Brian Roberts

For Brian Roberts, the World Maccabiah Games has been a family affair and a unique way for them to connect with Israel, Judaism and the sport of Squash. Brian first heard of the Maccabiah Games when he was playing Squash at the University of Pennsylvania. He had bumped into an acquaintance, Glenn Whitman, on the Squash courts at Penn, who told him about his own recent experience at the Maccabiah Games.

Brian’s first World Maccabiah Games was in 1981, as a member of the Open Squash Team. Once he qualified for the team, he asked his parents to accompany him to Israel. Brian was raised in a liberal, Reform Jewish family and while visiting Israel had not been a top priority when he was growing up, having his parents watch him as he marched into the Opening Ceremony was life-changing.

“My parents never understood Squash,” Brian recounted, “but when they were sitting in Ramat Gan Stadium with thousands of other Jewish athletes from around the world, they understood that moment.”

Four years later, Brian again qualified for the Open Squash Team and brought along the woman he was dating, Aileen Kennedy, to cheer him on. After the Games were over they took a cruise and Brian proposed to her, and then returned to the States where they got married and started a family. Twelve years later, Brian qualified for the Masters Squash Team at the 15th Maccabiah in 1997 and returned to Israel with his young family.

In 2005, his oldest daughter Sarah qualified for the Open Women’s Squash Team and Brian qualified for the Masters Squash Team, and they went to Israel together to compete at the 17th Maccabiah. Sarah participated in the B’nai Mitzvah ceremony during the ISRAEL CONNECT cultural and educational program and it had an enormous impact on her life.

After the 17th Maccabiah, Brian decided to take a break from competitive Squash and started training for his first Triathlon. He trained for 11 months and competed in a Triathlon on his 50th birthday. After completing the race, Brian decided to return to Squash. As luck would have it, his daughter Amanda qualified for the Juniors Girls’ Squash Team in 2009 at the 18th Maccabiah and Brian competed alongside her. After the Games were over, Brian retired from competitive Squash.

“Marching into the Opening Ceremony was an amazing experience for Amanda, and for us to have a father/daughter moment at the Games was priceless,” Brian said. “My son Tucker qualified for the 20th World Maccabiah Games this summer, so, of course, I am coming out of retirement one more time to share this incredible experience.”
What will make 2017 a great year? The 20th Maccabiah Games in Israel in July.

And what will make our U.S. Team’s participation successful? Our team of volunteer leaders. Yes, to get things done an organization needs leadership — not of one person, but of a host of leaders who are fired by a passion for what we do and are willing to give up their time, resources, and personal needs. Our volunteers — chairpersons, coaches, organizers — care about the project they are working on, the cause they espouse, the needs of others. That’s how they get things done.

Maccabi USA is blessed to count in its ranks people who give and get for our organization; people who incorporate what we do into the lives and hearts of our participants, while they put aside their own ambitions and wants. It is because of these leaders that we have increased our Endowment over 140% the past seven years, increased the size of our Team by close to 40%, and substantially involved many more people in our projects. Their sole reward has been to bring “life-changing” experiences to the lives of thousands of Jewish athletes.

The reputation of this organization has been spreading exponentially, as the public has become more aware of us. Just this past holiday period I met two people from small towns in Louisiana and Iowa, both Jews, who surprised me with their knowledge of the Maccabiah and the Maccabi Movement. Our message reached them, and they enjoyed chatting with me while I was overjoyed to observe how our mission of Jewish identity and pride, as well as our support of the State of Israel, have created a bond among American Jews.

As the world turns more hostile to the notion of Jewish right for self-determination in their sovereign country, and incidents of anti-Semitism are spread not only by individuals but by governments, I ask you all to remember how very fortunate we are to live in the USA. However, this good fortune is wrapped with responsibility; each of us must remember that Israel gives us a huge sense of pride in its unprecedented accomplishments and that we, in turn, must stand up for her future, for her very existence. Maccabi USA does it by educating our athletes about the facts on the ground in Israel and about the nature of Zionism in order that they can come back as ambassadors and advocates. During the Games, we instill in them the pride of being Jewish; and we do that through sports. Wow; isn’t that fun and exciting!!

I hope to see you in Israel this summer for the 20th World Maccabiah Games.

Sincerely,

Ron Carner, President
Maccabi USA
The International Maccabi Culinary Competition and Mission
JULY 2–9, ISRAEL

THE CULINARY AND RESTAURANT SCENE all over Israel is one of the hottest in the world, and this year we will produce the first-ever International Maccabi Culinary Competition featuring some of the best Jewish chefs in the world. And of course we are creating an opportunity for you to join us in Israel to tour the country through a culinary lens and spend time learning, preparing, and tasting some of the best food in the world alongside our chefs.

