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**MACCABI GB QUARTERLY REPORT**

Q3: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016



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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; Maccabi GB Community Badminton which returned for a second, consecutive year and 36 male and female Junior, Open and Masters athletes compete in Singles and Doubles competitions, selling out the event; 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 – saw two more tours in 2016, 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 event 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

We waved 'goodbye' to Great Britain's Junior athletes in the summer as they collected their official JCC Maccabi Games & JCC Maccabi ArtFest 2016 attire before jetting off to Stamford, Connecticut to take part in the annual sporting and performing arts showcase. It was the largest Jewish International Sports competition and Performing Arts Showcase of the year, Team GB won a fantastic 39 medals in America as well as take part in charitable projects and made thousands of Jewish connections from around the globe. This is the perfect event to start them on their international career.

Preparations are in full flow for Team GB's 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games. Sports Chairs, Managers and Coaches have been appointed, many squads are confirming their final selections and training in all the sports is ongoing. Maccabi GB Life President, Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum, officially launched Team GB's Maccabiah Games campaign during a unique event at the House of Lords in June. 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 take part in three Future Leaders Forum (FLF) this year – one at the aforementioned Plenum in Israel, one in Holland and one in Tuscany. This gave us an opportunity to discover what other Maccabi TO's are doing around the world and build stronger connections with our young communities.

Our commitment to Israel and, in a separate vein, members of the Community with learning difficulties, was underlined with the Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour which took place in September of this year. Nine young participants and their seven 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. Whilst out in Israel, the group spent an incredible 11 days touring round the country taking part in cultural, historical, social and Jewish experiences; many had never left the UK before so it was rewarding to create such an influential trip for them. 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). We were excited to announce two new developments this year. Firstly, we now provide Sports Provisions for two new Charedi Schools – Talmud Torah Tiferes Shlomoh and Lubavitch Boys' Primary School. Secondly, we were pleased to create a partnership with The Elms Sports Group, which will see both organisations provide more School Sports Coaching, at a higher level, and will now see us reach 2,200 young people weekly.

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 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 and in July 50 Leadership by Streetwise participants followed suit by graduating following a fantastic 2015/2016 Year.

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. This year 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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Maccabi GB's Junior athletes were proudly flying the flag for Anglo-Jewry this Summer in Stamford, Connecticut at the **JCC Maccabi Games** and, for the first time ever, at the **JCC Maccabi ArtsFest**. Our Delegation of 66 young athletes and their Management Team – led by Heads of Delegation, Janice and Ian Aarons - spent two weeks in America competing in seven sports competitions (including Football, Table Tennis, Tennis, Swimming, Golf, Lacrosse and Dance) and performing arts masterclasses. The squad stayed with host families, took part in a charitable project, experienced a 'Maccabi Shabbat' and even made a poignant visit to Ground Zero in New York before flying home. They returned to the UK with a fantastic haul of 39 medals, hundreds of new, Jewish friendships from around the world and thousands of memories which will stay with them forever.



*Team GB's JCC Maccabi Games Delegation get ready to fly out to Stamford*

Since recruitment began for Team GB managers, coaches, athletes, medical personnel and Junior Managers in September 2015, preparations for the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games in 2017 have been going strong. Almost all the appointments have been made for Sports Chairs and Management Teams - including the Delegation's General Team Managers – and many of the sports are close to confirming which participants they will be taking to Israel, with squad training sessions ongoing. Plans are also continuing for Team GB's extensive and educational Maccabiah Games Pre-Camp.

#### Looking ahead

As has been mentioned, recruitment 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 from the Autumn and the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games Pre-Camp schedule will be finalised by the start of 2017.

As quickly as the JCC Maccabi Games came and went, recruitment will begin again at the end of 2016 for another incredible summer of sport and performing arts in America as the JCC Maccabi Games & JCC Maccabi Artsfest 2017 will both be in Miami.



