US team went out of their way to entertain our ladies and the lasting friendships forged in 1995 was there for all to see. We were one large Maccabi family. Everyone wore Maccabi shirts and hats provided especially for the event by their genial Professional Joe Jones. Joe and his staff made a wonderful job of running the tournament for us and they too were taken over with the Maccabi spirit.

Monday and Tuesday were practise days. Wednesday was the first day of the tournament and saw GB winning by 5½ to 4½ games and by the end of the second day the score was 10-10!

On the third and final day the excitement grew as the scores fluctuated and the members all turned out in their buggies to rove the course chasing from game to game as they heard the scores.

Although we were bitterly disappointed to lose in the end by 17-13 we know that the result was a very honourable one.

At the closing reception and cocktail party during which all the prizes and presentations were made, the speakers included Bob Spivak, Chairman of Maccabi Sports for Israel USA, Herman Green. President Delaire Country Club, Jay Blumenfeld captain of the US Golf Team and Lawrie Izen, Chairman of Maccabi Sports Association Golf Committee (GB).

It is very hard to describe how overwhelmed we were by the wonderful reception given to us all at Delaire and we cannot thank them enough. We have made many new friendships that we know will be everlasting and we look forward now to 1998 when we shall be hosting the third Maccabi Transatlantic Golf Tournament at our own Coombe Hill Golf Club in Surrey.

A special mention and our thanks must go to our colleagues on the GB Maccabi Golf Committee namely Jackie and Steven Rose, Janet and Shraga Cohen, Janis and David Darsa and Dean Jacobson whose untiring efforts helped to make this such a memorable experience for our Team.

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MACCABI JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Maccabi Union Great Britain held their Junior Golf Tournament on Sunday 8th September at Potters Bar Golf Club playing for the Andrew Rayman Trophy.

The teams were:

Maccabi Sports Association

Ricky Curtis	Abridge
Pierre Foster	Coombe Hill
Ricky Forman	Abridge
Jay Aaronson	Abridge
Jodie Davidson	Blackpool & Fylde Golf Society & Whitefield Golf Club
Trevor Cordell	Abridge

Potters Bar

Jamie Caras
A. Gordon
Jonathan Green
Benjamin Green
Howard Sherman
Gary Martin
Simon Weston
L. Gutteridge

It was a very close game with Potters Bar eventually winning 2½ points to 1½ points. Beryl and Eric Rayman presented the Andrew Rayman trophy to the winning team.

Tenpin Bowling Report

It's quite a success story really.

The Maccabi Sunday League has reached its full quota of teams, with a nice balance of ladies and men making up the teams with a high standard being achieved throughout the League.

Tenpin Bowling is recognised as being without doubt one of the fastest growing sports with centres opening - often as part of Leisure complexes - throughout the country. Indeed First Leisure claim that an investor will obtain a return on the investment within eighteen months - yes eighteen months! This growth in the sport is indicative of the many leagues operating at several centres. And, of course, the Jewish Fraternity is well represented, particularly in the higher ranked leagues. Maccabi has a team in the National Squash League played at Wembley and there are Jewish Teams in several other Leagues at Tolworth, Heathrow, Harrow, Streatham, Hemel Hempstead, Wembley, Leeds, Manchester, Cardiff, Glasgow and the Blue and White League at Dagenham. The teams aren't just making up the numbers either. In the majority of cases they're handily placed. In fact in the Character League played at Wembley on a Tuesday

evening, three teams - A&R - Alan Dryer/Russ Reuben, Speedbirds - Susan and Teddy Litner and Travelcare - the Loberman family, are third, fourth and fifth in the league and rising. Add to that the various representatives playing on the National Circuit Tournament and you have a very healthy situation. You might think 'its' all over - but is isn't! The future lies in the next generation of Tenpin Bowlers. There is a whole new group of talented youngsters coming through the ranks and making a very real impression, challenging the older generation, although the sport can still do with more. Led by the high nationally ranked Paul Loberman who is without doubt one of the best new talents in Tenpin Bowling for many a year, the future is looking very bright. Not just nationally, but internationally too.

This is a sport that has a strong social side with all religions and races getting on together, particularly well. It's nice to see and especially nice to participate in.

