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**MACCABI GB 2016 PROGRESS REPORT**





*Maccabi GB Chair David Pinnick (second left) at the Sir Martin Sorrell Fundraising Breakfast with (left to right) MGB President Michael Ziff, Sky Presenter Samantha Simmonds, Sir Martin Sorrell, CEO Martin Berliner, Vice-Chair Daniel Collins and Life President, Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum*

# RECORD-BREAKING. MEMORABLE. HISTORIC.

To choose one highlight of the year is difficult but for me the European Maccabi Games (EMG) 2015 in Berlin was memorable in so many ways. Two years in the making, Maccabi Great Britain sent its largest ever delegation of 255 participants to Berlin to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with over 3,000 Jewish athletes from around the world, united in sport and Judaism at the Olympic Village, once home to Hitler's 1936 'Nazi Olympics'. Of course, medals were won and our athletes performed remarkably well winning a record-breaking 91 medals - but the significance of the first Jewish International Sports Tournament in Germany since the Holocaust was lost on no one that attended. Team Maccabi GB held its first ever EMG three day Pre-Camp programme that included meaningful visits to historic sites such as the Brandenburg Gate (which you can see on the front cover of this booklet), Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and Grunewald Station. The 460 plus supporters who also travelled understood the poignancy of our presence in Berlin, taking advantage of the plethora of Jewish, historical excursions and sites, on their days away from competition. For once the backdrop was greater than the sports events themselves.

It's hard to quantify and qualify the exact effects of our visit to Berlin and the emotions we all felt, but in this report we include the results of a unique EMG 2015 survey, highlighting our participants' feedback from Berlin. It confirms without a shadow of a doubt that what we do at Maccabi GB and our very reason for being works very well and is vital to the long term future of our people.

Staying abroad, our young athletes returned from the JCC Maccabi Games in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with a fantastic 79 medals and, more importantly, their first

taste of Jewish Sporting contests and friendships on an international stage. For the 13-16-year-olds, it has created Jewish bonds of friendship which stretch far beyond the sporting arena and will last for a lifetime.

When exploring our domestic reach, nothing engages more members of the Community in one event than the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run. This year's event was truly monumental, breaking records at every turn – 3,500 people, 2,000 participants, 48 communal organisations and £210,000 raised for those charities. It brought Jewish people of all ages, levels of observance and athletic abilities together under one roof (or on one running track), and inspired them to do what they could to be physically active whilst helping others. One could only be moved seeing first-time attendees of the event embody the spirit of the day by entering the 5km Walk, participants who trained for months braving the 10km and young members of the Community enjoying the 1km with their parents and grandparents. Combine this with the 400 people MGB has engaged via our unique Community Sports Days – such as Table Tennis, Badminton and Netball – and it underlines our status as the prime outlet for Jewish people to play sport and remain actively Jewish.

The Maccabi GB Sport, Health & Wellbeing Programme was created to engage more members of the Community than ever before, by finding unique and innovative ways to bring our Community together whilst keeping people active for longer. The many Jewish Walking Tours of London which we hosted throughout the year, combined in giving participants guided tours through different parts of London whilst learning about Jewish history and culture in a social setting and our popular

Community Dog Walk encouraged people to get some exercise using their dogs as motivation. We have extended our reach and our partnerships with other Jewish organisations during the year. These include tailored exercise classes for Jewish Care Residents and a weekly Walking Group for Chai Cancer Care clients, amongst others.

Our core business remains young people and we continue to feature in young Jewish lives on a daily basis. Our Sports Coordinators supply high quality PE Curriculum Lessons, lunch time and after School Clubs and Sports Tournaments and we reach over 1,300 young sportspeople every week throughout the year in London and now via our Regional Sports Coordinator in the North. Streetwise has also had an incredible, record-breaking year and - through campaigns such as Anti-Bullying, Internet Safety and Antisemitism Workshops – they will have breached the 22,000 figure mark for young people engaged in a calendar year. Our combined work sees over 2,000 young people each week and in addition our affiliates across the country are adding to the overall reach and role we have in shaping Jewish lives and Jewish identity.

