



MACCABI GB
For an *active* Jewish Community

PROGRESS REPORT 2017



Since we were established in 1937 we have evolved to become the Jewish Community's Sport, Health & Wellbeing service provider. We are now synonymous with providing Anglo-Jewry with high level projects, programmes and events to keep our Community active and lead a healthier lifestyle, all within a welcoming, social and positive, Jewish environment.

When you hear the name 'Maccabi GB' you may think of many things – Our Community Sports Days, School Sports and Curriculum PE, Maccabiah and JCC Maccabi Games, Streetwise and Leadership, plus our affiliated sports clubs and leagues and especially the largest of our events the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run. Maccabi GB today reaches over 40,000 people - a record number - and this is down to an eclectic mix of activities all designed to bring our Community together.

The Maccabi GB Community Fun Run was, perhaps, the jewel in the crown for us in 2016. Celebrating its 10th Anniversary it continues to astound and break records in equal measure. In addition to the 4,500 attendees on the day, raising £290,000 for 70 communal organisations and schools, it was just as memorable to see Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and Israeli Ambassador Mark Regev starting two of the races and to be able to welcome back Nick Bitel, Chairman of Sport England and CEO of the London Marathon, and Nigel Wray, Chairman of Saracens RFC.

It was exhilarating seeing participants from across the Community under one roof again, as one Community, taking part in healthy exercise whilst giving tzedakah. It is truly a unique event.

For the thousands of school children we engage every week via our PE Curriculum Lessons, School Sports Clubs and Clinics, plus the 5,300 we welcome to our Inter-School Sports Tournaments, Maccabi GB is an ever-present in their lives from a young age. We are one of the first contact points that young, Jewish people have with sport and the settings we provide are the catalysts for shaping their lives and relationships. Whether they grow up to be professional athletes or not is not our focus. Thanks

to Maccabi GB's Sports Coordinators, we can ensure that our communal young people always have plenty of means to remain active and, in turn, stay healthy whilst constantly creating new, Jewish friendships. One major development in this area is the brand new partnership we have established with The Elms Group which not only allows us to provide higher quality coaching for school children, but also allows us to reach farther across the Community than ever before.

The Maccabi GB School Sports Programme is a wonderful introduction to communal sport and exercise and we continue to engage participants of all ages and abilities via our ever-popular Community Sports Days and Sport, Health & Wellbeing Programme. Both of these have been mainstays in our programming and we constantly look for new and engaging ways to get people off the sofa and out of the house. Whether the event was Community Netball in celebration of International Women's Day – where we welcomed over 100 netballers to play the sport and meet wellbeing experts to improve their everyday health – or the Maccabi GB Community Dog Walk which we use as a means for getting Jewish dog owners and their families to walk together in a social environment. Our brand new Community Basketball, which sold-out quickly allowed us to reach new participants and the series of Jewish Walking Tours of London we hosted throughout the year combined educational, Jewish elements with a healthy activity.

Farther afield and Maccabi GB continues to fly the flag for Great Britain's Jewish Community on the international stage, both in sport and beyond. We are incredibly proud of our JCC Maccabi Games Delegation, who returned from another stellar performance in America at the annual Youth Games with 39 medals. It was also a



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Maccabi GB Chair David Pinnick (second right) at the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2016 with (left to right) MGB President, Michael Ziff, Israel's Ambassador to the UK Mark Regev, MGB Hon. Life President Bob Glatter and CEO Martin Berliner.



milestone occasion for MGB as we took representatives to be part of the parallel JCC Maccabi Artsfest for the first time ever. These occasions are special as they give young sportspeople the opportunity to compete on an international level whilst also imparting a strong core of 'Jewish friendship' and 'rachmanus' (sportsmanship) – values which we hope they will carry through their lives as they get older.

Staying on the topic of Team Maccabi GB, our Open and Masters athletes also represented Great Britain admirably in 2016, this time at the Pan-American Maccabi Games in Chile and the European Maccabi Football Trophy which was held in Spain. Our reputation as a professionally run community sporting organisation is growing alongside Maccabi GB's ability to create strong bonds with other Delegations. Our preparations are intensifying for the 20th Maccabiah Games which will be held in Israel in July 2017.

The Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour 2016 took place in October. It never ceases to amaze me seeing the special journey of the participants who are fortunate to be able to go on this tour. This year we welcomed nine members, all of whom have learning disabilities, and seven leaders to an eleven-day trip around Israel. The stories of their exploits – visiting historical sites, enjoying Jewish experiences, making Jewish friends, taking part in activities which challenge them physically and mentally – always fills me with immense pride and it is safe to say that we do make a lasting impact on their lives upon returning home.

The Maccabi GB / CST partnership project, Streetwise, and its Leadership Programme have significant and defining impacts on participants' development. Streetwise this year reached 23,000 young people engaging in topics such as Internet Safety, Anti-Bullying and Body Image. Streetwise is a national project and this year reached out to many new areas across the UK where smaller, Jewish Communities reside. Similarly, the 'Leadership by Streetwise' Programme has an immediate positive effect on young peoples' lives for the better, as well as our wider Community in the long-term. This year it welcomed 88

young people to its annual course and gave them the tools to become better event organisers, better sports coaches and better examples to their peers (or dugmas). We are shaping the future of Jewish life through this programme.

Finally, when looking at our activity for this year, we take immense pride in our ability to create partnerships across the Community and beyond. Maccabi GB is known as an active communal organisation in building ties to other Jewish charities and for our work with the likes of Chai Cancer Care, Step by Step, UJS and many more. We support our affiliates, affiliated clubs and sports leagues in regards to good governance and especially in the area of safeguarding young people.