Russ Reuben

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MACCABI ARE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS - 1996

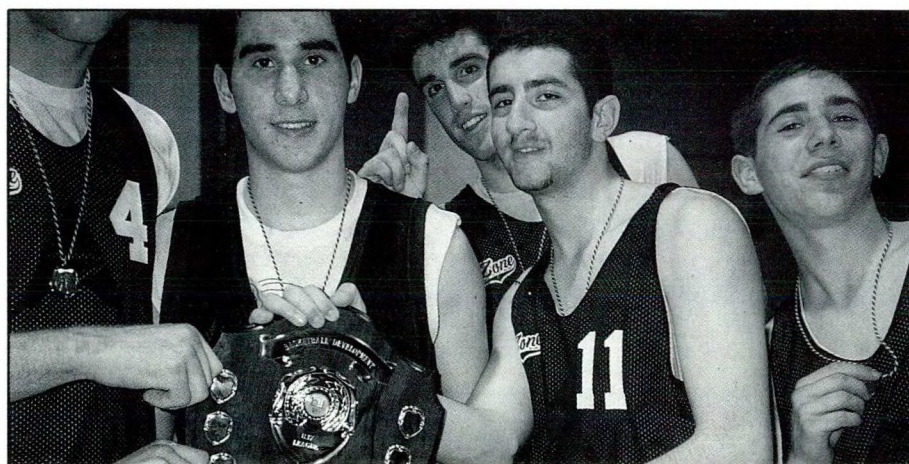
The Under 17 Maccabi basketball team emerged triumphant from the finals of the Hertfordshire Under 17 League defeating Chiltern 60-55 in a nail-biting extra time match on Sunday 21st April.

Earlier Maccabi cruised to a semi-final victory over Ricky. In that match, Maccabi were led by the stalwart play of Phil Boorman, whose fast breaking offence and tenacious defence set the stage for the final. Unfortunately Phil, who had recently returned to the team after injury suffered another injury at the end of the match and therefore did not play in the final.

In the final Simon Gilbert, just back from the

England Under 15 side's successful tournament in Oporto, and his brother Ben were the dominant players. They were however, ably assisted in the back court by Mendy Strulowitz and Zack Akkerman-Feig. After Maccabi led most of the way, a late rally by Chiltern tied the match at regulation time thus necessitating the 5 minute overtime. Maccabi dominated the extra period to emerge victorious. Full credit should be given to every player in the match - Daniel Aharon, Gary Cain, Gil Levy, Craig Harris, Greg Saffer and Steve Onona.

This was a thrilling climax to a successful first league season.



Maccabi Basketball

BASKETBALL UPDATE - October 1996

The Maccabi Under 19 basketball team began the new Under 19 Hertfordshire League season in style with a hard fought 53-47 victory over Luton.

Leading the way with 22 points was 'Big' Ben Gilbert, showing great strength and stamina. He was ably assisted by veterans Phil Boorman and Daniel Aharon. Also newcomers to the team Noam Hollander, Lee Federman and Jonathan Hancox all played extremely well.

Hopefully this first success will continue as there are many more difficult matches in the months ahead.

Scorers

B. Gilbert	22	L. Federman	9	J. Hancox	8
D. Aharon	7	N. Hollander	5	P. Boorman	2

Matt Suher - Manager

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LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Since our last report in Challenge Magazine the Lawn Bowls Association has continued to flourish and grow in strength. 1996 has been a very busy year for Maccabi Bowlers.

In the 1996 2ND INDOOR FINALS held at Glebelands IBC on May 5th 1996 the results were as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Mens Singles	Bernie Davidson	Harold Gordon
Mens Pairs	Ben Beaumont/Howard Burke	Alan Rose/Vic Rappaport
Ladies Singles	Rita Mason	Marion Green
Ladies Pairs	Rita Epstein/ Hazel Cinna	Gay Laurence/Eidelweiss Somers
Mixed Pairs	Sandra Adams/Howard Burke	Rita Mason/Tony Ross

During the 1996 Outdoor Season matches were played against:

Valentines Park	-	Won
Bishopswood	-	Lost
Stanmore	-	Won
Mansfield	-	Won
Woodcock Park	-	Lost
Kenton	-	Match abandoned due to heavy rain

In the 1996 3RD OUTDOOR FINALS held by kind permission of BISHOPSWOOD BOWLING CLUB AT NORRICE LEA ON SEPTEMBER 1ST 1996, the results were as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Mens Singles	David Lawrence	Frank Dryer
Mens Pairs	David Lawrence/Bernie Davidson	Martin Greenfield/Martin Winton
Ladies Singles	Rona Kolvin	Marion Green
Ladies Pairs	Rona Kolvin/Hilda Rosenfeld	Marion Green/Iris Gladstone
Mixed Pairs	Sandra Adams/Howard Burke	Daphne & Alan Rose



*Finalists September 1st 1996
3rd Outdoor Finals*

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A new two wood competition was held in the memory of our founding chairman - Mel Richfield, who sadly passed away last winter. The winner was Hazel Cinna beating Allan Waisman in the final.