The Maccabi Culinary Competition and Mission is being co-chaired by Michael Solomonov, Chef/Partner of Zahav restaurant in Philadelphia and the star of In Search of Israeli Cuisine; Bob Spivak, Chairman of Maccabi USA and Honorary President of Maccabi World Union; and Ido Zarmi, Chief Culinary Officer at International Culinary Productions. The co-chairs and staff of Maccabi USA and Maccabi World Union, along with travel partners at Gil Travel and Via Sabra, have created an amazing itinerary for a select few food lovers to join them in Israel this summer.

Chefs from Australia, France, Gibraltar, Israel, Italy, Spain, and the USA will join the Culinary Mission and compete in the International Culinary Competition on July 4! If you join us on the Mission, you will have the opportunity to travel with these professional chefs and learn how food is produced, created and prepared in Israel. The itinerary includes trips to Shuks with tastings by experienced guides, dinners at great restaurants, a gala cocktail party and reception where the winning chefs will receive their medals, and of course, we will bring you to the Opening Ceremony of the 20th World Maccabiah Games where you can cheer on Team USA!

If you love food, this is one of the most amazing ways you can experience Israel, food and beverage, and the World Maccabiah Games. Make sure to check out our itinerary by clicking on the QR code below, and if you have any questions, please contact Sara at Maccabi USA at sfeinstein@maccabiusa.com or 267.627.5654.
20th World Maccabiah Games
Jeff Bukantz, General Chair, 20th Maccabiah USA Organizing Committee

It is with great pleasure that I share with you my excitement and pride for the upcoming Games and Team USA!

I will never forget the incredible feeling I had in 1981 when I qualified for the 11th Maccabiah Games, my first international competition. It was a dream come true, as I was able to follow in the footsteps of my father Dan (z"l), who competed in the 3rd Games in 1950, the first Games held after World War II and the birth of Israel.

The Maccabiah is the third largest multi-sport competition in the world, only behind the Olympics and the World University Games. I was fortunate to have marched into the Opening Ceremonies at both the Olympics and the World University Games. I was so proud to be an American, so proud of my own accomplishments, and so proud to represent my country.

However, when I marched into a Maccabiah Opening Ceremony, I was, more than anything else, proud to be a Jew!

And this proud Jew had a smile from ear-to-ear, goose bumps, and was literally walking on air as I waved to a packed stadium of friends. This was one of the rarest of moments for a Jew, as you knew that EVERYONE in that stadium was on your side and proud you were a Jew, too!

In the face of anti-Semitism and the continual fight that Israel faces regarding its very existence, Maccabi USA is so proud to be bringing Team USA, at 1,100+ strong, and another 400 supporters, to Israel this July for the 20th World Maccabiah Games.

This year, we are expecting 10,000 participants from 80 countries, the largest gathering in the 85-year history of the Maccabiah. Maccabi USA has provided $500,000 to Maccabi World Union which will enable athletes from Poland, Ukraine, Cuba, and the Czech Republic to participate.

The Maccabiah provides an opportunity for everyone, young and old, to develop lifelong friendships, experience special moments which will last a lifetime, and return home as Ambassadors for Israel.

In the current geo-political climate, and especially after the recent United Nations Security Council vote and unprecedented United States abstention of December 23, 2016, I feel even greater pride in leading Team USA into Teddy Stadium on July 6 and proudly representing the Maccabi Movement.

Now, more than ever, we must support the State of Israel and build Jewish Pride through Sports!

Jeff Bukantz
General Chair, 20th Maccabiah USA Organizing Committee

Maccabi USA Maccabiah Mission

Dear Maccabi USA Friends,

We wish to extend a personal invitation to you and your family to join us for the 20th Maccabiah Games, July 2017! Regardless of whether you have been to Israel before or will be experiencing Israel for the first time, we have created a Maccabi USA Masters Athletes, Supporters and Family Mission that will be exciting and new for everyone!

Along with our partners at Gil Travel, we have designed a Mission that will include the best of what Israel has to offer, including five-star hotels, food, excursions and evening events. You will also be provided with the benefit of experts assisting you in taking part in all the aspects of the Maccabiah, including the Opening Ceremony and participation in special Maccabiah and Maccabi USA events. We will have regularly-scheduled buses available to sports venues. Optional excursions during your free time in-between sporting competitions will also be offered.