We have engaged more Jewish people across the UK than ever before and, more significantly, we have broadened how we engage Jewish people, expanding and adapting our numerous programmes, projects and events to fit the ever-evolving needs of a Community who thanks to Maccabi GB are making sport, health and wellbeing core to their Jewish way of life.

**David Pinnick**  
Chairman of Maccabi GB

**Anglo-Jewish sport has had a special year thanks to Maccabi GB and its affiliates – the Community's sole provider of sport, health and wellbeing programmes.**



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# EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES

In 1936, Berlin welcomed athletes from around the world to compete in what was known as the 'Nazi Olympics'. It was meant to be Hitler's crowning glory of sporting achievement with his 'Aryan race' triumphing and Jewish competitors banned from participating.

Fast-forward almost 80 years and 3,000 Jewish athletes from 38 countries proudly and defiantly took part in the European Maccabi Games (EMG) 2015 in Berlin – the largest Jewish international sporting event to be held in Germany since the Shoah. Where once there were flags bearing the Swastika, now saw the multi-coloured, Magen David logo of the EMG. Where once was Hitler's voice, now echoed the impassioned chorus of the Hatikva in the Olympic Park. Never before had there been such a poignant and resounding message to those who preached Antisemitism across the decades – "We, the Jewish people, are still here."

Maccabi GB's Delegation, led by Daniel Collins and a dedicated and passionate Organising Committee and management team, was part of this historic occasion. The first ever Great Britain EMG Pre-Camp saw visits to Berlin landmarks steeped in significance. Team GB's 250-person squad climbed the Bell Tower overlooking the Olympic Park; they bowed their heads in silent prayer at the Grunewald Station, where 60,000 Jews were sent to concentration camps; our Juniors visited the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and met with a Holocaust Survivor; the entire Delegation cheered with pride underneath the Brandenburg Gate, the whole time wearing our Union Jack Star of David on our chest with pride. The families and friends who travelled to support Team MGB took part in their own 'Supporters' Friday Night Dinner for over 100 attendees, whilst every single EMG2015 participant helped break the Guinness World Record for Largest Shabbat, with all 3,000 in attendance.

The sport was just as memorable. An EMG-high of 91 medals returned home to Great Britain. We excelled on the court with the U16's, U18's and Open Futsal Teams all winning Gold. We made a splash in the pool, where 38 medals were won across Juniors and Masters. We lorded the Lanes as our Ten Pin Bowlers dominated in the Team Event to take the title. There were memorable Golds for U16 Football, Open Women's Badminton, Masters Golf, Table Tennis and Tennis athletes and the entire Squash squad. To add to our collection of 27 Golds, 34 Silvers and 30 Bronzes, our athletes carved friendships with their Jewish counterparts from around the world and left a legacy in Germany for future generations to look back on with pride.



*Team Maccabi GB U18 Futsal won Gold in Berlin*

**The European Maccabi Games 2015 was the first time an International Jewish Sports competition has been held in Germany since the Shoah**





# JCC MACCABI GAMES 2015

**Team GB received four awards for Sportsmanship throughout this year's tournament – one of the highest ever for a British Delegation**

Just as our EMG2015 athletes did in Germany over the summer, 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. The Delegation led by Helena and Brian Green, of 65 athletes (aged 13-16-years-old) and 12 person Management team lead Team Maccabi GB to a fantastic 79 medals across five sports including Football, Swimming, Table Tennis, Dance and Tennis.

The JCC Maccabi Games is the perfect example of young, Jewish people from

around the world coming together to share sporting, social and Jewish experiences with the British participants showing the incredible Rachmanus Spirit of sportsmanship which embodies this tournament. Many of our representatives received special recognition of their gamesmanship – whether it was for fair play, demonstrating honesty during competition and even creating a 'mixed-Delegations' team so that all participants could play with athletes from other countries. One of the things that makes the JCC Games so unique is the 'Caring and Sharing Day', which

involves all Delegations taking part in charitable causes. This year, Team MGB's athletes volunteered at a Food Bank for impoverished people and also took part in a Bowling session alongside young people with learning difficulties.