During September trials were held for the 1997 Maccabiah under the guidance of an English Team selector. The following have been selected:

Mens Team

Howard Burke
Bernie Davidson
Frank Dryer
Herby Jacobson
David Lawrence
Alan Leci
Norman Panovka
David Peterson
Ben Wainstein
Allan Waisman

Ladies Team

Audrey Alterman
Iris Gladstone
Roberta Gordon
Marion Green
Ruth Harris
Gay Laurence
Rita Mason
Eidelweiss Somers
Marianne Wainstein

Six friendly matches have been arranged for the 1966/7 winter season. Further details maybe obtained from Frank Dryer on 0181 958 8731 or Ruth Harris on 0181 446 5228.

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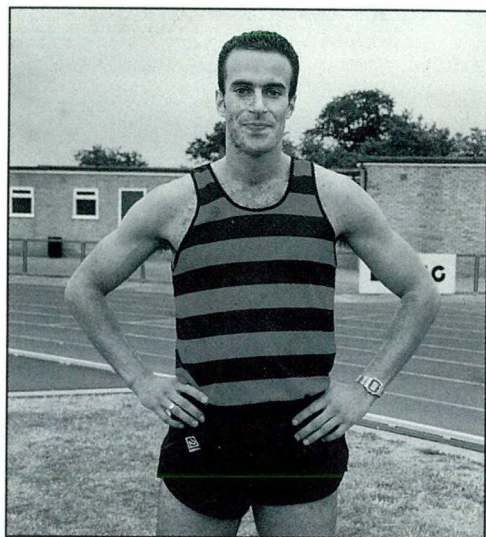
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Maccabi Union Track and Field - 14th July 1996

The 20th Maccabi Track and Field Championships were held on Sunday 14th July 1996 at Copthall Stadium, London. These championships incorporated the first trials for the Maccabiah Games which will be held in Israel in 1997.



David Peters won both the 800m & 1500m in 1.59 and 4.02.



Anna Joseph (Inters) won 100m in 13.3 & 200m in 28.00



Jo Ankier (Inters) won 400m in 71.1 & 800m in 2.34.9



Ester Collins (Juniors) won 100m in 14.6, 200m in 32.6 & Long Jump 4.04m

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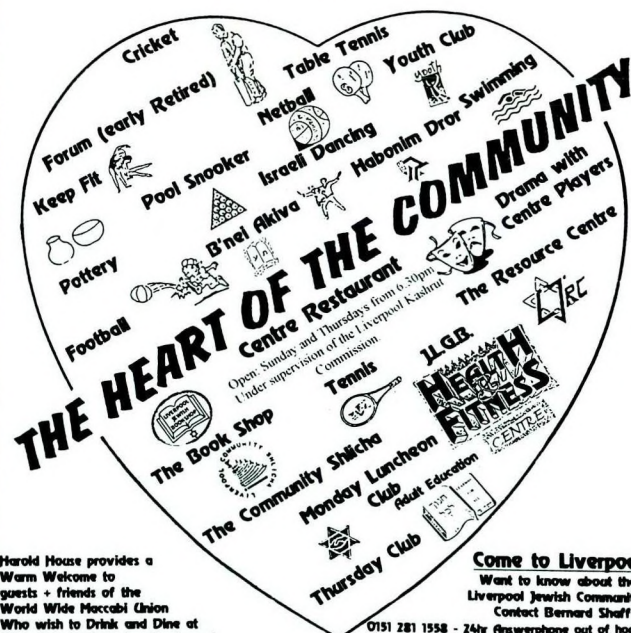
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The Pentland Maccabi Anglo Jewish Sportsperson of the Year and The Jewish Chronicle Junior Anglo Jewish Sportsperson of the Year for 1995

This award ceremony was held at the Pentland Lakeside Centre.

This year the judging panel were Henry Minkoff - Chairman of Maccabi Union, Stephen Rubin - Chairman of Pentland Group Plc, Lee Levitt - Sports Editor of Jewish Chronicle, Jonathan Marks - managing Director of MTC (UK) Ltd, and Danielle Sanderson - British International Marathon Runner.