After speaking with staff and lay leaders with many years of experience working with our Mission program, and hearing suggestions from previous participants, we have developed a program that will maximize your time and enhance your experience in Israel during the Maccabiah. We have researched and created new excursion options, as well as securing fascinating new guest lecturers. We have also hired a dedicated transportation specialist to assist us in creating a reliable and efficient transportation system for our Mission in air-conditioned buses and vans.

We are so happy to be Maccabi USA Mission Co-Chairs, as we have been to Israel many times and have participated as volunteers for both the Maccabiah and the JCC Maccabi Games in Israel. Professionally, we have vast experience in event planning both nationally and internationally. Our goal is to offer a “first class” experience to all our participants.

We are looking forward to sharing Israel with you and taking part in the Maccabiah, with over 10,000 Jewish athletes from 80 different countries coming together to participate in the third largest sporting event in the world.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Sara Feinstein, Marketing Director for Maccabi USA at sfeinstein@maccabiusa.com, (267) 627-5654, Samantha Sultzer at Gil Travel, samanthas@giltravel.com, (215) 568-6655 x 380 or us directly at mission@maccabiusa.com.

We hope that you will join us for the 2017 Maccabi USA Masters Athletes, Supporters and Family Mission and allow us to be your hosts for this incredible journey!

Warm Regards,

Andrea Bochner and Dr. Harold Friedman
Co-Chairs, 20th Maccabiah
Maccabi USA Mission Program
A Tribute to Sue Millis

Sue started working at Maccabi USA in January of 1986, shortly after she, her husband Barry, and their three kids – Adam, Josh and Abby – returned to Philadelphia. Because Barry’s cousin Barbara Lissy was our Executive Director at the time, she offered Sue an Administrative Assistant position. Sue accepted and never looked back.

Over the course of her 31-year tenure, Sue saw many changes, certainly in people – both staff and volunteers – but also in technology! She still remembers when staff members had to schedule time to use the office’s lone computer. Most work was done on a typewriter or manually. But times have certainly changed. Sue now runs queries in the database, word-processes all her writing, and builds and manages spreadsheets. Of course, it was not the improved technology that kept her working at Maccabi USA for all these years. It was the people.

“The volunteers and staff who work at Maccabi USA are very passionate about its mission of using sports to build Jewish pride and support for the State of Israel. It has been so enjoyable for me to build relationships with so many people who have had a common goal over the years,” Sue explained. “I love the stories I have been privileged to hear, the friendships that have been built – all of these things have made working at Maccabi USA a pleasure and an honor for me. And it has permeated my family, which by extension has made them part of the Maccabi USA family.”

Sue’s younger children, Josh and Abby, often helped out at the office during school breaks. Her older son Adam, on break from college the summer of 1993, worked at the office every day sorting, organizing and packing up the apparel that would be taken to Israel for sale at the USA Team store during the Games. When the need arose for extra help in Israel, Adam was asked to serve as a manager on the 14th Maccabiah Games Team. He got to experience Israel firsthand as a member of the Team and develop the friendships and memories that Sue always enjoyed hearing about from athletes and volunteers.

Sue’s family has always been central to her life. After her younger sister, Judy, retired and got involved in activities that had always been precluded by her full-time teaching job, Sue started to think about what she might do when she retired, too. Then, when her fifth grandchild was born in 2016, she realized just how many more things she wanted to do that could only happen if she retired.

Although it has been very hard for the staff and volunteers at Maccabi USA to see her leave, everyone understands why she retired, and are grateful that she continues to support the Marketing Department at Maccabi USA as an editor and proofreader on a part-time basis.

Sue Millis is definitely one of a kind and will always be remembered not just for what she’s done but for who she is – for her kind heart, brilliant smile, and addictive laugh!

Volunteer Profile

Beth Margolis

Beth was first introduced to Maccabi USA through her fiancé, Jed Margolis, when she accompanied him to Philadelphia for the Open Men’s Basketball tryout in 1973. They had met at college where Beth received a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Education. She spent the majority of her professional career in the music field and taught piano and voice in public schools, JCC nursery schools, and other music programs for all ages. Additionally, Beth has sung as a soloist and as a member of musical ensembles. She sang professionally with the St. Louis Chamber Chorus, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Chorus, and the Hartford Symphony Chorale. Beth also worked in the Interior Design field for ten years.