Whenever you hear the name 'Maccabi GB', you will have some knowledge of one or two areas of the work we do. However, what you might not be aware of is why we do what we do. On the front cover, and throughout the Report, you will notice that MGB has a new logo and strapline. You will see this a lot within the next 24 pages and even more in the future. In one, powerful sentence it explains why we put on amazing Community Sports Days to engage participants of all ages and abilities. Why we host unique Sport, Health & Wellbeing events to encourage more members of the Community to remain active. Why we manage the largest Jewish sporting event in the UK. Why we coach sports lessons and host tournaments for thousands of young people in Jewish Schools. Why we fly Great British delegations to international, Jewish sports competitions around the world. Why we send young, Jewish people with learning disabilities to Israel on a life-changing, challenging adventure. Why we guide our communal youth and shape them into the next generation of Jewish leaders. And why we constantly look to build strong ties and partnerships to other communal organisations.

Maccabi GB, as our prominent, new strapline proudly states, is and always will be **for an active Jewish Community.**

David Pinnick
Chairman of Maccabi GB

MACCABI GB COMMUNITY FUN RUN 2016



The 1km race gets underway at the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2016 at Allianz Park



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OVER 4,500 ATTENDEES. 2,000 PARTICIPANTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES. 70 COMMUNAL ORGANISATIONS. OVER £290,000 RAISED FOR FANTASTIC, JEWISH CAUSES – ALL RECORDS FOR THE EVENT!

The Maccabi GB Community Fun Run has reached many milestones since its first step a decade ago. It has welcomed over 20,000 participants and has raised over £1,500,000 for over 100 Jewish charities. Without question it is the largest Jewish sporting event in the UK.

This year the event celebrated its 10th Anniversary in spectacular fashion. Once again held at the impressive Allianz Park Sports Stadium, it broke all records before it, welcoming 2,500 participants who ran, jogged or walked in five distances (10km, 5km, 5km Walk, 1km or Tri-Run) to raise over £290,000 for 70 Jewish charities and, for the first time, Jewish Schools. An additional 2,000 supporters attended to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the many elements of the event, including the Charity Fair, Health & Wellbeing Hub, Food Court and Family Fun Zone, underlining its status as a day out for the whole family.

The event is unique in that it brings together members of the Community from all backgrounds, of all ages and abilities. There were fitness enthusiasts who love to run, those who wanted to challenge themselves and trained for months, new parents who pushed their babies round in buggies, grandparents who enjoyed exercising with their grandchildren and much more. The day was marked by a number of special dignitaries and VIP's attending including Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Nick Bitel, Chairman of Sport England, Nigel Wray, Chairman of Saracens RFC, Israel's ambassador to the UK, Mark Regev, and The Major of Barnet, Councillor David Longstaff. The MGB CFR 2016 brought together members from every denomination within the Community for the benefits of exercise and the mitzvah of tzedakah.

There are not many Jewish events which can lay claim to being a cornerstone of the communal calendar. The Maccabi GB Community Fun Run has established itself to be just that.



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Maccabi GB's JCC Maccabi Games and JCC Maccabi Artsfest 2016 Delegation

JCC MACCABI GAMES & JCC MACCABI ARTSFEST 2016

**FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER GREAT BRITAIN
ENTERED PARTICIPANTS INTO THE JCC
MACCABI ARTSFEST, WHICH RAN ALONGSIDE
THE SPORTING COMPETITION, FURTHERING
OUR ABILITY TO UNITE YOUNG, JEWISH
PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

Great Britain's young representatives made the country and Community proud when they competed at the annual JCC Maccabi Games 2016 in Stamford, Connecticut. The Delegation, led by Janice and Ian Aarons, of 66 athletes (aged 13-16-years-old) and 13 person management team saw Team Maccabi GB win a fantastic 39 medals across seven sports including Football, Swimming, Tennis, Table Tennis, Swimming, Competitive Dance and Lacrosse.

This summer's competition was a landmark occasion for Maccabi GB as, for the first time ever, we brought participants to attend the JCC Maccabi ArtsFest - a performing arts event where young singers, musicians, actors and dancers were coached by teachers from their respective industries before putting on a 'Grand Finale Showcase' to culminate their trip.

The JCC Maccabi Games is the perfect example of young, Jewish people from around the world coming together to share sporting, social and Jewish experiences. The British

participants showed the incredible Rachmanus Spirit of sportsmanship which embodies this tournament with many of our representatives receiving special recognition of their gamesmanship - whether it was for fair play, demonstrating honesty during competition and even creating a 'mixed-Delegations' team so that participants could play with athletes from other countries. Another aspect that contributes towards the JCC Games being so unique is the 'Caring and Sharing Day', which involves all Delegations taking part in charitable causes. This year's trip also had special significance as Maccabi GB visited Ground Zero in New York to pay our respects before flying back to the UK.

Whether it was as a platform for young, British athletes to get their first taste of an international sports competition or as a tool for Jewish youth to build friendships and create stronger Jewish identities, the JCC Maccabi Games 2016 was an incredible event which, for many, is a gateway into the Maccabi Movement.

TEAM MACCABI GB



With numerous international Jewish Sports Tournaments featured throughout the year, Team Maccabi GB managed to start 2016 in impressive fashion at the Pan-American Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile in January. It was an honour to be invited to take part in the event – which is the Americas’ Continental equivalent of the European Maccabi Games (EMG) – as a ‘Guest Nation’. Our Delegation of one Masters Men’s Football Team and two Open Tennis players did Anglo-Jewry proud, making thousands of friendships from the 3,000 Jewish participants and becoming synonymous for creating the best ruach (atmosphere) and

Rachmanus (sportsmanship) of all the 20 competing nations. They even got on the medal table by winning a Bronze medal.

In June we sent a Delegation to the European Maccabi Football Trophy (EMFT), a biennial tournament which saw the best Jewish Football and Futsal talent from around Europe unite in the Costa del Sol, Spain, for a weekend of matches and a chance to bond with peers from other Maccabi Territorial Organisations (TOs). Both our squads shone, with the Open Football and Futsal teams returning to Great Britain with the Silver Medal in their respective sports.