It was an impressive array of Jewish Sportsmen and women of a very high standard, making the final selection very difficult.

Winners

Young Sportsperson of the Year 1995

- 1) Aron Freeman
- 2) Daniel Belcher
Dani Markovitch



Aron Freeman

Winners

Pentland/Maccabi Sportsperson of the Year

- 1) Gary Jacobs
- 2) Carl Prean
- 2) Jon Stern



Gary Jacobs

This is the second year running that Gary has received this award and on receiving his £1000 prize from Claude Littner, Gary once again donated his prize to Glasgow Maccabi.

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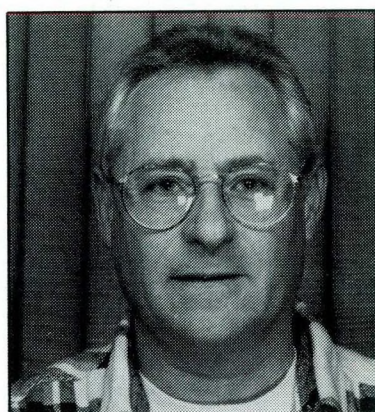
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The 15th Maccabiah - by Stuart Lustigman

"A remarkable ingathering of all our people - a Jewish sporting jamboree for all ages and, even more importantly, for all levels of ability and disability which strengthens Judaism across the globe and reinforces the centrality of Israel to Jewish life. Long live the Jewish people. Long live the Maccabiah." This quote from the Jerusalem post 18th July 1993 was how I concluded my report in the souvenir brochure following the 14th Maccabiah.

Here we are some four years later on the brink of the 15th Maccabiah which will herald the beginning of a year long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Maccabiah flame was truly burning in the minds and hearts of those early pioneers whose blood, sweat and tears enabled the vision of a State of Israel to become reality.

It is hard to believe that 53 Countries have indicated their interest in participating in the Games. Can it really be that Jewish athletes will arrive in Israel representing Aruba, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, Korea, Panama and Zimbabwe? Can you imagine in the height of the summer that Canada, USA and Israel will be competing for medals in Ice Hockey! Or that competitors from Austria, Canada, Switzerland and Israel will be Figure Skating! And if that all seems 'Alice in Wonderland', how about Great Britain slugging it out with the likes of Argentina, Mexico, USA and Venezuela in the - (wait for it) - SOFTBALL event.



*Stuart Lustigman - Great Britain Team Manager
15th Maccabiah January 1997
Vice-President Maccabi Union - Great Britain*

Great Britain's team for the 15th Maccabiah is expected to be approaching 400 athletes and officials at a cost of £750,000 all raised through individual subscriptions, donations, sponsorship, brochure and a variety of innovative functions ranging from the traditional film shows, quizzes etc., to 24 hour sponsored events, the sale of parts of players bodies (think about it) and even driving from London to Jordan via Israel, of course, which was accomplished by our Maccabiah Chairman John Barnett.

The overall effort is enormous and so much work and preparation for a two and a half week stay in Israel and 10 days of competition. But the effect is everlasting and the memories are treasures that can never be taken from you. The friends made form so many Countries, the pin badges and tee-shirts exchanged, the international language of sport, the joy of winning, the tears of losing.

From a Maccabi perspective it is our hope that after the Games there will be a desire to continue the bond that has been nurtured in Israel and to develop one's chosen sport for the benefit of improved performance and with the next Games in mind. This is exactly what happened after the Games of 1993 with Water Polo, Lawn Bowls, Track and Field, Basketball and other sports which became permanent features on the Maccabi Sports calendar.

I wish those competitors selected the very best of luck in all their endeavours and to those who did not make it this time I hope they will overcome their disappointment and continue to strive for the next opportunity whether at the European Maccabi Games 1999 or the 16th Maccabiah 2001 because having had the privilege to attend previous Maccabiot I can tell you that it is an experience not to be missed. "Long live the Jewish people. Long Live the Maccabiah."



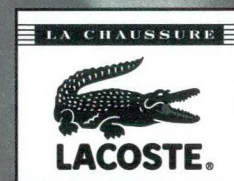


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Babe, We Were Born to Run

By Peter Moss

*"We gotta get out while we're young
'Cos tramps like us, babe we were born to run"*
Bruce Springsteen (1975)

That's me folks. Born to run. Which is just as well as that's all I was ever any good at in my formative years. Sport in general, athletics in particular. Hence 25 years after playing football in my first European Maccabi Games, 10 years after kicking my last ball in earnest in the headache-inducing maelstrom of Jewish football, and just a few short months after reaching an age when the athletics authorities suggested I'd seen active service in Vietnam - *they called me a veteran* - I found myself at the real thing, running for the old red, white and blue at the 14th World Maccabiah Games.