Prior to starting her volunteer work with Maccabi USA, she volunteered in her children’s schools, with numerous JCCs, the Senior Olympics of St. Louis, and Habitat for Humanity. In 1997, Beth became very involved with our Supporters Mission programs and has been a volunteer at all Maccabi events since then, except for 2001, managing the logistics for nine Maccabi USA Supporters Missions. For this year’s Maccabiah Games, Beth is co-chairing the ISRAEL CONNECT program, along with Tonja Magerman.

“My focus is on the educational – Hasbara – component of the program,” Beth explained. “The theme for the ISRAEL CONNECT program will be USA/Israel relations, with the goal of nurturing our athletes to return home as ambassadors/advocates for the State of Israel.”

Beth feels very strongly about volunteering with Maccabi USA and has found that people who are involved are very passionate about what they do because they truly care about the programs. “Volunteering for Maccabi USA gives me a chance to work with people of all ages and backgrounds who are dedicated to a healthy lifestyle through sport and who support the International Jewish community,” Beth said. “There are opportunities to match almost everyone’s strengths and interests, and just as importantly, you make lasting friendships with other volunteers and athletes from around the world.”
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**USA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**
The 12th Annual Maccabi USA Westchester Brunch & Bridge Tournament, in memory of Edythe Levitt, was held on September 25, 2016 in Rye Brook, New York. This was an ACBL-sanctioned tournament. Event Co-Chairs Barbara Feldman and George Lippman, along with steering committee members: Nat Adler, Babette Bandler, Ruth Brandt, Betty Burr, Henry Deutsch, Jane Heilbron, Pat Hofmann, Mickey Karlan, Valerie Levitt, Phyllis Lippman, Sue Maier, Ondrea Schiciano, Bobby Stayman and Madeline Vogel did an amazing job organizing the event. Squash alumnus, Sarah Odell, shared her life-changing Maccabiah experience with all in attendance. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on October 1, for our 13th annual “Bar Mitzvah Year” Bridge Tournament in memory of Edythe Levitt.

The Maccabi USA Annual Conference Weekend took place December 9–11, 2016, in Newark, New Jersey. There were over 50 people in attendance for the conference which was packed with information about the upcoming World Maccabiah Games. Everyone was able to attend the screening of ‘On the Map’ the new documentary about Maccabi Tel Avi’s 1977 European Basketball Championship featuring our own Tal Brody. Immediately following the movie screening, attendees joined us for a cocktail reception where the leadership paid tribute to Sue Millis, prior to her retirement on December 31, 2016.

Get connected, stay engaged...
With the 20th Maccabiah Games just around the corner, the tireless efforts of our volunteers and staff are already paying off. On July 6 we will be marching into Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem at the Opening Ceremony with a USA Delegation of over 1,100 strong. That is more than double the size of Team USA at last year’s Olympics in Brazil. Yet we are able to do it with the dedication of a committee of 125 and a staff of nine!!! Truly amazing!!!

In my last column I mentioned our Hasbara program in conjunction with StandWithUs. I learned that our umbrella organization, Maccabi World Union (MWU), is replicating this important program for all 10,000 athletes from 80 countries. Our ISRAEL CONNECT Program, formerly known as Pre-Camp, which Maccabi USA started over 30 years ago is also being embraced by many other countries. This is the highest form of flattery and we are proud of these programs.

Our athletes will also be engaged in our Tzedakah program known as Lev L’Lev, or Heart to Heart in Hebrew. It is another way that we are teaching values and creating connections to the broader community. I credit our volunteers with being the impetus for developing these wonderful components so that the Maccabiah experience goes well beyond the field of competition.

This summer’s Maccabiah will feature a Culinary Competition, Hi-Tech program, Dance Festival and much more. Through the good work of Yogi, our Maccabi Shaliach, we have an intern program where eight young adults are living in Israel from January through the Maccabiah and helping with administering the Games. We are also thrilled to be working with Birthright. You should be aware that for the 10,000 athletes there will be 150,000 bed-nights, 1,800 buses daily, and a total budget of 120 million New Israel Shekels (over $40,000,000) to produce the Games. We provide $3.5 million in subsidies for Team USA, plus we are the only delegation to contribute to Maccabi World Union to make the Games happen. We provide over $500,000 to MWU to help other countries like Poland, Czech Republic, Cuba, Ukraine, and others where the economies are tanking. Through our Light It Forward direct mail campaign, we help to assist athletes from distressed communities around the world.