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## MAJOR EVENTS

*Engaging our Community in a variety of ways*

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Exactly one month before the JCC Maccabi Games and JCC Maccabi Artsfest 2016 Great Britain's young representatives were adorned in the red, white and blue of the Union Flag Magen David as they were presented with their official competition uniforms at the ceremonial **JCC Maccabi Games Kit Day**. The event, at The Bushey Academy, saw the athletes and their families receive a talk about the sporting and performing arts events before the unveiling of the uniform they would be training and competing in throughout August.



*Maccabi GB's JCC Maccabi Games Delegation at Kit Day*

In September representatives from Maccabi GB took part in the **European Maccabi Confederation's Future Leaders' Forum (FLF) Sports Seminar Weekend** in Tuscany, Italy. The 5-day Seminar had a sports themed programme and included sailing, paddle boarding, volleyball, football and yoga sessions. There were also sessions delivered by FLF members looking at sports within the media, the psychological and emotional benefits of sport, the history of the Maccabi Movement and the progress of the Maccabiah Games 2017.



*Maccabi GB's Future Leaders Forum representatives*

### Looking ahead

Following Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, 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 last three months of the year have included more of our latest events held under the SHW banner. Now a cornerstone of the programme the **Jewish Walking Tour of London** had its latest edition this quarter. The Tour in September welcomed 21 participants who helped fully-book the Walk for the fifth consecutive occasion. The group were given a unique guide to the 'glitz and glamour of Jewish Soho', learning about the history of Jewish London whilst getting active at their own pace with other members of the Community.

Another major event as part of SHW was **Bowls on the Lawn** – a partnership event with Jewish Care and Woodcock Park where Jewish participants could learn, practice or hone their skills in the sport of Lawn Bowls. Of the sold-out group of 25, there was a wide variety of new and experienced players who had all taken part in the day to combine getting active with being social.



*The Maccabi GB Jewish Walking Tour of London gets ready to set 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 Q4) 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*

### **Q3: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016**

Following its much-anticipated return in 2015, we hosted the **Maccabi GB Community Badminton Day** for the second consecutive year. The sold-out event saw 36 male and female participants compete in Singles and Doubles competitions across three age groups – Junior, Open & Masters – making it

another successful event. The event gave members of the Community the opportunity to get some exercise in a non-judgmental, sporting setting, whilst also bringing them together socially.



*The Maccabi GB Community Badminton*

### **Looking ahead**

The end of 2016 will see us host the annual, and always popular, **Maccabi GB Community Ice Skating** whilst we are exploring unique ways to reach those who may want to get active in a fun way via other sports. 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*

### **Q3: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016**

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.

Despite the end of the academic year, and the subsequent School Summer Holidays, Maccabi GB continued to provide sporting outlets for young people across the Community and beyond.

We held a unique sports session in August, engaging 50 young people from Israel who were terminally ill, during the **Zichron Menachem Fun Day 2016**. The event, at the Princess Alexandra Home, Stanmore, saw 150 children travel all the way from Israel for the occasion and saw MGB coach the participants in football drills, before they played some team-bonding games and matches. Each child received a Maccabi GB medal for participating and some were given MGB trophies for awards, all during a concluding ceremony.





*Some of the young participants whom Maccabi GB coached during the Zichron Menachem Fun Day*

Towards the end of the summer, we announced the full schedule for the **Maccabi GB & Jewish Chronicle School Sports Tournaments** throughout the 2016/2017 school calendar. In total, we will host 50 Tournaments for Primary and Secondary School students, giving them the opportunity to play sport alongside their Jewish peers from other schools.

There was a major announcement this September as we announced that we would be establishing a new partnership with **The Elms Group Ltd.** – one of the leading providers of sports coaching, venues and recreational leagues in the UK. This will result in more young, Jewish people across London receiving a higher quality and quantity of sports provision in their Schools than ever before. The partnership, which begins with immediate effect, initially launches with the two organisations delivering high-level coaching in ten Jewish Primary Schools from the beginning of the 2016/2017 academic year. The partnership 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. Following the partnership, Maccabi GB will now engage 2,200 young people on a weekly basis – an increase of 500 pupils - further underlying their reputation as the key supplier of Jewish sport to Anglo-Jewry.

