INTRODUCTION
Q1: JANUARY – MARCH 2016

There were many amazing memories which sum up 2015 for Maccabi GB. In total, we hosted over 250 events which engaged over 40,000 Jewish people across the UK. Each one was varied in its method and outcome, but each had the same purpose – to bring together our Community using sport as a delivery system. As the clock struck midnight on 1st January and moved into a New Year, our dedication to the Jewish sport, health and wellbeing did not falter and we continued to offer a 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 20 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.

We launched 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 has already smashed the record for most charities involved (62 eclipsing the previous 48 from 2015) and know even welcomes 3 communal Schools as options to fundraise for. We anticipate it will welcome more runners, joggers and walkers than ever before as it celebrates its 10th Anniversary. Plans were also made to host a partnership event with young UJIA: Behind the Scenes with Ben Winston, which will be in April later this year.

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 underway. The same can be said for Great Britain’s JCC Maccabi Games Delegation. As well as host a number of trials and training sessions, Maccabi GB made an exciting announcement – we will be taking a delegation to America for the JCC Maccabi Artsfest 2016. Finally, we began recruiting for Managers and players to represent Maccabi GB at the European Maccabi Football Trophy (EMFT) in Spain this summer.

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 January and March 2016 via campaigns including Healthy Living, Anti-Bullying and Safer Internet Day. Leadership by Streetwise also continued a strong 2015/2016 Year by hosting their latest ‘Hands-On Events’.

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.

TEAM GB
Representing our country and Community abroad

Q1: JANUARY – MARCH 2016
Even though the European Maccabi Games 2015 is now in our history, the poignancy and impact of Berlin made a lasting impression on Maccabi GB that will stay with us for the next major international tournament. Only a few weeks after our athletes returned home last summer, we began preparations for the 20th Maccabiah Games in 2017. Recruitment began in September 2015 and since the beginning of January this year the first set of appointments were made for Sports Chairs and Management Teams, including the Delegation’s General Team Managers. Plans also began for Team GB’s extensive and educational Maccabiah Games Pre-Camp. The first of six Management Meetings for the Maccabiah took place at the beginning of March, as did the first set of trials for a number of sports.

Just as our EMG2015 athletes did in Germany, Great Britain’s young representatives made the country and Community proud when they competed at the annual JCC Maccabi Games 2015 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Plans began for the 2016 event which will take place in Stamford, Connecticut, in October 2015 with new Heads of Delegation announced and closely followed by Great Britain’s JCC
Maccabi Games Management Team. 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. There was an exciting development in January as MGB announced that we planned to participate in the JCC Maccabi ArtsFest 2016, also in Stamford, which is a combination of performing arts and Jewish & social experiences.

The end of December 2015 to the beginning of January 2016 brought with it another fantastic international, Jewish sports tournament. The Pan American Maccabi Games gave Great Britain another opportunity to extend our reach across the globe by joining 19 other countries and 3,000 Jewish competitors in Santiago, Chile. Maccabi GB took a dedicated Delegation (one Masters Futsal Team and two Open Tennis players) and our athletes did us proud – on and off the sporting arena – winning one Bronze Medal and making many friends along the way.
In March we cast an eye on the European Maccabi Football Trophy (EMFT) which sees the best Jewish Football and Fustal 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). Recruitment began for Open & Masters players in the Male and Female categories with the logistical planning also underway in the first quarter of the year.

**Looking ahead**
As has been mentioned, recruitment has already begun for Team GB athletes to represent their country and Community in both Israel and America. All final squads are forecast to be announced by 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 EMFT squads are to be announced in April following trials. Training will be ongoing until the competition in June. Then, later in the year, Anglo-Jewry will be waving goodbye to our young athletes who travel to America in August for the JCC Maccabi Games 2016 in Stamford, Connecticut.

**Q1: JANUARY – MARCH 2016**
In February, a number of representatives from Maccabi GB and Leadership by Streetwise took part in the Future Leaders Forum (FLF) in Amsterdam. The three day trip welcomed young, Jewish Leaders from Maccabi TOs around the world and consisted of talks from key speakers, sessions where the
participants shared ideas on how to run programmes and events plus a Maccabi Shabbat and opportunities to socialise in a Jewish setting.

