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MACCABI GB QUARTERLY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Maccabi GB Year so far

Maccabi GB's dedication to the Jewish sport, health and wellbeing keeps growing from strength-to-strength and we continue to offer a fantastic range of projects, programmes and events to keep Anglo-Jewry active.

Our Community Sports Programme provided regular outlets for Jewish people of all ages and abilities to take part in sporting activities all year round. Notable highlights include the Community Netball Day which saw a record number of participants (130) sell-out the event and enjoy playing the sport alongside their peers whilst also experiences a new Women's Health & Wellbeing Hub which was established just for the event; The Maccabi GB Table Tennis Fun Zone which, alongside the National Shul Table Tennis League (NSTTL) Championships, welcomed 90 players who turned up throughout the day and played in a friendly, non-competitive environment whilst getting top coaching tips from MGB Sports Coordinators; and the brand new MGB 3-v-3 Streetball Tournament was held for 30 keen Basketball players to compete in the small-sided element of the game.

The Maccabi GB Sport, Health & Wellbeing (SHW) initiative addressed aspects of exercise which do not necessarily involve competition and extensive physical exertion. The Maccabi GB Jewish Walking Tour of London – one of the most popular aspects of the programme – returned in February, allowing participants to get active at their own pace whilst exploring fresher sides to Jewish London they may never have seen before. The same Programme saw us host the annual Maccabi GB Community Dog Walk in June. One of the most popular and unique events in our calendar, it helped over 200 humans exercise around Mill Hill Park, using their pets as inspiration.

We hosted the largest event within the SHW umbrella - the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run (MGB CFR). Billed as *the largest Jewish sporting fundraiser in the UK*, 2016's incarnation smashed all records before it including the record for most charities involved (62 eclipsing the previous 48 from 2015) and even welcomed 7 communal Schools as options to fundraise for. Additionally, the day welcomed more runners, joggers and walkers than ever before (2,500 participants) as it celebrated its 10th Anniversary by welcoming 4,500 people overall to Allianz Park. Staying with major events and we hosted a partnership event with young UJIA: Behind the Scenes with Ben Winston, in April, which had the director and producer talk about his Jewish roots, his affiliation to both organisations and his work to a sold-out room of 75 young professionals. On the sporting side, April welcomed over 70 athletes of all ages, from across the UK, to the Maccabi GB Table Tennis Championships 2016. We also held our first ever Maccabi GB Invitational Golf Fundraiser. The event, in June, sold out, as 80 golfers took part in proceedings at the Dyrham Park Country Club in Herts.

Preparations are in full flow for Team GB's 20th Maccabiah Games. Many Sports Chairs, Managers and Coaches have been appointed and trials for athletes are ongoing. With the help of Maccabi GB Life President, Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum, we officially launched Team GB's Maccabiah Games campaign in a unique event at the House of Lords in June. There were also a number of trials and training sessions for Maccabi GB's JCC Maccabi Games Delegation and amongst the preparations we announced that we will be taking a delegation to America for the JCC Maccabi Artsfest 2016. Finally, we were proud to send a Maccabi GB Delegation to the European Maccabi Football Trophy (EMFT) in the Costa del Sol, Spain, this summer. Our athletes returned home with a double silver – in Open Football and Open Futsal.

Away from the sporting scene (but still away from the UK) and Maccabi GB were proud to send emissaries to Poland for the March of the Living Tour 2016. Whilst there they learnt about the inspiring stories from the Holocaust and walked from Auschwitz to Birkenau.

In May, Maccabi GB sent a number of Senior Representatives to Israel for the Annual Maccabi World Union Plenary and International Maccabiah Committee Meetings. We also had young participants as part of the seminar's Future Leaders Forum (FLF). Our commitment to Israel and, in a separate vein, members of the Community with learning difficulties, was underlined with our preparations for the Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour later this year. Fourteen young participants and their Leaders took part in only the second ever Residential Orientation Weekend, which gave them the opportunity to meet their tour mates and leaders and experience two nights away from home in preparation of their trip. We also helped change the lives of 16 young, Jewish children with moderate/severe physical, mental, emotional and learning disabilities by funding the Maccabi GB Cycle Club with Step by Step as part of a Community partnership.