With our sights now firmly set on the 20th Maccabiah

Games in Israel next summer we laid our foundations for Team Maccabi GB by naming all sports chairs, managers, coaches, medical staff and Junior Managers as well as holding all trials and finalising the individual sports squads. We also hosted a number of management training meetings – welcoming some impressive guest speakers in the process such as England Physio, Gary Lewin, and Ben Rosenblatt, the Strength & Conditioning Coach for Team GB’s Gold Medal winning Hockey Team at the Olympic Games 2016 in Rio - and our athletes are well-into their training, team-bonding and matches as they aim to make history in 2017 during what will be a memorable Maccabiah Games.



Maccabi GB's Open Football Team at the European Maccabi Football Trophy in Spain

MACCABI GB WON TWO SILVER MEDALS AT THE EUROPEAN MACCABI FOOTBALL TROPHY AND A BRONZE MEDAL AT THE PAN AMERICAN MACCABI GAMES, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SPORTING YEARS OUTSIDE OF A MACCABIAH OR EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES YEAR.

In addition to our largest event of the year – the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run – we hosted a variety of major events throughout 2016 which showcased our reach across the Community and our commitment to bringing Jewish people together.

The Maccabi GB National Table Tennis Championships returned in style in April. The annual tournament saw 70 male and female athletes of all ages take part from around the country to determine who the best Jewish table tennis singles and doubles players were. Also in April we hosted one of our most unique events ever – Behind the Scenes with Ben Winston – with our partner UJIA. The famous director and producer behind One Direction and James Corden was interviewed by Heat Magazine Editor, Boyd Hilton, at a sold out evening. During proceedings Ben, who represented Maccabi GB at three major international tournaments, spoke about his incredible career, his Jewish identity and his affiliation with MGB.

In preparation for Team GB's young athletes heading off to America for the JCC Maccabi Games (See Page 6) we held the prestigious JCC Maccabi Games and JCC Maccabi ArtsFest Kit Day where the athletes and their families received a talk about the sporting and performing arts events before the unveiling of the uniform they would be training and competing in throughout their time in Stamford.

There was a 'first' in the summer as we held our first ever Maccabi GB Invitational Golf Fundraiser. The sold-out event welcomed 80 golfers to Dyrham Park Country Club for a major golfing competition for male and female teams, raising over £10,000 for Maccabi GB projects. We capped off the year in style by announcing the winners of the Maccabi GB Sports Awards, recognising the achievements of our Community's top sportspeople and teams.

Ben on stage at the 'Behind the Scenes with Ben Winston' event

WE WELCOMED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE COMMUNITY TO OUR MAJOR EVENTS IN 2016

MAJOR EVENTS



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One of the winners of the Maccabi GB Community Dog Walk and Show

“NORMALLY I LET MY HUSBAND WALK OUR DOG, BUT THIS WAS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT THE HOUSE AND JOIN HIM. WE HEARD ABOUT [THE MACCABI GB COMMUNITY DOG WALK] LAST YEAR AND NOW WE’RE HERE TODAY I’M REALLY PLEASED WE CAME. IT’S BEEN SUCH A FUN DAY!”

CAROL SIMONS, MACCABI GB COMMUNITY DOG WALK PARTICIPANT

SPORT, HEALTH & WELLBEING

The Sport, Health & Wellbeing (SHW) Programme is vital in our work as it encourages the Jewish Community to maintain a healthier, more active lifestyle without putting emphasis on rigorous activity.

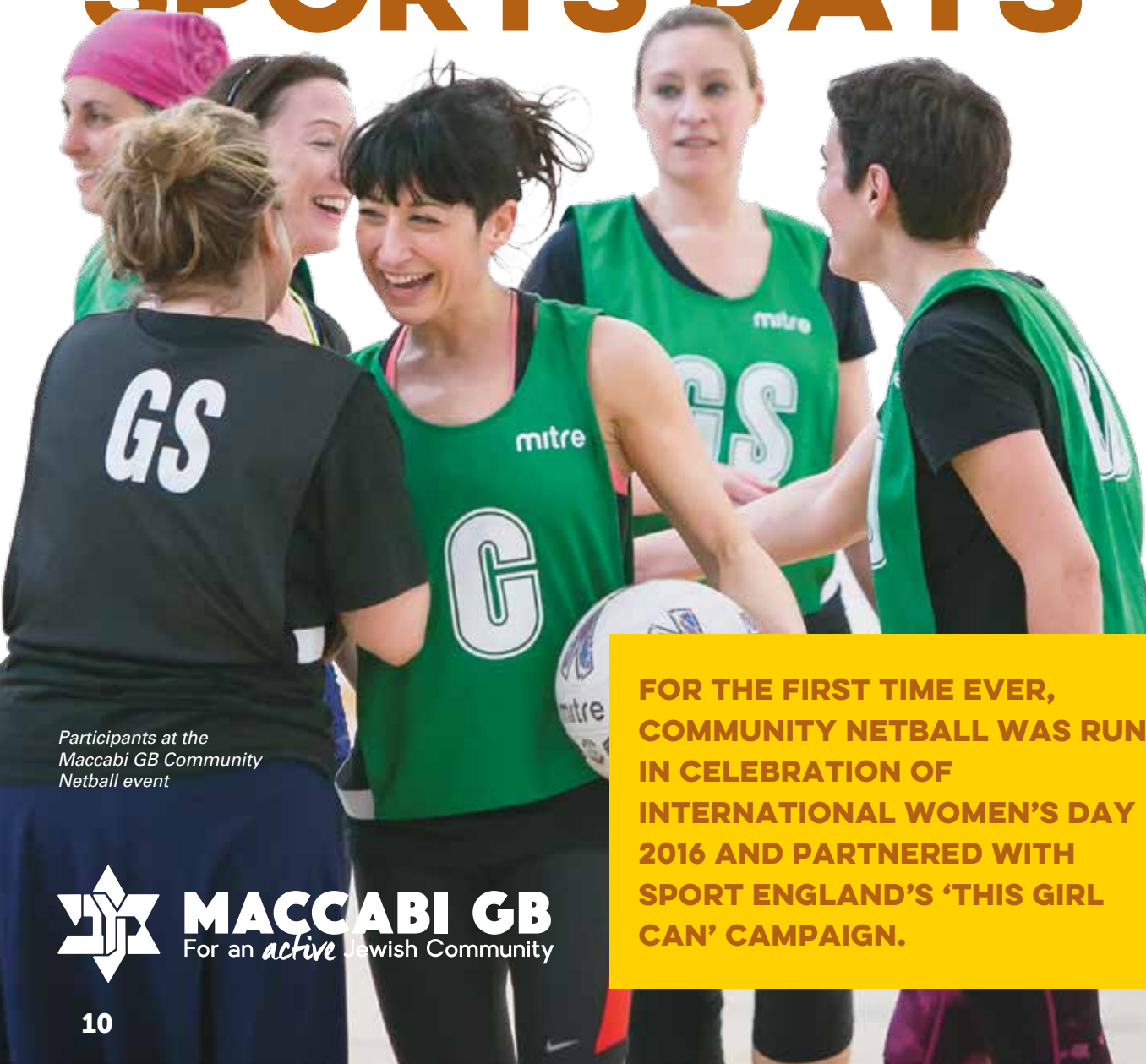
Following the success of last year’s series of Maccabi GB Jewish Walking Tours of London we hosted three more, with each one guiding a sold-out group around different parts of London, learning about Jewish history and culture around our capital city, whilst exercising and making new, Jewish friends.