1993 was destined to be a good year on the sporting front in this little corner of Edgware. My son's Kinnor team were to win the first of three (so far!) successive Maccabi league and cup doubles, my Luton team were to do the double over Liverpool (much good it did us - we still went down!), and your humble correspondent was to march proudly into 'Ramat Gan's capacity-filled national stadium wearing Armani shades, a huge smile, and a national costume that can have been designed only by a colour blind alcoholic on Prozac!

The shirt excepted - and believe me, if you were there you'll know what I mean - the Games presented me with one of the most memorable fortnights of my life. I treasure my sport and my Jewishness and to combine the two in the company of 5,000 other athletes from around the world was both physically and spiritually uplifting, not least the sight of all those vibrant Jews, some black from Ethiopia, some brown from Bolivia, some iridescent under unfamiliar sun-rays, standing together at the floodlit Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem, *chanukiot* shot by laser into the outer walls of the Old City,

frantically trading T-shirts and kit bags. This was true egalitarian market-place Judaism. Trade first, *daven* later.

As a former Jerusalem resident, being stationed for two weeks in downtown Tel Aviv was like a breath of fresh air. Yes, Tel Aviv is little more than Margate with attitude, Hayarkon Street fairly drowning in a cacophony of car horns, car exhausts, and car stereos blaring out naff 70's music courtesy of a thousand and one time-warped, Abba-obsessed natives. But it's so alive, and the prospect of turning in early after a hard day on the track just doesn't wash. The beach at night is just that little bit too seductive.

The Games themselves were a revelation, certainly so far as athletics is concerned, where the standard, whilst far from uniformly excellent, was much higher than I had expected. Eight metre long jumpers, two metre 30 high jumpers, and a young *falasha* called Yosef - now a star turn for his adopted Canada - who is a three minute 52 second miler. Top notch by any standards, I'd say.

Not so in every sport, admittedly. In swimming, alas, no Mark Spitz this year. Not even a Robert Maxwell. But the range of sports was admirable, from rhythmic gymnastics all the way to Greco-Roman wrestling. Surprisingly, though, the Lubavitch didn't send their synchronised *shockelling* squad to spread the good word. That said, rabbinical presence was felt in one of the quirkier by-products of the Games, a mass barmitzvah ceremony atop Massada for hitherto "unconfirmed" contestants of dubious Jewishness. Nice idea, if not wholly appreciated by those souls of less open minds.

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Administratively, what can I say? A Jewish affair, naturally, as witness the half-marathon, which was run over a course so undulating and in such intense heat that an evening spent with OJ Simpson, a pair of gloves, and a set of garden shears might have seemed preferable. And *noch*, they had on four occasions to traverse the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. Now, Israeli drivers stop for no-one at the best of times, so what chance 150 kamikaze Hebrews in search of a cold drink and a fluffy sponge?

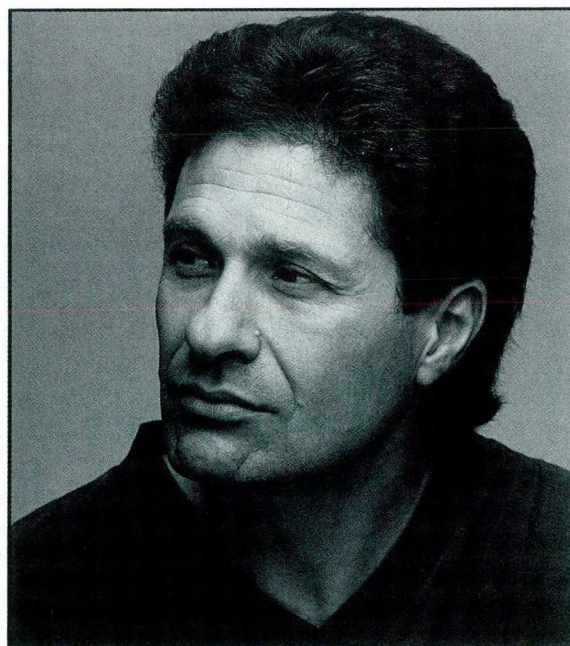
As a sprinter, the whole concept of marathon racing is anathema to me. I mean, what with the wonders of modern transportation, why *run* those sort of distances? Why buy the latest Mercedes SLK only to run the equivalent of King's Langley to Luton and back again? It's quite beyond me, but I do so admire this peculiar breed of athlete for whom the words *glutton and punishment* are clearly destined to occupy the same sentence.