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**

Away from the Schools, but catering for the same age groups, we will hold our next **Maccabi GB Sports Clinic** at Maccabi GB @ Kulanu in October. The specialised, four-day-clinic will be held at the MGB-managed indoor sports and events venue in Kenton and will give young people the opportunity to build or develop their Table Tennis Skills whilst, most importantly, remaining active over the term break.

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*

### **Q3: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016**

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. The last three months have been some of the busiest in terms of trips between the two nations. One of our biggest projects of the year – and our largest Israel trip – was the **Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour 2016**. For eleven days in September nine young participants - who all have learning difficulties - and their seven leaders travelled around the Holy Land taking part in a number of 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 to riding camels through the desert, every member of the group ‘challenged’ themselves each and every day during the trip. This resulted in plenty life-changing developments for each of the young people. This ranged 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 making and contributing to conversations with ease and laughter.

To put significance of the Tour into words is a challenge in itself. The whole trip was the most incredible experience giving the young participants 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 need to give 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 directing them to many different organisations that can support and encourage their skill and interest in different areas.



*The Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour 2016 at the Western Wall*

Around the same time the MGB Challenge group were in Israel, another one of our regular tours was also there. The **Maccabi GB Lawn Bowls Israel Tour 2016** took part in a ten day trip around the country. During the event the 46-person delegation – led by Maccabi GB Hon Vice President and Maccabi GB Lawn Bowls Chair, Stuart Lustigman - played a number of matches against local teams and visited many cultural, historical and charitable sites, making plenty of friends along the way.



*The Maccabi GB Lawn Bowls Israel Tour 2016*

In July this year's **FZY Israel Tour** had a very 'Maccabi GB feel' as the participants took part in an FZY Maccabia Games, which was endorsed by Maccabi GB for the first time ever. As part of the event, all of the 10 FZY Tours - two of which (Tours 7 & 8) were specific Sports Tracks and also endorsed by Maccabi GB - took part in a number of categories ranging from quizzes, performing arts, education and, of course, sports. The Maccabi GB-endorsed Sports Track Tours spent much of their time in Israel

taking part in Maccabi and sports-focused activities. These included visiting sporting projects, exploring the Kfar Maccabiah – home of the Maccabi Movement – as well as seeing the Maccabi Museum of Sport and even receiving a talk from Rabbi Carlos Tapiero, Deputy Director-General & Director of Education. This gave us an opportunity to expand our partnership work within the Community (see below) and assist a communal youth group in providing physical exercise activities to young people.

### Looking ahead

Following the **Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour** and **Maccabi GB Lawn Bowls Association Israel Tour** the next event, in November, will be the **Maccabi Masters Football League Israel Tour**, which sees a similar format to the latter (the tour will combine matches with cultural, historical and charitable visits) 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 **72<sup>nd</sup> 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.

During the last three months Streetwise engaged 538 young people across 15 Jewish primary schools in their **Transition to Secondary School Campaign** in July, which aided and prepared young people in what to expect when going from primary to secondary school. They also engaged 150 young people in years 5 and 6, in **SRE** sessions, which covered the basics of **Puberty and Reproduction**. In August, Streetwise ran sessions over 12 **Summer Camps and Schemes** across the UK (including some in Wales and Devon) engaging 680 young people in total. They explored issues such as body image, sexual health, peer pressure, internet safety and healthy living with young people in Reception to Year 13. The return to school in September saw Streetwise engaging 550 young people in **Life Skills Days** for Years 9, 10 and 11 discussing the myths and facts of sexual health.

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

The highlight of the last three months – and arguably the whole year – was in July as 50 participants graduated from the Leadership by Streetwise Programme 2015/2016 across two Graduation Weekends in Northampton and Elstree respectively. The year-long course, which began in September 2015, had the young people working with a number of differing demographics across the Community including young people, those with learning difficulties and elderly care residents. The Leadership participants learnt how to plan, create and run their own sports & activity sessions so that they can

run clubs, teams and classes as potential future leaders within the Jewish Community. Upon completing their course the sports leaders received their official Sports Leaders UK accreditation.