Whether it was as a platform for young, British athletes to get their first taste of international sports competition or as a tool for Jewish youth to build friendships and create stronger Jewish identities, the JCC Maccabi Games 2015 was an incredible event which, for many, is a gateway into the Maccabi Movement.







# MACCABI GB COMMUNITY FUN RUN

**This year's event broke all previous records welcoming 3,500 people, 2,000 participants, 48 charities and raising over £210,000 for Jewish causes**

Not many events in the Jewish Community engage thousands of people at one time and, if they do, rarely do they incorporate such a variety of ages, religious observances or abilities.

The Maccabi GB Community Fun Run (MGB CFR) is one of the most unique events within Maccabi GB's calendar of projects and programmes and is the Community's largest sporting event. This year's event at Allianz Park Stadium broke all records that stood before it, welcoming a record number of people (3,500), runners (2,000) and charities (48). The MGB CFR has evolved to cater for a wider variety of participants than ever before. The brand new 5km Walk and Tri-Run joined the already-popular 1km, 5km, and 10km distances. This allowed us to welcome a host of new and returning runners, joggers and walkers – from marathon-enthusiasts to regular ramblers; from grandparents walking hand-in-hand with their grandchildren to physically-impaired participants journeying around the running track in wheelchairs. Each person who crossed the finish line was the true embodiment of what the MGB CFR is about and, thanks to them, a record number of £210,000 was raised for Jewish charitable causes.

Away from the track, the Charity Fair and Kids' Zone underlined the Community Fun Run as a cornerstone of communal events and the brand new Sport, Health & Wellbeing Hub highlighted Maccabi GB's commitment to providing a healthier Jewish Community all year round.

*The 5k distance gets underway at this year's event*



**“In my opinion, the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run is the BEST community event of the year”**

*Spencer Gelding,  
Chief Executive Beit Halochem UK*





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# MAJOR EVENTS

Each year brings its own selection of Major Events for Maccabi GB. The last 12 months were no different as we hosted a variety which all differed in theme and purpose.

We raised the curtain on 2015 by welcoming members of the Community to a theatre night as part of a European Maccabi Games Fundraiser. The evening saw participants enjoy the play 'Taken at Midnight' whilst raising funds for Team GB's Delegation in Germany. The Annual Maccabi GB National Table Tennis Championships saw 65 table tennis enthusiasts from across the UK compete in a number of Singles and Doubles categories to determine who the best Jewish players were in the Community.

In May, we held the annual Macc 5's 5-a-side football competition. Over 300 footballers aged from U9 to Masters in 35 teams took part in the largest 5-a-side Jewish Football Tournament of the Summer, which gave participants their final chance of the 2014/2015 season to win silverware. Also over the Summer, in the build-up to our major international sports tournaments, we hosted two Kit Days for our EMG2015 and JCC Maccabi Games Delegations. Held at The Bushey Academy and Maccabi GB @ Kulanu, respectively, the Kit Days were an occasion for Great Britain's athletes and managers to be presented with their official kit, meet their teammates and receive inspirational talks from key speakers including Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum and Jason Smythe – the fastest Paralympian in history.

Following the Jewish New Year, Maccabi GB held a successful fundraising breakfast with Sir Martin Sorrell. The event, at the offices of Berwin Leighton Paisner, was overseen by Sky News Presenter Samantha

Simmons and included a Question & Answer session with Sir Martin, plus an appeal for the Maccabi GB Challenge Tour of Israel

– for young members of the Community with learning difficulties. The year concluded with the Maccabi GB Sports Awards 2015 – recognising the achievements of Jewish sportspeople and teams across the Community and beyond. Over 40 nominations were cast before a select judging panel chose the winners and capped what has been a truly incredible 12 months of sport.