The Maccabi GB Sports Coordinators continue to work tirelessly to provide our young, communal athletes with sports sessions, lessons and workshops to remain active and improve their skills. In addition to the 550 School Sports Sessions and 16 School Sports Tournaments we held since the turn of the year, we put on the first ever MGB Pesach Multi-sports Clinic for 40 young Table Tennis players and female footballers. We also held the annual Simchat Hamayim Schools Swimming Gala, which was attended by 350 people in total (150 of them swimmers). In an exciting development, we now provide Sports Provisions for two new Charedi Schools – Talmud Torah Tiferes Shlomoh and Lubavitch Boys' Primary School.

Streetwise and Leadership by Streetwise are two other key areas of our work and help us reach more than 22,000 young members of the Community each year. Thousands of pupils were engaged by Streetwise between April and June 2016 via the likes of the Transition to Secondary School Campaign and the first collection of Streetwise sessions provided to Eastern Scotland's Jewish Community. In June the latest in a long line of communal leaders graduated from the Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme 2016. Leadership by Streetwise also continued a strong 2015/2016 Year by hosting their latest Residential Weekends in Spring and Summer for over 80 young people combined.

Maccabi GB @ Kulanu – the communal centre which we have overseen the day-to-day management of since 2015 - enables us to host more varied events than ever before. The last three months has seen the venue host multiple communal sports clubs, a Maccabi GB Sports Clinics, for young people to remain active over the School holidays, and a brand new partnership with Stars Nursery. We still maintain strong links with the likes of Jewish Care, Chai Cancer Care and Langdon, amongst others, and you will read all about our projects with them – and all our other work – in the below Report.



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TEAM GB

Representing our country and Community abroad

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Since recruitment began for Team GB managers, coaches, athletes, medical personnel and Junior Managers in September 2015, preparations for the 20th Maccabiah Games in 2017 have been going strong. A number of appointments have been made for Sports Chairs and Management Teams - including the Delegation's General Team Managers – and many of the sports either continued their trials or held their last sessions in this quarter. Plans are also ongoing for Team GB's extensive and educational Maccabiah Games Pre-Camp. We held a unique event in June which saw former Team GB Maccabiah and Maccabi GB Honorary Life President, Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum, host an evening at the Houses of Parliament to officially launch Team GB's 20th Maccabiah Games campaign. The event welcomed a number of dignitaries and influential guests, who were exclusively invited to attend at the House of Lords. The second of six Management Meetings for the Maccabiah also took place in June, inducting and giving specific training to prepare our Management for their roles.

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Team GB recruitment advert for the 20th Maccabiah Games in Israel

Just as our Maccabiah Delegation is preparing for next summer in Israel, Great Britain's young representatives are gearing up for the annual **JCC Maccabi Games 2016** in Stamford, Connecticut. As we saw in the previous Quarterly Report, there was an exciting development in January as MGB announced that we will also be participating in the **JCC Maccabi ArtsFest 2016**, which is a combination of performing arts and Jewish & social experiences. Plans are now complete for both competitions, with the Heads of Delegation, Management Team and full squads announced in the first six months of the year. In total, 60 people will travel to America. Trials took place in January, February and March

2016 with squads selected for seven sports including Football, Table Tennis, Tennis, Swimming, Golf, Lacrosse and Dance. April to June of this year saw those squads train in preparation for their American adventure this summer.



Team GB's JCC Maccabi Games Delegation in Fort Lauderdale

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.



Maccabi GB's Open Football and Futsal Squads both won Silver at the EMFT this quarter

Looking ahead

As has been mentioned, recruitment, trials and training are well-underway for Team GB athletes to represent their country and Community in Israel at the Maccabiah Games in 2017. All final squads are forecast to be announced over the summer of 2016 and the 20th Maccabiah Games Pre-Camp schedule will be finalised by the start of 2017. Staying in 2016 and Team GB's young JCC Maccabi Games Squad will be presented with their official competition kit in July before we wave them goodbye as they travel to American in August for the JCC Maccabi Games 2016 in Stamford, Connecticut.



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MAJOR EVENTS

Engaging our Community in a variety of ways

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There have been plenty of major events which took place in the second quarter of 2016, starting with the **Maccabi GB National Table Tennis Championships 2016**, which will pitted the best Jewish table tennis players in the UK against each other. Over 70 participants of all ages, and both genders, took to the table and competed during the competition in April. This was closely followed by a joint event with our partners, UJIA, which gave participants the opportunity to go **Behind the Scenes with Ben Winston**, the famous director and producer behind One Direction and James Corden was interviewed by Heat Magazine Editor, Boyd Hilton, selling out the Everyman Cinema venue where it was held. During the night Ben discussed his career, his Jewish identity and his affiliation to UJIA and MGB. In May 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.