The largest – and most unique – SHW event of the year (after the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run, of course) was the ever-popular Maccabi GB Community Dog Walk and Show. Over 200 pet owners, along with 75 dogs, congregated in Mill Hill Park for a day consisting of a designated walking route, activities for young people,

dog-related stalls, entertainment and competitions. The impact of the day was that the event encouraged members of the Community to leave their houses and get active in a Jewish setting using their dogs as a means to do so.

The SHW Programme has been a valuable means of creating bridges between MGB and other communal organisations, allowing us to extend our reach further than ever before. Our long-standing partnership with Jewish Care saw us host the third annual ‘Bowls on the Lawn’ day. The taster event, at Woodcock Park Lawn Bowls Club, was for any age and any ability and saw 25 participants sell out the event. The day was an incredible success and underlines our belief that exercising regularly does not need to involve sweating in a gym or running round a sporting arena – it is about staying active and living a healthy lifestyle.

COMMUNITY SPORTS DAYS



Participants at the Maccabi GB Community Netball event

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, COMMUNITY NETBALL WAS RUN IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2016 AND PARTNERED WITH SPORT ENGLAND'S 'THIS GIRL CAN' CAMPAIGN.

If there is one area where Maccabi GB has become synonymous with it is our ability to get members of the Community playing a variety of sports, regardless of their age or ability. This year our Community Sports Days welcomed 300 people in total, reaching a selection of demographics and engaging seasoned and novice sportspeople alike to play sport together in a social setting.

The year began in spectacular fashion as we launched our newest Community Sports Day – Community Basketball – in January. Hosting such a unique and fresh event gave us the opportunity to engage 30 members of the Community, many of whom we had not reached previously, in a friendly-yet-competitive tournament. This was closely followed in February by another new initiative as part of the National Shuls Table Tennis League (NSTTL). As well as the always-entertaining tournament, we held the first ever free Maccabi GB Table Tennis Fun Zone. With a specific area designated to those of any age and any ability who wanted to turn up and play, without the competitiveness of the NSTTL, the initiative proved to be incredibly popular and saw a range of attendees - Some were as young as 3-years-old, playing with their dad, whilst others were over 80, highlighting the popularity of the sport within the Community. In total, over 110 people took part in the event making it another huge success.

One of the most popular Community Sports Days this year was undoubtedly the Maccabi GB Community Netball event, which welcomed 130 participants. Jewish females of all ages and differing abilities formed a record twelve team tournament. Despite its competitive edge, the event was run in friendly spirits and it was incredibly rewarding to witness national level athletes on the same court as netballers who were picking up a ball for the first time since Secondary School. In another first, the event was run in celebration of International Women's Day 2016 and partnered with Sport England's 'THIS GIRL CAN' Campaign. To mark the occasion we added an extra 'Sport, Health & Wellbeing' element to proceedings by hosting a Health & Wellbeing Hub for the women, which included a Nutritionist, Health Expert, Physiotherapist and Personal Trainer.

We rounded off the year with two fantastic events. The second annual Community Badminton Day saw 40 male and female athletes play in Singles and Doubles competitions, whilst Community Ice Skating Day – an event which ran in conjunction with one of our partner organisations, Langdon – welcomed families and young participants to an ice rink to take part in a fun, active winter pursuit.

Maccabi GB's School Sports Programme is a solid cornerstone of the sports provision we deliver to the Jewish Community. We believe that encouraging and coaching young people to play sport at a grassroots level not only helps them develop as healthier individuals, but also plants seeds of friendship which grow as they become older.

We are incredibly proud to say that, thanks to our work in the last twelve months, our School Sports Programme has risen to another level.

Our inter-school sports competitions welcomed more Jewish School Teams than ever before. This resulted in some of the largest School Sports Tournaments in our history. Over 250 young people regularly played in almost every Primary

School Football Tournament we hosted throughout the year – both boys and girls. Our annual events such as the Simchat Hamayim Swimming Gala and Secondary Schools Track & Field Day also welcome triple figures and we even introduced a new event - an Inter-School Chess Tournament - highlighting the popularity and importance of what we do.