*Sir Martin Sorrell is interviewed at the Maccabi GB Fundraising Breakfast*



*Michelle and Howard Steele take part in one of our sold-out Jewish Walking Tours of London*



**“Following the Lawn Bowls Taster Day, 30% of the participants who took part took up the sport on a regular basis”**

## SPORT, HEALTH & WELLBEING

The Sport, Health & Wellbeing (SHW) Programme was launched in 2014. Since then it has encouraged 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.

This year we hosted an amazing eight SHW events, which all catered for different audiences. Following on from the success of the regular Maccabi GB Walking Club, we created our very own bespoke Maccabi GB Jewish Walking Tours of London – five in total. Each one guided a sold-out group around a different part of London, learning about Jewish history and culture in our capital city, whilst exercising and making new, Jewish friends.

The stand-out event in the Programme was the Maccabi GB Community Dog Walk. As the name suggests, the Community Dog Walk gave members of the Community an opportunity to get out of the house and stroll around the park with their families and friends, using their canine chums as inspiration. We added that extra element of fun for the 60 dogs and 250 human attendees by including stalls, demonstrations and a number of competitions.

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 won the title in 2015 for the second consecutive season - as well as Team Maccabi 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 Jogging Club 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 Progress Report). Our partnership with Jewish Care saw us host the second 'Bowls on the Lawn' day. The taster event, at Woodcock Park Lawn Bowls Club, was for any age and any ability and saw 20 participants learn the sport in a social setting. Our close ties with Chai Cancer Care have evolved by MGB running a weekly Walking Group for their clients. Another partnership event within the Programme was Footgolf with Boys Town Jerusalem. 50 players enjoyed an afternoon of leisurely sport which mirrors golf, but replaces golf balls with footballs and golf clubs with a player's foot! The day was an incredible success and underlines our belief that staying active does not need to involve sweating in a gym or running round a sporting arena.



# COMMUNITY SPORTS PROGRAMME

Where Sport, Health & Wellbeing found any way for members of the Community to remain active and healthy, our Community Sports Programme provided specific sporting outlets for participants to play regardless of their age or ability.

These Community Sports Days engaged over 270 people in total, reaching a variety of demographics and engaging seasoned and novice sportspeople alike to play sport together. The Community Table Tennis Day, ran in conjunction with the National Shuls Table Tennis League (NSTTL) and welcomed 120 players at the London Academy. Some were as young as 3-years-old, whilst other players were over 60, showing the popularity of the sport within the Community. Community Badminton, at Hendon Leisure Centre, saw 40 attendees play in Singles and Doubles competitions. Such was the appeal of the event that we even welcomed whole families along who took part alongside each other.

One of the most popular Community Sports Days this year was undoubtedly the Maccabi GB Community Netball event. Jewish females of all ages and differing abilities formed eight teams and took part in a tournament. Despite its competitive edge, the event was run in friendly spirits and, of the 80 participants, 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 year ended with the fantastic Community Ice Skating Day – an event which hosted 20 participants from one of our partner organisations, Langdon, alongside families and friends who wanted to take part in a fun, energetic winter activity.

*Maccabi GB coach, Alex Elf, teaches a young table tennis player how to serve*

**The Community Sports Programme was personified by the Menachem Family, who brought every family member along to the Community Badminton Day – parents and children**







Open Badminton player, Aimee Shulton, won three medals whilst also coaching the Junior Team



Friends were made from all over the world - Our U18 Futsal team celebrate winning Gold alongside third placed Hungary



One of the destinations during the first ever Team MGB European Maccabi Games 2015 Pre-Camp was the Berlin Jewish Quarter



General Team Manager, Joel Nathan, leads a memorial service at Grunewald Station



Great Britain's Flag bearers (left to right) Open Football Coach, Adam Fegan, Masters Tennis Manager, Kenny Collins and Junior Swimmer, Rachel Ayrton





*U18 footballer Adam Ellis (right) gave his Team MGB cap to a holocaust survivor at the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp*