As we approach the Opening Ceremony, the fundraising efforts have also ramped up so that we can get to the finish line. We are three-quarters of the way there and with a final push we will come up with the $12,000,000 needed to send our Team to the Games. Our endowments continue to grow and help support our program. I am pleased to share with you that we recently received a match grant of $1,000,000 from Aileen and Brian Roberts, and are most appreciative. Thank you to all our supporters and endowers for helping our Maccabiah dreams come true.

This summer in Israel will be truly special and I hope that you will join us. During the 20th Maccabiah Games we will mark the 50th anniversary of the reunification of the city of Jerusalem, our eternal capital; the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration; and the 85th anniversary of the first Maccabiah Games in 1932. From the vision of a young teen, Yosef Yekuteli, and humble beginnings with just 390 athletes from 14 countries including 9 Americans, the Maccabiah now has almost 10,000 Jewish athletes from 80 countries worldwide.

Yet none of this would happen without our wonderful volunteers, who are key to our success. They are the ones who have put us on the map.

Toda Raba.

JED MARGOLIS, Executive Director
BRUCE APPLE – 1989 & 2013 Maccabiah, 2015 European – received the People’s Choice Award from the Katz JCC at their annual Sports Award Dinner in Cherry Hill, NJ on September 26, 2016.


BENNY FEILHABER – 2005 Maccabiah, 1999 Pan Am – signed a new two-year contract with Sporting Kansas City in November 2016. Feilhaber is a six-year MLS veteran and has been a professional since 2005.

Three alumni competed at the International Judo Federation World Veterans Championship November 17–21, 2016 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and medaled at the event.

BRIAN HERSKOWITZ – 1985 Maccabiah – won a gold medal at 55-59 age group, 60kg weight class;

ADAM MOYERMAN – 2001–2013 Maccabiah, 2007, 2015 Pan Am – won a bronze medal in the 30-34 age group, 73kg weight class; and

DR. SANDY NORTH – 1985–1993 Maccabiah – won a gold medal in the 60-64 age group, 66kg weight class.


SAVANNAH LEVIN – 2013 Maccabiah – helped the University of Southern California Women’s Soccer Team win the 2016 NCAA Championship. This is the second title for the USC’s ‘Women of Troy.’

ANDI MUREZ – 2009, 2013 Maccabiah – was inducted into the Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame on January 28. Andi most recently represented Israel at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

ROBERT RAKOWITZ – 2013 Maccabiah – won the New York State Individual Time Trial Championship on August 7, 2016 at Tioga Center, NY.

ALI SCHWACH – 2005, 2009 Maccabiah, 2007, 2015 Pan Am – married JESSE BALABAN-FELD on September 4, 2016 in Minneapolis, MN. Alumni in attendance were SAM BALABAN-FELD and MORRY STEINBACH.

LENNY SILBERMAN – Board – will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame at their induction ceremony on July 4 in Israel.

Greater Washington DC Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inducted their 2016 Class on November 19. Four alumni were recognized: MITCHELL BERLINER – 2015 Pan Am; and LISA LEVIN REICHMANN – 2003 Pan Am. JASON BELINKIE – 2013 Maccabiah – received the JCC Legacy Award; and DANIEL KUHNREICH – 2015 European – was recognized as a 2016 Hyman M. and Phillip D. Perlo High School Athlete.

RABBI TINA (HUGHES) – 2005, 2009 Maccabiah, 2007 Pan Am – and MATT SOBO welcomed a daughter, Stephanie, on February 2, 2016. Tina is now the Assistant Rabbi and Jerome Epstein Director of Education at Temple Israel in Dayton, OH.

CHRIS – 2015 Pan Am – and ANNALISA GIBBONS welcomed their daughter, Gloria Viviana Graham Gibbons, on October 18, 2016 in Philadelphia. Their son Allesandro, two, is excited to be a big brother.

BOB SPIVAK – Board – and TAYLOR HOGGE welcomed their second great grandchild, Isabella Cecelyn Tummings, on November 3, 2016. Parents RACHAEL SPIVAK and ANDREW TUMMINGS and big sister Andrealle are thrilled to hang out with their great grandpop.

SHANE – 2015 European, 2015 Pan Am, Staff – and JAIME CARR welcomed their first child, a son, on December 9, 2016. Buddy Miles Carr is looking forward to competing at the 2033 Maccabiah Games.

YOGEV – Shaliach – and SHANI MATOK welcomed their daughter Mika, their first child, on January 7. Mika will have the difficult decision of deciding whether to compete for Israel or the USA at the 2033 Maccabiah Games.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the families. May their memories be for a blessing.

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