There was a major development this year as Maccabi GB created a partnership with The Elms Sports Group. The partnership, which began in September, launched with both organisations delivering high-level coaching in ten Jewish Primary Schools and sees a significant increase in the number and level of PE Curriculum Lessons and School Sports Clubs which are given to young, Jewish students by qualified coaches. In a ground-breaking development, this has

The numbers speak for themselves

Total weekly numbers: 2,200 young people engaged each week

Total number of PE Curriculum lessons & sports clubs: 2,000 delivered

Total School Tournaments: 30 different tournaments this year

Total Unique Tournament Numbers: 5,400 young people engaged

also allowed us to expand our reach to more of the Charedi Community's Schools and the aim is for this service to be rolled out across all Jewish Primary Schools in London and the North of England in the coming years.

Away from our work with Schools, we continue to offer sporting outlets for young people throughout the year. In the last twelve months alone we hosted three Holiday Sports Clinics for 150 participants – including three sold-out Table Tennis Clinics – ensuring our Community's youth always had a means to stay active even outside of term time. We also held a unique sports session for 50 young, terminally ill participants during the Zichron Menachem Fun Day 2016 (See Page 21).

As impressive as all these figures are, our School Sports Programme is about more than just numbers. Maccabi GB is responsible for coaching our Community's future sports stars, encouraging a healthy lifestyle in Anglo-Jewry's youth and bringing together thousands of Jewish boys and girls in a friendly, non-judgmental and integrated environment.

SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMME



WE ARE THE ONLY ORGANISATION IN THE UK WHO ENGAGES OVER 2,200 YOUNG, JEWISH PEOPLE ON A WEEKLY BASIS – INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE CHAREDI COMMUNITY - USING SPORT AS A MEANS TO BRING THEM TOGETHER.

Maccabi GB's Inter-School Sports Tournaments provide the perfect social setting for young, Jewish people



Maccabi GB Head of School Sports, Alex Elf (left) put on an integrated football session with our partners Langdon and Kisharon for Mitzvah Day 2016



A cross-generational team from the Maccabi GB Community Netball Day



The first ever Maccabi GB Community Basketball event sold out



Participants at the first ever Maccabi GB Golf Invitational Fundraiser



A junior boys football team enjoy winning their Maccabi GB Junior Football League (MGBJFL) tournament

MGB Vice-Chair, Daniel Collins (left), Nick Bitel (second left) and Nigel Wray (right) with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed MGB CFR 2016 participants



The Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour visited the Special Needs Unit of the IDF



Two young Badminton players at a Maccabi GB Inter-School Sports Tournament



Ben Winston (third from right) with Boyd Hilton (third from left) with Maccabi GB and UJIA team members



MACCABI GB CHALLENGE PROGRAMME

There is one project which reaches a very select number of people, but the impact of which is incredibly significant. Some may even say life-changing.

For eleven days in September nine young participants – all of whom have learning difficulties – and their seven leaders, led by MGB Head of Programming, Jessica Overlander-Kaye, travelled around Israel for the Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour 2016.

During the trip the group took part in cultural, historical, social and Jewish experiences which they will remember for a lifetime. From journeying up Masada to kayaking along the Jordan River; from bowling with the Israeli Special Olympic Team to visiting the Kotel; from sailing on the Mediterranean sea to riding camels through the desert, every member of the group ‘challenged’ themselves each and every day during the trip. This resulted in plenty of life-changing developments for each of the young people ranging from making and eating a variety of healthy food options, overcoming fears to take part in the activities, learning to wash themselves, confidently sitting with their new friends or making

and contributing to conversations with ease and laughter.

The significance of the Tour in having a positive impact on the lives of the participants is palpable. The trip gave the young people the unique opportunity to explore Israel with their peers, whilst developing friendships, confidence, social skills and general life-skills. For many, they had never spent a night from home and in turn their parents had never had any respite from the intense physical and emotional care they provide to their children.

Such is the impact on the young members of the Challenge Israel Tour that Maccabi GB is working with the families to help maintain some of the positive changes the participants experienced and direct them to many different organisations that can support and encourage their skill and interest in different areas. We also remain committed to the Maccabi GB Challenge Programme, external to the Tour, by working with communal organisations for projects including the Maccabi GB Cycle Club with Step by Step (See Page 21), Maccabi GB Community Ice Skating with Langdon (See Page 10) and also running sessions for Langdon Club.





Maccabi GB's Challenge Israel
Tour group by the Kotel

“THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR GIVING DANIEL THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME. THE MACCABI GB CHALLENGE TOUR GAVE HIM THE CHANCE TO GO ON ‘STANDARD’ ISRAEL TOUR, LIKE HIS BROTHER AND SISTER BEFORE HIM. HE DID ALL THEY DID AND MORE IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE HE FELT TOTALLY SECURE AND VALUED. HE MADE FRIENDS AND SOCIALISED. HE ENHANCED HIS JEWISH LEARNING BUT MOST OF ALL HE HAD SO MUCH FUN.”

PARENTS OF DANIEL,
A MACCABI GB CHALLENGE
ISRAEL TOUR 2016 PARTICIPANT



ISRAEL & ABROAD



As well as our sizeable work in the UK, we are proud to be part of the larger Maccabi Movement and our ties to Israel and other Maccabi Territorial Organisations (TOs) have been apparent throughout 2016.

Aside from the aforementioned Challenge Israel Tour (See Page 14), we have been regular visitors to the country. The largest visit of the year was in May when a number of Senior MGB Representatives attended the annual Maccabi World Union Plenary and International Maccabiah Committee Meetings at the Kfar Maccabiah. We also sent young representatives to be part of the corresponding Future Leaders Forum (FLF) which saw them network with their Maccabi peers from around the world and deliver and hold discussions on how to best improve their respective

communities as young leaders. The event in Israel was followed by additional FLF seminars throughout the year, in Amsterdam and Tuscany respectively, with MGB members an ever-present.