*Team Maccabi GB at the EMG2015 Opening Ceremony in the Waldbuhne Ampitheatre*



*Our U16 Football Team won Gold*



*Team Maccabi GB's Junior Swimmers won an incredible 32 medals between them*



# SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMME

Jewish sport at grassroots level has always been strong. We are incredibly proud to say that, thanks to our work in the last twelve months, it has risen to another level. The numbers speak for themselves:

**Total weekly numbers** – 1,300 young people engaged each week

**Total number of PE Curriculum lessons & sports clubs** – 1,800 delivered

**Total School Tournaments** – 32 different tournaments this year

**Total Unique Tournament Numbers** – 5,690 young people engaged

We hosted some of the largest Jewish School Sports Tournaments in our history with a Primary School Girls Football event welcoming over 250 young athletes in April, a Netball competition so large we had to split the teams into two separate events and a Primary School Boys Football Tournament featuring more teams than the FIFA World Cup were just some of the highlights. We also held annual events such as the Simchat Hamayim Swimming Gala and Secondary Schools Track & Field Day, both of which catered for over 650 athletes combined.

**More teams entered a recent Maccabi GB School Sports Tournament than the FIFA World Cup**

The new MGB Northern Sports Coordinator mirrors our Southern activity in the North of the UK and regularly engages over 130 young people each week via tailored sport and exercise sessions at The Zone in Leeds. This year he also worked on communal events at Manchester Maccabi and in regional schools providing similar activity.

As impressive as these figures are, these tournaments 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.



*Independent Jewish Day School win a Maccabi GB School Sports Tournament*



# ISRAEL & ABROAD

Maccabi GB's ties with our International Jewish Communities will always remain strong and we remain in regular contact with Maccabi World Union (MWU), the European Maccabi Confederation (EMC) and other Territorial Organisations (TOs).

The first event this year was the Maccabi GB Challenge Israel Tour Reunion at Maccabi GB @ Kulanu. Following a memorable Tour of Israel at the end of 2014, members of the group – all of whom have learning disabilities – and their parents attended the afternoon to reminisce about their journey around Israel and rekindle their newly-made, Jewish Friendships.

In May, our leadership attended the MWU Annual Congress (Plenum) and Future Leaders Forum (FLF) in Israel. The annual conference was an opportunity for 220 Maccabi Delegates from 36 countries around the world to congregate at the Maccabi headquarters, the Kfar Maccabiah in Ramat Gan, for important meetings, talks and announcements regarding the Movement. Amongst these was the official launch of the 20th Maccabiah Games in 2017. The EMC Congress 2015 was held in November hosted by Maccabi VAC Hungary in Budapest. During the Congress the Delegations voted that the European Maccabi Games 2019 (EMG) would be held in Budapest. As well as the events for the Senior Delegates, the aforementioned FLF is an opportunity for Maccabi's young leaders to meet, go on tailored field trips, receive insightful and groundbreaking talks from guest speakers and share ideas as to what makes their respective TO's successful.

In October a group of over 70 people – both players and spectators – travelled to Israel for the Maccabi GB Lawn Bowls Tour of Israel. Whilst there the group, organised and led by Maccabi GB Vice President Stuart Lustigman, played a number of matches around the country whilst also visiting the IDF, a number of attractions and charitable projects.

We ended the year by welcoming a group of Israeli teens from Maccabi Tzair to the UK for the 71st Maccabi GB Chanukah Torch Relay. Over ten days the Israeli representatives toured the UK visiting Schools, Nurseries, Clubs and Care Homes teaching about the meaning of Chanukah engaging over 3,000 people nationwide.