Ben Winston spoke about his affiliation to UJIA and MGB

The biggest domestic event of the year was, undoubtedly the **Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2016** – which turned out to be the largest event we have ever organised. Held at Allianz Park Sports Stadium for the third successive year, the MGB CFR celebrated its 10th Anniversary and broke records across the board - most Jewish charities signed-up (62 plus 7 Jewish Schools, which was a first for the event), most participants ever (2,500) and most people to attend the event (4,500). In addition to the race distances (1km, 5km, 5km Walk, 10km and Tri-Run), there were also opportunities for attendees to learn about the partner charities in the Charity Fair, get tips on how to live a healthier lifestyle in the Health & Wellbeing Hub and have a great day out with the whole family in the designated Family Fun Zone. The day was a true reflection of the work Maccabi GB does in bringing together all members of the Community – regardless of age, ability or level of observance – under one banner for fantastic, Jewish causes.



The Chief Rabbi (centre) was one of the race starters at the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2016

We capped-off the quarter by holding our first ever **Maccabi GB Invitational Golf Fundraiser**. The sold-out, June event, welcomed 80 golfers to Dyrham Park Country Club for a major golfing competition for male and female teams.

Looking ahead

Before Team GB's 13-16-year-olds jet off to America to take part in the JCC Maccabi Games & JCC Maccabi ArtsFest they will be presented with their official kit at the aforementioned **Maccabi GB Kit Day**. Following Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we plan to host another **Fundraising event** with the annual **Maccabi GB AGM** following shortly after. The end of the year will be culminated by the **Inter-charity Quiz** held by us and the **Maccabi GB Sports Awards 2016** will celebrate our Community's great sporting achievements of the previous twelve months.



SPORT, HEALTH & WELLBEING

Keeping the Community happier and healthier for longer

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The Maccabi GB Sport, Health & Wellbeing (SHW) Programme continues to encourage the Jewish Community to maintain a healthier, more active lifestyle without putting emphasis on rigorous activity and it has rapidly become a cornerstone of our work.

The biggest SHW event of this quarter was the **Maccabi GB Community Dog Walk and Show 2016**. Over 200 humans with 75 four-legged friends congregated at Mill Hill Park for a unique and enjoyable event. The day consisted of a designated walking route, activities for young attendees, 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 Maccabi GB Community Dog Walk sets off

Maccabi GB's **Weekly Sports Clubs** are the perfect example of Jewish participants utilising Sport, Health & Wellbeing to stay active. **Maccabi GB Table Tennis** is incredibly popular and their 'conveyor-belt' of talent has seen junior members go on to represent the Senior Team in the local league – where they have an impressive six squads across a number of divisions - as well as Team GB at international, Jewish Sports Tournaments. **Maccabi GB Badminton Club** also welcomes a number of passionate players every week and our partnership with Hendon Joggers allows us to host a **Weekly Running Club** with Hendon Joggers for keen runners of all fitness levels.

Looking ahead

With the Maccabi GB 'Sport, Health & Wellbeing' Programme well-established, we have a number of other initiatives planned this year which will see it evolve and grow in equal measure. These include more popular **Maccabi GB Jewish Walking Tours** (with the next one in Q3) and the annual **Lawn Bowls**

Taster, which is held in partnership with Jewish Care, and a brand new **Maccabi GB Bridge event** which will give participants a chance to exercise their brains as part of the Sport, Health & Wellbeing initiative.



COMMUNITY SPORTS PROGRAMME

All ages, all abilities

Looking ahead

Community Badminton, at Hendon Leisure Centre in September, will see 40 attendees play in Singles and Doubles competitions in a fun and welcoming environment. The end of 2016 will see us host the annual, and always popular, **Maccabi GB Community Ice Skating**. These are just two more examples of the variety of activities we provide the Community for them to stay active.



SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMME

Introducing a passion for sport from a young age

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Jewish sport at grassroots level has always been strong. We are incredibly proud to say that, thanks to our work in attracting more Jewish young people to play sport, it has risen to another level. The numbers speak for themselves:

We continue to engage 1,300 young people each week across the whole School Sports Programme. Since April we have delivered 485 separate PE Curriculum lessons & sports clubs and held 8 School Sports Tournaments which engaged 2,270 young athletes in total. We are proud to welcome two new Charedi Schools to the roster of communal schools we provide sporting provisions to – Talmud Torah Tiferes Shlomoh and Lubavitch Boys' Primary School were added this quarter.