Looking ahead
There are plenty of major events taking place in 2016, starting with the Maccabi GB National Table Tennis Championships 2016, which will pit the best Jewish table tennis players in the UK against each other, in April. This will be closely followed by a joint fundraiser with our partners, UJIA, which will give participants the opportunity to spend An Evening with Ben Winston, the famous producer behind One Direction and James Corden who will be interviewed by Heat Magazine Editor, Boyd Hilton. In May members of Maccabi GB will be joining 10,000 Jewish people from around the world during the March of the Living 2016, where participants walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau in memory of those who did the same during the Holocaust. The biggest domestic event of the year will undoubtedly be the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2016. Held at Allianz Park Sports Stadium for the third successive year, the MGB CFR will celebrate its 10th Anniversary and has already broken the record for most Jewish charities signed-up (61 to date). The domestic football season concludes with the annual Maccabi GB Macc 5’s – welcoming a selection of teams from U9’s to Masters. Staying on the subject of Football and Maccabi GB are in discussions to host the return of the Maccabi GB National Junior Football Trophy (MGBNJFT), a nationwide tournament for ages 7-15 to incorporate Jewish players from across England and Scotland. 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 Maccabi GB Kit Day. Following Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we plan to host another Fundraising event with the Maccabi GB Sports Awards 2016 celebrating our Community’s great sporting achievements of the previous year.

SPORT, HEALTH & WELLBEING
Keeping the Community happier and healthier for longer

Q1: JANUARY – MARCH 2016
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 first SHW event of 2016 was a Maccabi GB Jewish Walking Tour of London. Following on from the success of the regular Maccabi GB Walking Club, we created our very own bespoke Walking Tours, each designed to guide participants around a different part of London, learning about Jewish history and culture around the capital, whilst exercising and making new, Jewish friends. The one in March explored the Jewish influences behind the City of London’s iconic buildings and skyline.
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.
Thanks to SHW, we have been able to create ties with other communal organisations allowing us to extend our reach further than ever before (something which we will explore later in this Report). Our close ties with Chai Cancer Care see MGB running a weekly Walking Group for their clients, which launched again regularly from January following a hiatus over the New Year.

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 Maccabi GB Jewish Walking Tours (with the next one in May) and the annual Maccabi GB Community Dog Walk, where members of the Community get active using their pets as inspiration. There will also be another Lawn Bowls Taster, which is always incredibly popular, and a brand new Maccabi GB Bridge which will give participants a chance to exercise their brains as part of the Sport, Health & Wellbeing initiative.

COMMUNITY SPORTS PROGRAMME

Q1: JANUARY – MARCH 2016
Our Community Sports Programme provides specific sporting outlets for participants to play regardless of their age or ability. These have engaged a variety of demographics across the Community from January-March 2016. They engaged both seasoned and novice sportspeople alike, bringing them together to play sport. January brought with it one of our newest Community Sports Days – the MGB 3-v-3 Streetball Tournament - where 30 participants took part in a competition based upon the smaller-version of Basketball. Hosting such a unique and fresh event gave us the opportunity to engage members of the Community which we had not reached previously.

The National Shuls Table Tennis League (NSTTL) had a new twist this year as we welcomed 60 players for a day of ping pong at the London Academy in February. As well as the always-entertaining competition, 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 other players were over 80, showing the popularity of the sport within the Community.
In March we held one of our most popular Community Sports Days ever when 130 participants took part in **Maccabi GB Community Netball** this March. Jewish females of all ages and differing abilities formed a record twelve teams and took part in a 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. The event was in celebration of International Women’s Day 2016 and partnered with Sport England campaign, ‘THIS GIRL CAN’. 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.
Looking ahead

**Community Badminton**, at Hendon Leisure Centre in April, will see 40 attendees play in Singles and Doubles competitions in a fun and welcoming environment. As the summer sun returns to the UK, with it brings a number of outside events. The first ever **Maccabi GB Golf Invitational** will combine a sold out golf tournament for 20 teams with an opportunity to raise funds for MGB’s numerous programmes, projects and events. The day is expected to welcome 100 people. This will closely be followed by the return of the increasingly-popular **Community Lawn Bowls Day**. The end of 2016 will see us host the annual, and always popular, **Maccabi GB Community Ice Skating**.

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**SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMME**

*Introducing a passion for sport from a young age*

**Q1: JANUARY – MARCH 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. The numbers speak for themselves:

We continue to engage 1,300 young people each week across the whole School Sports Programme. Since June we have delivered 1,320 separate PE Curriculum lessons & sports clubs and held 22 School Sports Tournaments which engaged 3,000 young athletes in total.