The annual Maccabi GB Lawn Bowls Israel Tour and Maccabi Masters Football League Tour of Israel both succeeded in connecting more of Anglo-Jewry with the country and its people. Both Tours were led by Maccabi GB Honorary Life President, Stuart Lustigman, and welcomed 90 participants between them as both groups toured around Israel playing sport, visiting historical sites and charitable projects, and making plenty of friends along the way. We were excited to launch a new partnership for this year which saw us partner with FZY youth movement to support and endorse an FZY Sports Track Israel Tour for 16-year-olds

who wanted to enjoy sporting experiences whilst on their 'rite of passage trip'.

Additionally, representatives from Maccabi GB joined 10,000 Jewish people from around the world during the March of the Living 2016, where participants learned about the incredible stories from the Holocaust before walking from Auschwitz to Birkenau in memory of those who did the same during the Shoah.

We rounded off the year by welcoming eight Israeli teenagers and their leader to the UK as part of the 72nd Maccabi Tzair Chanukah Torch Relay. The Delegation spent a week travelling around the country visiting schools, synagogues, residential homes and youth clubs teaching about the history of Chanukah and further highlighting the bond between MGB and the State of Israel.



Maccabi GB representatives take part in March of the Living 2016

“NEVER BEFORE HAD I EXPERIENCED THE SENSE OF ‘NEVER AGAIN’ AS STRONGLY AS I DID DURING THE MARCH FROM AUSCHWITZ TO BIRKENAU AND I NEVER FELT MORE PROUD TO BE JEWISH AND DECLARE THE WORDS ‘AM YISRAEL CHAI’”.

TALIA BLANK, MARCH OF THE LIVING 2016 PARTICIPANT



MACCABI GB @ KULANU

MACCABI GB @ KULANU HAS PLAYED HOST TO OVER 3,500 PEOPLE THIS YEAR ALONE THROUGH ITS VARIOUS CLUBS, EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES.

As of January 2017, Maccabi GB @ Kulanu (formerly the Kulanu Jewish Sport and Community Centre) in Kenton has been under our management for two years. The centre has evolved to be a focal point for many of our activities and those of the wider community.

We utilised the facility to host a number of our own sporting events, such as the aforementioned Holiday Sports Clinics (Page 11), which sold out each time and provided top class coaching to young people who wanted to remain active in between term time. It is also the home venue for Maccabi GB Table Tennis (See Page 20) as the club trains and plays their competitive fixtures there during the week. There are also regular sports clubs external to Maccabi GB who regularly use the centre, including weekly 5-a-side football matches, Pilates classes and basketball groups.

Due to the versatility of Maccabi GB @ Kulanu we are able to use the venue for non-sports-related events as well. Our very own Leadership by Streetwise Programme (See Page 18) hosted a number of training sessions and 'Hands-On Days' there, allowing participants to put into practice the skills they have learnt. We have also developed long-standing partnerships with Stars Nursery, who has become a mainstay at the venue and grow from strength-to-strength.

Maccabi GB @ Kulanu is now firmly established as a multi-event venue and allows us to reach members of the wider community which we were not previously able to. We are continually working towards growing the use of the centre in 2017, which will see it house more events, groups, sports clubs and even an exciting new communal organisation.

A participant at one of the sold out Holiday Sports Clinics



STREETWISE

**FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER,
STREETWISE ENGAGED 23,000
YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE
UK THIS YEAR ALONE – A NEW
RECORD!**



Streetwise worker, Yvie Curtis, guides young people through a session

There are few organisations within the Community who make as big an impact to the development of Jewish young people than Streetwise. The partnership project between Maccabi GB and the CST has evolved to become a crucial means for educating and guiding them throughout their journey to young adulthood and beyond.

Whether it be helping them transition from primary to secondary school, highlighting to them the importance of staying safe online, teaching them the values of living a healthier lifestyle and instilling the values of maintaining safe relationships Streetwise engaged over 23,000 young people to 61 Jewish and non-Jewish Primary and Secondary Schools and 27 community organisations nationwide through their varied programmes and sessions. This is the first time they have ever reached this figure – a new record!

In addition to their fantastic projects which focus on

National Curriculum subjects of PSHE (Personal Social Health & Economic Education) and SRE (Sex & Relationships Education), they highlighted how far their reach goes as a national organisation by delivering more sessions to provincial, Jewish communities; including Oxford and Eastern Scotland for the first time. They also held one of their largest Internet Safety Campaigns ever, engaging over 4,500 pupils. In a ground-breaking development, Streetwise launched a new, Government-funded partnership programme supported by Tell MAMA (Measuring Anti-Muslim Attacks) and Kick It Out (the football equality and inclusion organisation) called 'STAND UP! Education Against Discrimination'. The Programme aims to empower young people in mainstream schools to learn about and act against discrimination, racism, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred, whilst developing their social responsibility in the community.

Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme

It was also an incredibly successful year for the Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme – the interfaith programme which is managed and facilitated by Streetwise. The eight-month-long course, which began in Autumn 2015 and is a great mix of leadership training, interfaith, inter-communal work and social action projects, which truly benefit the schools' surrounding communities. It teaches young people of multiple faiths how to be communal leaders. The 80 participants, from eight schools, graduated with prestige during a ceremony at the Watersmeet Theatre, Rickmansworth, in June 2016.



LEADERSHIP 2015/16 . STREETWISE

The Leadership by Streetwise Programme held a number of fantastic Residential Weekends throughout the 2015/2016 year

LEADERSHIP BY STREETWISE

“LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ME. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN LOTS OF SKILLS THAT HAVE ENABLED ME TO DEVELOP AS A SPORTS LEADER; SKILLS WHICH I WILL DEFINITELY USE IN THE FUTURE. IF IT WASN’T FOR THE ‘LEADERSHIP BY STREETWISE’ PROGRAMME, I WOULDN’T HAVE GOTTEN A NUMBER OF SPORTS LEADERSHIP ROLES AND I CERTAINLY WOULDN’T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXCEL IN THE WAY I HAVE. I AM GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN LEADERSHIP AND WANT TO THANK THEM FOR HELPING ME BE WHO I AM TODAY.”