In the last three months we have hosted a number of fantastic Jewish School Sports Tournaments and clinics. Summer time means the return of the annual **Simchat Hamayim Swimming Gala** where 150 participants swam for their schools in front of 150 cheering supporters at Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre. Another annual competition we hosted was the **Secondary Schools Track and Field Tournament** which saw 160 young athletes compete in a number of disciplines. We held Football Tournaments for boys and girls, with one for the former in May catering for over 200 players. These were just some of the highlights of a vast School Sports Programme.

Away from the Schools, but catering for the same age groups, we held our latest Sports Clinic at Maccabi GB @ Kulanu in April. There were 41 young members of the Community who got active as they participated in our **Pesach Sports Clinics**, where they developed their skills in Table Tennis and,

for the first time, Girls Football. The specialised four-day-clinic was held at the MGB-managed indoor sports and events venue in Kenton and was delivered by top-class Maccabi GB Sports Coordinators.



Maccabi GB Pesach Sports Clinic

As impressive as these figures are, these sports tournaments, sessions and clinics are about more than just the 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.

Looking ahead

One thing that is guaranteed is that Maccabi GB will always be at the forefront of providing the Community's young people with sporting opportunities. Our PE Curriculum Lessons and Sports Clubs have been a regular occurrence during the Schools' Spring Terms and will continue in September at the start of the Academic Year. There are also numerous School Sports Tournaments for all ages and Sports Clinics planned throughout the year at Maccabi GB @ Kulanu. By the end of the year, over 12,000 school children will have played a School Sport organised and run by us. Our goal is to develop sport at a young age and nurture it so that athletes can eventually represent Team GB at future International Games.



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ISRAEL

Maintaining our connection with Israel

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Maccabi GB always ensures that there are strong links between the Jewish communities of Great Britain and Israel, arranging tailored tours between the two nations throughout the year. In May we sent a number of Senior Representatives to the annual **Maccabi World Union Plenary and**

International Maccabiah Committee Meetings at the Kfar Maccabiah. Here there were some important presentations and discussions regarding Maccabi Territorial Organisations (TO's) activity within the last twelve months, plus a look back at the European Maccabi Games and, of course, a look forward to the 20th Maccabiah Games in 2017. Maccabi GB also sent young representatives to be part of the latest **Future Leaders Forum (FLF)** which saw them networks with their Maccabi peers from around the world and deliver and hold discussions on how to best improve their respective communities as young leaders.



Maccabi GB's Senior Management Team, staff and other representatives in Israel at the Kfar Maccabiah

Closer to home and preparations were stepped-up for the **Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour**, which is in September. The biennial trip – part of Maccabi GB's 'Challenge Programme' - will take a group of young, Jewish people with learning disabilities on a 10-day journey around Israel where they will experience many cultural, historical, social and Jewish experiences that one would find on a 'Standard' Israel Tour. This tour incorporates elements which include a physical challenge for the participants each. Before the Tour commences, there was the second ever **Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour Orientation Weekend** where 14 participants and Leaders spent the weekend in Skeet House, Kent, getting to know one another and preparing them for the life-changing experience they will embark on. It was especially significant as many of the young people had never spent a night away from home before.

Looking ahead

As mentioned, Autumn will see the return of the **Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour**. Also in Q3, a sold-out group of Lawn Bowlers will take part in the **Maccabi GB Lawn Bowls Association Israel Tour**. The annual event will see participants of all abilities travel around the country playing matches, taking part in a number of cultural and political talks, as well as visiting historical and religious sites and engaging in charitable causes. This will be followed in November by the **Maccabi Masters Football League Israel Tour**, which follows a similar format but is for over 35-year-olds who play in the weekly Jewish Football Leagues. What is pleasing about these tours is that, often, they attract participants who have never or rarely been to the Holy Land before. We will also be delighted to welcome back to the UK the **72nd Maccabi GB and Maccabi Tzair Chanukah Torch Relay** in December for another fantastic tour around the UK teaching British Jewry about the meaning of Chanukah.