The high point of the Games? Curiously, not the sport itself - though certainly I thoroughly enjoyed the competition. No. Winning a medal was a bonus, the icing on the cherry cheese cake. The real high point, though, was being

there, feeling, breathing, almost touching the *ruach*, the spirit, that permeated this festival not only of sport, but of Jewishness. To share my Shabbat dinner with Freddie from Costa Rica, Dima from Latvia, David from Hong Kong, (yes, Hong Kong, and I've got his T-shirt to prove it!), and Ruthie from Cape Town - that's what it's all about. A common passion and a common heritage shared under a blazing sun to the strains of *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*.

Alas, the Maccabiah comes but once every four years, the next being just a matter of months away. Those of you who have competed in past *Maccabiot* will not have needed reminding by me of the wonders and joy of what is often referred to as The Jewish Olympics. Those selected for the first time, the best is yet to come. Nothing I say can prepare you for what is indisputably a perfectly unique, and uniquely perfect, experience. Enjoy!

Peter Moss is a comedian, writer, and self-confessed sports nut.



Peter Moss

Diary Dates 1997

1997 SPORTS DIARY

January		May	
12th & 19th	Maccabi Southern (Primary) Football League U/11 Indoor 5-A-Side, Market Sports', City of London	4th	Peter Morrison National Football Cup Final
19th	Badminton Open, King Solomon High School, Essex	11th	Maccabi Southern (Primary) Football league Outdoor 5-A-Side Competition, Boys and Girls All Ages 10.30am
19th	U/11 - U/13 - U/15 Girls Football - Indoor 5-A-Side 'Market Sports', City of London	June	
March		1st or 8th	Track and Field Fun Day, (All Ages) Cophall Stadium
16th	Six-A-Side National Cricket Competition 'Market Sports', City of London	July	
24th	Pentland/Maccabi Sports Person of the Year Award Pentland Centre, Finchley, N3	8th to 24th	15th Maccabiah - Israel
30th	Martin Lane U/11 National Football FINAL, North London	29th or 30th	Midweek Cricket Final, Harrow Cricket Club
April		August	
13th	Squash Finals, Dolphin Leisure Centre, Hendon	31st	Stuart Neils National Cricket FINAL
13th	John Rubens U/16 and Philip Spanjer U/13 National Football FINALS South of England - Wingate and Finchley Stadium	October	
13th	Maccabi Southern (Primary) Football League U/15 FINAL Wingate and Finchley Stadium	12th	Tennis Finals - Senior and Junior, Stanley House, Radlett
20th	Open Swimming Gala - 4pm - 8pm, Cophall, Hendon	Dates and Venues to be advised for the following:	
20th	Cyril Anekstein Football Cup FINAL - 7.30pm Wingate and Finchley Stadium	Ten Pin Bowling - Golf - Judo - Lawn Bowls National Final	
20th	Maccabi Southern (Primary) Football League FINALS U/13 - 2.30pm and U/11 - 4.30pm. Wingate & F. Stadium	Netball - National 5-A-Side Football - Bridge	
20th	Table Tennis Open Tournament, 9am - 9pm Barnet Table Tennis Centre		

Maccabi Union G.B. - Education Department

January	24-26	Junior Weekend Away	Purim	Sunday 23rd March
February	21 -23	Leadership Weekend (1) London	Pesach	21st (first night)- 29th April
April	11-13	Kvutsah Hemshech (Leadership) (1) - N. Wales	Lag B'omer	Sunday 25th May
	20	Postal Quiz Final - London	Shavuot	11/12th June
May	4	Yom Ha'shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)	Rosh Hashana	2/3rd October
	12	Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)	Yom Kippur	11th October
June	28-30	Leadership Weekend (2) Midlands	Succot	16/17 October
	29	Summer Scheme Training Day	Shemini Atzeret	23rd October
July	8-24	15th Maccabiah - ISRAEL	Simhat Torah	24th October
July/August		ISRAEL TOURS - MACCABI ROADSHOW	Chanukah	24-31st December
August	3-10	Maccabi Summer Camp		
September	13-15	Machonikim Forum - London		
November	14-16	Kvutsah Hemshech (Leadership) (2) - N. England		
December	24-31	Chanukah Activities		

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