**“Joining Maccabi GB [on the Lawn Bowls Tour of Israel] was one of the best things I ever did. I have made so many new friends and I am proud of Maccabi GB's connection to Israel.”**

*Raphael Horowitz, Maccabi GB Lawn Bowls Tour of Israel participant*



*The 71<sup>st</sup> Maccabi GB Chanukah Torch Relay Delegation*

*Streetwise Manager Nathan Servi runs a session at a tailored Antisemitism Workshop*



**STREET  
WISE**

INSPIRING CONFIDENCE INSIDE AND OUT



development



Personal Safety



Courses + Workshops

# STREETWISE

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, 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.

This year has seen many highlights. As part of National Anti-Bullying Week, we reached over 6,000 young people in both Primary and Secondary Schools, making it one of the biggest projects of the year. As the sole provider of Antisemitism Education to Jewish pupils, Streetwise again held two bespoke Antisemitism Workshops, including the first one held by the organisation in Manchester. Additionally, our Personal Safety Session reached another high this year as 228 individual sessions were delivered, engaging 5,000 students.

Streetwise also reached an important milestone, celebrating its 10th year of “inspiring confidence inside and out” within our Community’s young people. The occasion was marked by an Anniversary Evening which welcomed a number of dignitaries, patrons and past participants of Streetwise’s fantastic work. The event included talks from key speakers and an exhibition of the organisation’s history and achievements.

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.

**Streetwise has engaged a record 22,000 young people in its 10th anniversary year**



# 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 graduated the course, which ran over the academic year 2014/15. It included two residential weekends and five 'Hands-on Events', where the young leaders put their training into action by running sessions for people with learning difficulties, sports activities for Summer Camp participants or helping in the running of the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run. Such is the popularity of 'Leadership' that it has grown from 64 participants in 2011 to 100 for the 2015/2016 year.



## The Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme

The Alan Senitt Community Leadership Programme continues to grow in equal success and popularity. 70 young people, from seven schools took part in the year-long course which brings pupils together for sessions on leadership skills and inclusivity. The course is a great mix of leadership training, interfaith, inter-communal work and social action projects, which truly benefit the schools' surrounding communities. It brings together young people from very different backgrounds who share a passion for learning and volunteering for the benefit of their local communities. The ultimate aim of the programme is to plan, create, and deliver a social action project in the local community and culminated in a graduation ceremony in the Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth.

**“The Leadership Programme has given me the confidence and experience to lead a variety of activities in a range of settings. The progression of the course has allowed me to build on my existing skills and implement them in increasingly new, challenging and rewarding environments, whilst also building lasting memories and friendships. The dynamic of Leadership is unique in that you are both a participant and a leader, which allows you to develop in a fun and relaxed setting, where you can learn from your planned sessions and the other participants..”**

*Rachel Rabin (aged 17), Leadership 2014/2015 participant*

*The Leadership by Streetwise 2014/2015 Graduation Ceremony*

**LEADERSHIP**  
2014/15 **BE INSPIRATIONAL!**



# MACCABI GB @ KULANU



**MACCABI GB @ KULANU HOSTED  
200 EVENTS IN ITS FIRST YEAR  
UNDER OUR STEWARDSHIP**

We are excited to oversee 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.

The first event to grace MGB @ Kulanu was a Handball & Futsal Half Term Clinic for 20 participants. Its popularity sent the benchmark for the increasing number of Sports Clinics we could provide for our Community's youth and this was followed throughout the year by another two clinics – this time for Table Tennis – for 70 young participants. We welcomed 140 of the JCC Maccabi Games Delegation and their parents for the JCC Parents' Meeting in the summer, which was followed by the prestigious JCC Maccabi Games Kit Day. The venue held numerous Maccabi GB and Streetwise sessions and workshops throughout the year, including the Streetwise Antisemitism Workshop, Leadership by Streetwise 'Hands On Events', the aforementioned Maccabi GB Challenge Tour 2014 Reunion, European Maccabi Games Managers Meetings and more. It has also played a key role in hosting a number of regular sports clubs, including MGB Table Tennis and local football and Basketball clubs, on a weekly basis.