BEN ROSEN (17), 2015/2016 LEADERSHIP BY STREETWISE PARTICIPANT.

Our varied projects, programmes and events always make us feel pride at providing sport and wellbeing activities to the Jewish Community. However, nothing makes us prouder than being responsible for creating the next generation of sports leaders to continue our work and make a difference to their communities for years to come.

This year’s programme saw 88 participants as part of the course. They took part in three Residential Weekends where they learnt how to be sports leaders – including taking part in peulot and planning and running their own sports sessions - whilst also taking part in Maccabi Shabbats and building friendships with their Jewish peers. They attended five ‘Hands-on Events’

throughout the year where the participants put their training into action by helping elderly participants during activity sessions in residential homes or running sports drills at youth camps and even volunteered at the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2016. Their training culminated during two Graduation Weekends during the summer where the leaders were recognised for their work and achievements in a number of ceremonies, thus rounding off another fantastic year on the Programme (they complete four years in total, from Level 1-4).

Upon completing their course, the sports leaders received their official accreditation from Sports Leaders UK, further emphasising its credentials as a high level training course for young people.

MACCABI GB SPORTS CLUBS & AFFILIATES

As the sport, health & wellbeing organisation for the UK's Jewish Community we are proud to be the umbrella organisation for a number of sports clubs and Maccabi affiliates nationwide.

One of our most successful sports clubs is undoubtedly the Maccabi GB Table Tennis Club. Having won silverware in their previous two seasons, including back-to-back league Championships, the talented club continued their success as three of its five teams in the Wembley and Harrow League gained promotion to the next divisions. Such is the popularity of MGB Table Tennis that they now boast six teams who will compete in the league for the 2016/2017 campaign. The club, under the tutelage of MGB Table Tennis Chair, Jeremy Banks, is a perfect place for established athletes to shine and for younger players to be coached and demonstrate dramatic improvement in competitive fixtures against players much older than themselves. In a similar vein, Maccabi GB Badminton continues to excel, welcoming players on a weekly basis to develop their skills and play in matches in a social setting.

Our sponsorships of the Maccabi GB Southern Football League (MGBSFL) and Maccabi GB Junior Football League (MGBJFL) are into their fourth and second years respectively and we showed our commitment to grassroots football by organising the latter's annual Finals Day for their 500 young, Jewish players aged 7-11. It gave all teams the opportunity to win silverware before the end of the season. We continue to maintain tight bonds with the Maccabi Masters Football League and Manchester Jewish Soccer League.

Our Affiliates have also had a fantastic year with Brady Maccabi, Chigwell & Hainault Maccabi, Maccabi London Brady, Manchester Maccabi, Maccabi GB Scotland, Maccabi Lawn Bowls and Ten Pin Bowling as well as other associated groups ensuring that the Maccabi Movement is vibrant, active and engaging thousands of Jewish people each year nationwide.

Young, Jewish players celebrate a goal together during the Maccabi GB Junior Football League (MGBJFL) Finals Day



MACCABI GB
For an *active* Jewish Community

THE MACCABI GB JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE (MGBJFL) WELCOMES OVER 500 YOUNG, JEWISH FOOTBALLERS EACH WEEK, MAKING IT THE LARGEST JUNIOR JEWISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN EUROPE

PARTNERSHIPS

In recent years, our standing as a truly communal organisation has developed at a rapid rate. Thanks to events such as the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run (See Page 4) and our Sport, Health & Wellbeing Programme (See Page 9) we now work with over 160 partners across the UK. These bring with them a whole variety of exciting projects. Highlights include

- Supporting unique, Government-funded partnership project with Step by Step to create the Maccabi GB Cycle Club for 16 young, Jewish people with physical and learning disabilities.
- Running a regular Walking Club for clients of Chai Cancer Care.
- Organising the Tribe-a-Side Football tournament – an Inter-Shul 5-a-side competition for 100 11-17-year-olds.
- Partnering with FZY to endorse the Sports Track of their Israel Tour alongside their 'FZY Maccabiah Event' (See Page 16).
- Providing Junior, Jewish boys and girls teams to the The Barnet Unity of Faiths Festival to play similar teams of Muslims footballers.
- Being part of one of the largest gatherings of Jewish people in the UK to remember the Holocaust as part of Yom Hashoah 2016.
- Assisting our partner, UJIA, raise much-needed funds during their numerous 'Super Sunday Fundraising Telethons' throughout the year.
- Running sport, health & wellbeing activities for the likes of Langdon Club, Camp Simcha and JW3.
- Attending the AJEX Parade and Memorial Service to pay our respects to the Jewish service people who fought for their country in times of conflict.
- Leading a second-hand kit drive across the UK and hosting an integrated football session for participants from Langdon and Kisharon as part of Mitzvah Day 2016.

In addition, we also announced three major partnerships this year. As already seen, our link with The Elms Sports Group (See page 11) will see us vastly increase our reach by over 500 young people each week to provide top class sports coaching and engage over 2,200 school pupils. Our commitment to young, Jewish people of all ages continued into slightly older members of the Community as we announced a partnership with the Union of Jewish Students (UJS). This brought with it a number of ground-breaking initiatives – including the introduction of a bursary-type system which allows Jewish Societies to apply for funding in order to establish and run exercise and health programmes, sessions, events or even sports clubs. The underlying aim is to assist Jewish University students in maintaining a healthier and more active lifestyle. Finally, we announced a commercial association with Spire Bushey Healthcare which sees a number of initiatives introduced by the two organisations. The Hertfordshire-based Hospital became MGB's official Health & Wellbeing supplier and have taken an active role in helping provide our projects and events with high quality healthcare advice and training, including the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run and our international delegations.