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Streetwise – a partnership between Maccabi GB and the CST – has undoubtedly established itself as one of the most important educational organisations within the Community. Having engaged over 22,000 young people in a record-breaking year throughout the whole of 2015, they remain the only Jewish organisation to offer a variety of programmes on National Curriculum subjects of PSHE (Personal Social Health & Economic Education) and SRE (Sex & Relationships Education). These are delivered to 55 Jewish and non-Jewish Primary and Secondary Schools and 33 community organisations nationwide.

In the last three months, Streetwise engaged 1,750 young people across 25 Jewish primary schools in their **Transition to Secondary School Campaign**, which aided and prepared young people in what to expect when going from primary to secondary school. In June, Streetwise truly demonstrated their reach across the breadth of the UK by hosting the first event **Streetwise Course in East Scotland** exploring personal safety and personal development for 25 participants from the region. Also in this Quarter, 80 young people took part in the **Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme** graduation ceremony which marked the end of the eight-month-long Programme, which is managed and facilitated by Streetwise and was held at the Watersmeet Theatre, Rickmansworth. The participants were given the tools to go into their communities as young leaders.



The Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme Graduation

The aforementioned programmes and events are just a handful of the many that Streetwise delivers and underlines how crucial they are in the development of Jewish young people.

Leadership by Streetwise

As important as Streetwise is in shaping the development of young, Jewish people, 'Leadership by Streetwise' is crucial in moulding our Community's next generation of leaders. It is a unique four-year-course that gives participants training and qualifications nationally accredited by Sports Leaders UK and is a key part of the work delivered by Streetwise and Maccabi GB.

Thirty young leaders and participants took part in the latest 'Hands-on Events', where the participants put their training into action by planning and running sports activity sessions for 5-13-year-olds at Edgware and District Reform Synagogue (EDRS). The Leadership participants also put their training into good use at the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2016, where they were an integral part of the running of the event. There was also the latest Residential Weekend at the end of June, to be followed by another at the beginning of July, which will cap-off another fantastic year for the Programme.

Looking ahead

In addition to the classes, seminars, programmes and campaigns that Streetwise will be running throughout the year, particular mentions must go to the major **Anti-Bullying Campaign** (in conjunction with Ant-Bullying Week) in November 2016, **Life-skills Days**, **Summer Camp sessions** and we will also start an exciting project on interfaith work in schools later in the year.

As mentioned, The **Leadership by Streetwise 2015/2016** Year will conclude in the summer of 2016. A new Programme begins again with the Bogrim Planning Shabbaton Weekend in November with 20 attendees expected; whilst a seminar weekend launching the start of Leadership by **Streetwise 2016/2017** Year is being held in December 2016 with 110 young participants expected.

MACCABI GB @ KULANU

Providing the Community with even more sporting outlets

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Maccabi GB has overseen the day-to-day running of the Kulanu Jewish Sport and Community Centre in Kenton since January 2015. Now 'Maccabi GB @ Kulanu', the centre has been used for a number of events allowing us to expand the programmes we provide and where we provide them.

Maccabi GB @ Kulanu is closely tied in with our School Sports Programme and regularly holds Sports Clinics during the school holidays so that our Community's young people can remain active, improve their skills, receive top class coaching and meet other young, Jewish people their age. April 2016 saw us hold the aforementioned **Maccabi GB Pesach Sports Clinic**.

Since January 2016 there have been a regular stream of events and weekly clubs at the venue. We began a partnership with Stars Nursery which sees a daily nursery held in the building for members of the Community and their young children. This partnership is run alongside additional independent football, table tennis, netball and basketball groups who meet at Maccabi GB @ Kulanu on a weekly basis.

Maccabi GB @ Kulanu is open for use to the wider Community with the goal of making it the hub for Jewish sport, health & wellbeing and beyond, underlining the centre's versatility and use as a communal venue.

Looking ahead

Maccabi GB @ Kulanu will play a pivotal role in our programmes and events, with Stars Nursery continuing to grow further, a number of **Day Camps** and more **Sports Clinics** being held at the Kenton site. The next Sports Clinic will be held in Autumn as pupils will have another outlet to remain active during the School Holidays.



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AFFILIATES & PARTNERSHIPS

Helping to build a strong, unified Community

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Developing and maintaining communal partnerships is an important part of what Maccabi GB does as we aim to reach more Jewish people than ever before.