Since January we have hosted a number of fantastic Jewish School Sports Tournaments. A **Primary School Girls Football** tournament welcomed over 200 young athletes in March, a **Primary School Boys Football** Tournament featured the same number of teams in January than the FIFA World Cup does (32) and a March Netball competition was so large we had to split the 18 teams into two separate simultaneous competitions. 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 February 2016. This gave our Community’s young people a chance to remain active during the School Holidays whilst trying out, or honing skills in, their favourite sports. This will be explored later in this Report.
A new initiative began at the start of 2016 and has grown in popularity. **Girls Football Development Sessions** sees 20 young footballers sell-out the sessions on a fortnightly basis to receive top-class coaching from a Maccabi GB, FA-qualified female coach. The girls’ progress has been evident as their parents, teachers and classmates have noticed their improved skills at Maccabi GB School Sports Tournaments.

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 through to July 2016 and the end 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

Looking ahead
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. We are looking forward to the annual MWU Plenum and Future Leaders Forum (FLF) in May 2016 which members of our Senior Team and young representatives will be attending respectively. September 2016 will also see the return of the Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour. 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.

Maccabi Tzair Chanukah Torch Relay 2015
Also in September, 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.

Q1: JANUARY – MARCH 2016
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 January 2016, Streetwise engaged 1,000 young people across 25 Schools in their Healthy Living Campaign, which was run in partnership with Maccabi GB, and encouraged young people to live an all-round, healthier lifestyle. In February, Streetwise held their Internet Safety Campaign around Safer Internet Day for 2,000 pupils. This included sessions on how to be safer online. Also in this Quarter, we reached 80 young people in Secondary Schools as part of the Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme – an interfaith programme which is managed and facilitated by Streetwise. The participants took part in a number of Masterclasses in order to gain a greater understanding of how to become communal leaders of the future.
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.

82 young people took part in the first ‘Hands-on Events’ of the year, where the participants put their training into action by helping for elderly participants in the Sam Beckman Care Home or helping in the running of activities at Redbridge JCC.

**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 Transition to Secondary School Campaign in Spring 2016, more Body Image and Gender Discrimination sessions and we will also start an exciting project on interfaith work in schools later in the year.

The Leadership by Streetwise 2015/2016 Year will continue in April and May with the next ‘Hand’s-On Events’ and residential weekends before the participants get ready for the hotly-anticipated graduation weekend in the summer of 2016. A new Programme begins again with the Bogrim Planning Shabbat 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*

**Q1: JANUARY – MARCH 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.

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. February 2016
saw us hold a **Table Tennis Clinic** for 40 participants which sold out both days of the clinics. The sessions were designed to keep young people active over the School Half Term whilst learning new or honing current table tennis skills alongside other Jewish people their age.

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 April 2016 as Year 5-8 pupils will be able to choose between Table Tennis or Girls Football in four days of sport over the Pesach School Holidays.
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 previously highlighted partnership with Chai Cancer Care, where MGB continues to provide Chai’s clients with regular walking groups, a unique partnership project began in January 2016 with Step by Step to create the Maccabi GB Cycle Club for 16 young, Jewish people with physical and learning disabilities. The partnership saw MGB support 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.

Maintaining strong links to our affiliates, Chigwell Maccabi held an enjoyable and unique ‘Inbetweeners Fun Day’, where young people ran programmes and organised a Fun Day, Quiz and Indoor BBQ for 100 people. Manchester Maccabi has had an incredibly busy quarter, taking more centre bookings than ever before (for Simchas and sporting events) and hosting 90 lunches a week in their new cafeteria, which is accessible to the Community. Maccabi London Brady (MLB) has hosted a very successful MLB February Camp, giving participants a choice to spend their day playing football or taking part in the multi-activity zone whilst also incorporating in a trip to ‘Kidzania’ Play Centre.

The Maccabi Football Leagues continue to remain a central part of Jewish, sporting life for hundreds of players of all ages. Our sponsorship with the Maccabi GB Southern Football League (MGBSFL) is thriving, as is our new sponsorship of the Maccabi GB Junior Football League (MGBJFL) – engaging over 500 young footballers each week. 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 Table Tennis, Maccabi GB Netball, Maccabi GB Ten Pin Bowling, Maccabi Lawn Bowls and Maccabi Track & Field.
Looking ahead
Partnership work for the future includes our participation in the Yom Hashoah as part of the ‘Biggest Memorial Ceremony to the Holocaust in the UK’, hosting a Tribe-a-side Football Tournament with Tribe UK, attending a number of fundraising telethons for UJIA 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 at the start 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 and have more planned, including the 10th Anniversary of the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run, where we will be looking to welcome even more participants and charities and break even more records than ever before. The School Sports Programme 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, and as we intend to do during the upcoming EMFT, 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.