



Maccabi USA Educator Fellowship

Maccabi USA is excited to announce a new initiative to enhance the landscape of experiential Israel education for the American Jewish community, the Maccabi Educator Fellowship. These specially trained educators will be instrumental in deepening the educational experience of Maccabi USA athletes, most notably during the 21st Maccabiah in Israel in July 2022. In doing so, the Maccabi Educator Fellows will play a critical role in the Jewish journey of the next generation of elite Jewish American athletes.

The Maccabiah, held every four years in Israel, is a combination of elite athletic competition and a celebration of Jewish heritage and culture. The largest gathering of Diaspora Jewry and the third largest international sporting event in the world, the 2022 Games will feature an anticipated 10,000 participants from 80 countries competing in 40 sports including the U16, U18, Open, Masters, and Para divisions. The Maccabi USA delegation to the 20th Maccabiah in the summer of 2017 numbered 1,131 members, the largest traveling delegation in the history of not just Jewish sporting events but all international multi-sport competitions.

In preparation for the 21st Maccabiah, an initial cohort of 40 educators will be selected to participate as members of the Maccabi USA delegation and implement our innovative curriculum during Maccabi USA's six-day signature cultural-educational program, Israel Connect (IC). These educators will be central to ensuring Israel Connect serves as a crucial foundation for the holistic Maccabiah experience, enabling our athletes to fuse two key identities, athlete and Jew, connect deeply with Israel and her people, and feel part of the global Jewish community. Twenty of the educators will be selected to extend their stay as Fellows in Residence to remain with the delegation for the two-week duration of the Maccabiah and continue to engage the Maccabi USA delegation throughout the experience. Participation in the training, IC, and Maccabiah will be free of charge and will include all airfare, ground costs (lodging, meals, transportation), and team apparel.

In partnership with [The iCenter](#), Maccabi Educator Fellows will participate in a comprehensive best-practice training program culminating with a Professional Certificate in Experiential Israel Education. Upon completion of the program, Fellows will receive a \$600 stipend. The year-long training will consist of an introductory seminar followed by monthly sessions (virtual) and a culminating seminar in Israel immediately prior to the Maccabiah. All Maccabi Educator Fellows will receive the official Maccabi USA apparel package and march with the delegation in the Opening Ceremony of the 21st Maccabiah.

Maccabi Educator Fellow responsibilities include:

- Participation in all training seminars and successful completion of the Professional Certificate
- Attendance at the Pre-Maccabiah seminar in Israel from July 4-6, 2022
- Delivery and implementation of the Israel Connect curriculum with fidelity according to the best practices learned through the certification process; Israel Connect will be July 6-12, 2022
- Concluding meeting and submission of program evaluation and final documentation on July 13, 2022
- Representing the American Jewish community by marching in the Opening Ceremony of the 21st Maccabiah in Teddy Stadium, Jerusalem on July 14, 2022

- Selected Fellows in Residence will enhance the experience of the US Delegation during the two-week Maccabiah by:
 - Providing opportunities for US participants to engage with Israel according to the curriculum
 - Supporting engagement with Maccabi World Union educational programming
 - Facilitating Shabbat experiences and other engagement opportunities for the Maccabi USA delegation from July 12-26, 2022

Qualifications:

- Minimum 3 years professional experience in Jewish education or equivalent
- Bachelor's degree
- Proficiency in implementation of experiential education programming
- Strong Jewish identity and passion for Israel
- Demonstrated ability to engage teen, emerging adult, and/or young adult groups
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Fluency in Hebrew preferred but not required
- Availability to attend all training and 21st Maccabiah in July 2022

To apply: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4910895>

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About Maccabi USA:

Maccabi USA (MUSA) is a federally-recognized not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization with an extensive history of enriching Jewish lives through athletic, cultural and educational programs. MUSA is the official sponsor of the United States team to the World Maccabiah Games and the Pan American and European Maccabi Games, as well as a sponsor of the JCC Maccabi Games for teens in North America. As the official Maccabi representative in the United States, Maccabi USA supports Jewish athletic endeavors, enhanced by cultural and educational activities in the US, Israel and throughout the Diaspora.

Maccabi USA develops, promotes and supports international, national and regional athletic-based activities and facilities. It strives to provide Jewish athletes all over the world the opportunity to share their heritage and customs in competitive athletic settings. MUSA supports programs that embody the Maccabi ideals of Jewish Continuity, Zionism and Excellence in Sport. Maccabi USA Builds Jewish Pride Through Sports.

Maccabi USA is a US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Affiliate Organization, one of 38 Affiliates nationwide to be recognized by the USOPC for its ability to cultivate a national interest in sport and increase opportunities for participation internationally, nationally and at the grassroots level.