As well as the continuing partnership with Chai Cancer Care - where MGB continues to provide Chai's clients with regular walking groups – and the aforementioned **Footgolf** event with Boys Town Jerusalem, a unique partnership project with Step by Step began in January and continued through to this quarter. The collaboration saw us fund the **Maccabi GB Cycle Club** for 16 young, Jewish people with physical and learning disabilities. In it, Maccabi GB supported a Government grant which provided Step by Step clients facilities to hold regular cycling sessions at the Lee Valley Velodrome at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Maccabi GB were proud to be part of the **Yom Hashoah Memorial Service** at Allianz Park this quarter as part of the 'Biggest Memorial Ceremony to the Holocaust in the UK'. We also assisted in the hosting of the **Tribe-a-side Football Tournament** with Tribe UK for 100 players.

Away from the communal ties, Maccabi GB announced a groundbreaking commercial partnership with **Spire Bushey Healthcare**. The partnership, which began in April, 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 Maccabi GB projects and events with high quality healthcare advice and training.



The Bowls on the Lawn group

Maintaining strong links to our affiliates, **Chigwell Maccabi** have hosted many 'Inbetweeners' events over the last three months which has seen participants enjoy trips out to high-climb obstacle courses, a weekend away at Skeet House and a Fun Day where over 100 people turned up for an Indoor BBQ, activities and family quiz. **Manchester Maccabi** hosted the Maccabi Friendship Football Trophy, a nationwide tournament for 120 players, aged 7-15, which welcomed Jewish players from

across the Anglo-Jewish Communities of England and Scotland. Similar to Maccabi GB's Golf Invitational event, **Maccabi London Brady (MLB)** hosted their own Golf Fundraiser for MLB and London Lions, which hosted 50 people at the Mariot Hanbury Manor Golf Club.

The Maccabi Football Leagues continue to remain a central part of Jewish, sporting life for hundreds of players of all ages. The domestic football season concluded with the annual **Maccabi GB Southern Football League (MGBSFL) Cup Finals** and **Awards Evening**. Staying on the subject of Football and the **Maccabi GB Junior Football League (MGBJFL)** held their 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. Kudos must also go to **Maccabi GB Table Tennis** as three of its five teams in the Wembley and Harrow League gained promotion to the next divisions. In addition, several of the younger players demonstrated dramatic improvement in standard and will play in two divisions higher next season. We also maintain tight bonds with the Maccabi Masters Football League and Manchester Jewish Soccer League. Mentions, also, must go to Brady Maccabi, Catford & Bromley Maccabi, HMH, Langdon Foundation, Leicester Maccabi, Maccabi GB Cricket, Maccabi GB Netball, Maccabi GB Ten Pin Bowling, Maccabi Lawn Bowls and Maccabi Track & Field.

Looking ahead

Partnership work for the future includes attending more **fundraising telethons for UJIA**, the second **FootGolf** event with Boys Town Jerusalem and our annual Second-hand Kit Drive as part of **Mitzvah Day 2016**.



SUMMARY

Building on what we offer

Maccabi GB is incredibly proud of our actions and achievements in the first six months of 2016. The programmes you have read about bode well for the future of our organisation and sport, health & wellbeing in the Jewish Community as a whole.

Our Community Sports Programme will always provide an outlet for participants to play a variety of sports in an inclusive and non-judgmental environment; Sport, Health and Wellbeing will find innovative and engaging ways to keep Jewish people active longer into their lives; we have held some fantastic major events, including the 10th Anniversary of the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run where welcomed more participants and charities than ever before, and have more of these events planned. The School Sports Programme has grown continues to provide the best coaching for our Community's young sports enthusiasts whilst bringing together hundreds of Jewish players throughout the year in School Tournaments. Streetwise and Leadership will continue to inspire confidence and personal development to young people whilst also molding the next generation of communal Leaders. Team GB will fly the flag for Anglo-Jewry on the international stage, as we did last year with the EMG, JCC and Pan-American Maccabi Games, this year already with the EMFT and as we intend to do during the upcoming JCC Maccabi Games 2016 and the 20th Maccabiah Games. The organisation will work tirelessly to build strong connections with our communal partners, members of the Community with disabilities and the State of Israel. These incorporate the Maccabi Tzair Chanukah Torch Relay, the Maccabi Challenge Israel Tour and the aforementioned Maccabiah Games.

A healthier Community is a happier Community. It is a Community which continues to thrive, continues to connect and continues to hold strong bonds to one another and to Israel. Maccabi GB will always look to be part of that fabric, responsible for helping Britain's Jewish Community take the next step to being healthier, living longer and doing it together.