These partnerships show no sign of subsiding and we are truly proud to turn greater focus towards this type of activity if it allows us to boost our reach and improve the livelihood of Anglo-Jewry.



MACCABI GB NOW WORKS WITH OVER 160 PARTNERS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND



A Maccabi GB footballer plays football with a Muslim counterpart at the Barnet Unity of Faiths Festival

LOOKING FORWARD

As you have seen, this year has been one of the most successful ever for Maccabi GB, our partners, our projects and our affiliates. We have taken sport, health & wellbeing to the next level and continue to dedicate our attentions towards bringing members of the Community together in a welcoming environment.

Numbers and statistics say a lot and ours have been incredibly impressive in 2016, with plans in place to build on what we offer next year. Our Community Sports Days encourage members of the Community to play or take up a sport again an inclusive and non-judgmental environment. We will introduce new ones to join the likes of Community Basketball, Badminton and Netball and reach more participants than ever before. Similarly, the Sport, Health & Wellbeing Programme is about getting Anglo-Jewry more active and healthier without having to over-exert themselves and with the likes of the MGB Jewish Walking Tours and Community Dog Walk already marked in the calendar, this Programme is reaching (and will reach) participants in the hundreds.

The Maccabi GB School Sports Programme is one area which has developed in leaps and bounds this year with no signs of slowing down. Our School PE Curriculum Lessons, Sports Clubs, Sessions and Inter-School Sports Tournaments have two purposes – they encourage and develop a new generation of active, young Jewish boys and girls whilst planting seeds of friendships which grow as they get older. By the time they are teenagers and young adults we hope many of them will have gone through a ‘conveyor belt’ of Maccabi GB programmes and will represent us on a global stage – playing sport for Great Britain at international Jewish games, such as the JCC Maccabi Games or the Maccabiah Games in 2017. One of our key focuses next year will be the ‘Jewish Olympics’ with our Team Maccabi GB squads continuing their training and completing final preparations before flying out to Israel for the exciting Maccabi GB 20th Maccabiah Games Jewish Identity Programme

Pre-Camp. The Opening Ceremony will be a highlight, as will competing alongside other Jewish athletes, winning medals and making more connections to strengthen the Jewish bond around the world.

Speaking of connections, our connection to Israel remains formidable and it has been fantastic to send a number of representatives to the country – as well as to other Maccabi TOs around the world – to underline our solidarity and to make even more Jewish ties. Never more so has this been apparent than during the Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour 2016 where friendships were made, challenges were overcome and we empowered a group of young people with learning disabilities to feel like they could achieve anything. And they really did. Plans are ongoing to arrange more MGB trips around the world and we are already planning the next Challenge Tour for 2018.

Our major events drew widespread acclaim, none more so than the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2016. Its ability to reach thousands of the UK’s Jewish population in just one event shows the magnitude and relevance of the day. The volume and variety of participants – in age, ability and religious observance – plus the sheer amount of funds raised for communal charities has made this year’s MGB CFR a truly unforgettable 10th Anniversary. The date has already been set for next year’s event – 11th June 2017 – which is forecast to be the biggest Maccabi GB Community Fun Run ever.

Streetwise and Leadership will continue to inspire confidence and personal development to young people whilst also molding the next generation of communal Leaders – with more sessions, seminars, assemblies and courses than ever before. Finally, the partnerships we have established this year have been incredibly meaningful and have helped us reach more Jewish people in the UK. They will continue to get stronger and we are looking to build even more links to organisations which will benefit the wellbeing of the Community.

At a time where there is more focus in the news about living a healthier lifestyle than ever before – and in a Community which derives strength in unity - we are proud to do what we do, hosting all these exciting events throughout the next twelve months. As our brand new strapline says, we will continue these **for an active Jewish Community**.





Maccabi GB is looking forward to an unforgettable 2017, including the 20th Maccabiah Games



DID YOU KNOW, MACCABI GB...

- is Britain's Leading Anglo Jewish Sports Charity.
- has been the Parent Body of the Maccabi Movement in Great Britain since 1937.
- engages in excess of 40,000 Members of the Community nationally and partners more than 100 Community Organisations annually.
- is a member of the Jewish Leadership Council.
- delivers over 250 Project, Programmes and Events each year.
- runs the largest Jewish sporting event in the UK – The Maccabi GB Community Fun Run
- provides a unique Israel Tour for young members of the Community with learning disabilities – the Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour.
- encourages members of the Community to take part in Sport, Health & Wellbeing activities, regardless of Age, Gender or Ability.
- is also referred to as 'Team Maccabi GB', sending delegations of athletes to compete at Regional and World International Sporting events.
- is the umbrella organisation for its three affiliated UK Jewish football leagues, reaching 2,500 people weekly.
- works with every mainstream Jewish Primary and Secondary School in Great Britain via its Sports and Streetwise Departments.
- reaches 2,200 children per week by providing PE Sports Curriculum Lessons and School Sports Clubs across 6 Primary Schools in London.
- reaches 5,000 children each year via our School Sports Tournaments we host across all age groups.
- and CST reaches over 23,000 young people via Streetwise Programmes promoting personal safety and personal development.
- is a National Organisation with affiliated centres across the UK.

AND, did you know that, as a Registered Charitable Organisation, Maccabi GB cannot make any of this possible without your help?

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“I REPRESENTED MACCABI GB AT THREE INTERNATIONAL, JEWISH SPORTS TOURNAMENTS - WINNING BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD. THEY WERE AMAZING EXPERIENCES AND MY CONNECTION TO MACCABI GB THROUGH JEWISH SPORT IS HUGE. IT’S THE CATALYST FOR THE FRIENDS I HAVE MADE FOR LIFE.”

BEN WINSTON

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, PRODUCER OF THE LATE, LATE SHOW WITH JAMES CORDEN AND FORMER TEAM MACCABI GB PARTICIPANT



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