*The Leadership by Streetwise graduates were all delighted with their sports accreditations*

### **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.

In a ground-breaking development, Streetwise is launching a new, Government-funded, partnership programme supported by Tell MAMA (the national project which records and measures anti-Muslim incidents in the United Kingdom) and Kick It Out (the sports-focused, anti-discrimination group) called **'STAND UP! Education Against Discrimination'**. The Programme aims to empower young people to learn about and act against all forms of discrimination, Antisemitism and racism whilst developing their social responsibility.

The new **Leadership by Streetwise 2015/2016** 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*

### **Q3: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016**

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.

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 and Maccabi GB Table Tennis Club uses it as a base of operations for training and matches. These partnerships are run alongside additional independent football, table tennis, netball and basketball groups who meet at Maccabi GB @ Kulanu on a weekly basis.

In addition, 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.

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 and a weekly Pilates group 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 October as pupils will have another outlet to remain active during the School Holidays.



## 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.

This quarter's affiliate and partnerships activity was especially eventful. Maccabi GB were proud to represent the UK's Jewish Community in September as we took part in a celebratory interfaith youth football tournament to launch **The Barnet Unity of Faiths Festival**. MGB entered two teams – one of boys and one of girls, many of whom represented Great Britain at this summer's JCC Maccabi Games in Stamford, Connecticut – who played in friendly matches against mixed teams of Muslim and Christian players, aged 16 and under. The event, at Allianz Park Stadium, was organised by Borough of Barnet's Multi-Faith Forum in association with The Unity of Faiths Foundation Programme (TUFF). It utilised the latter's model of integration-through-football. Staying on the subject of football and Maccabi GB joined together with Boys Town Jerusalem to help them promote their annual **Footgolf** event – a unique sport which combines elements of football and golf.

We also held the aforementioned **Bowls on the Lawn** event, which was a partnership between MGB and Jewish Care, as well as continue our link with Chai Cancer Care – which sees us lead regular walking groups for Chai clients – and our Sports Department established further links with Camp Simcha and JW3 Jewish Community Centre by hosting a number of sports sessions and activities over the summer.

Away from the communal ties, Maccabi GB announced the aforementioned commercial partnership with **The Elms Sports Group** which began in September.

Maintaining strong links to our affiliates, **Chigwell Maccabi** hosted many events over the last three months, the highlight of which was undoubtedly the 'Chigs JYC Summer Scheme', a three-week camp full of activities, entertainment and games for young people aged 4-11 years old. **Manchester Maccabi** main focus has centered around their Kids Clubs; they held a 4 week Football Academy for 40 participants a day as well as 2 weeks of a 'Simply Cooking at Maccabi' Course which engaged 250 young people. In London, **Maccabi London Brady (MLB)**'s Maccabi Harriers Athletics Programme is going strong, welcoming over 25 children aged 9-15 years old to weekly training sessions at Allianz Park with expert coaching in Track & Field disciplines.

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 began with the MGB-sponsored **Maccabi GB Southern Football League (MGBSFL)** and **Maccabi GB Junior Football League (MGBJFL)** both kicking off again in September. In addition, **Maccabi GB Table Tennis** announced a fantastic six squads who will compete in the Wembley & Harrow Table Tennis League 2016/2017.

### **Looking ahead**

Our future activity in this area includes, new partnerships with **Dyrham Park Golf Club** and the Union of Jewish Students (UJS), plus our annual Second-hand Kit Drive as part of **Mitzvah Day 2016**. We will also be hosting the much-anticipated **Maccabi GB Inter-charity Quiz**, which brings together communal organisations for a fun, social evening at the end of the year.



## SUMMARY

### *Building on what we offer*

Maccabi GB is incredibly proud of our actions and achievements throughout 2016 so far. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 and this has grown further thanks to our new link with The Elms Sports Group. 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 proudly fly the flag for Anglo-Jewry on the international stage, as we did last year with this year's JCC Maccabi Games and as we prepare to do so again at the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games in 2017. 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 upcoming Maccabi Tzair Chanukah Torch Relay, the recent Maccabi Challenge Israel Tour and next year's Maccabi World Union Plenums.

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.