The centre has been used as a crucial tool to expand our reach within the Community and create partnerships across communal organisations of all sectors. Six communal organisations have held separate Shabbatons there - Hasmonian Girls, Bnei Akiva, Ezra Boys, Ezra Girls, FZY and Movilim. There have also been events, fundraisers and seminars at the venue hosted by the likes of London Maccabi Vale, Streetwise and British Friends of the Israeli War Disabled. One such event was a unique reunion for 60 past members of Kenton Kulanu. At the end of 2015, we were delighted to host the inaugural Maccabi GB Inter-charity Quiz for a number of Jewish charities, highlighting the importance of the venue as a means in bringing the Community together.. MGB @ Kulanu has also created links with England Netball, Spencer Stage School and Soccer Stars, all of whom hosted regular clubs at the venue this year, along with weekly independent football, table tennis, netball and basketball groups.

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, with our partnership with Stars Nursery (beginning December 2015) underlining the centre's versatility and use as a communal venue.





Maccabi GB held an integrated football session for members of Kisharon and Langdon as part of Mitzvah Day 2015



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# PARTNERSHIPS & AFFILIATES

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 events with Boys Town Jerusalem and Jewish Care, our ties with the latter has also seen us create bespoke exercise sessions for residents of the Care Homes on a weekly basis. This began in April and has seen us engage over 50 elderly members of the Community in total. As previously mentioned in this Progress Report, following last year's initial partnership with Chai Cancer Care, this year we have seen MGB continue to provide Chai's clients with regular walking groups. Other examples of partnerships we have developed in 2015 include running a 'mini-Maccabiah' for Redbridge JCC Summer Camp, holding a Beach Sports Day at JW3 for Camp Simcha participants, hosting monthly sports clubs for Langdon clients and helping to send a group of 30 participants to Israel for the UJIA Bike and Hike Tour – either a 10km Walk or 80km cycle near Tel Aviv. We were proud to join a number of partners as part of Mitzvah Day 2015. For the 'communal day of social action' MGB and KitAid led a second-hand kit drive around the UK for unwanted sports kit to be donated to impoverished families around the world. We also delivered an integrated football session for Kisharon and Langdon clients with learning difficulties.

**Maccabi GB now works with over 160 communal partners.**

Our Affiliates have also had a strong year with Chigwell & Hainault Maccabi, Maccabi London Brady Manchester Maccabi, Maccabi GB @ The Zone in Leeds and Maccabi GB Scotland ensuring that the Maccabi Movement is vibrant, active and engaging hundreds of Jewish people across the country. 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 now into its third year, whilst we have repeated this commitment with our new sponsorship of the Maccabi GB Junior Football League (MGBJFL) and 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 FORWARD

**Maccabi GB is incredibly proud of our actions and achievements in 2015. Additionally, we are excited at what the next twelve months have in store for our organisation and the Jewish Community as a whole.**

In our Community Sports Programme participants will always have an outlet to play a variety of sports in an inclusive and non-judgmental environment - 2016 will see new and established Community Sports Days including Basketball, Badminton and Table Tennis. Sport, Health and Wellbeing will find innovative and engaging ways to keep Jewish people active longer into their lives, from our Community Dog Walk to our brand new Walk 'n Tour of Israel. We have some fantastic major events 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 will continue 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 - MGB has already scheduled all of our Tournaments from January through to the end of the Academic Year. Streetwise and Leadership will continue to inspire confidence and personal development to young people whilst also moulding the next generation of communal Leaders - with more sessions and assemblies on the likes of Anti-Bullying, SRE and Internet Safety we aim to go beyond our reach from this year. Team GB will fly the flag for Anglo-Jewry on the international stage, with the JCC Maccabi Games 2016 in Stamford, America, our next major trip. The organisation as a whole will work tirelessly to build strong connections with our communal partners and the State of Israel; this will be prevalent throughout 2016 and beyond as preparations increase for the 20th Maccabiah Games in Israel - trials will be held, Sports Chairs, Managers and squads will be named and the Team GB Maccabiah Pre-Camp will be planned.

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.

*Team Maccabi GB in front of the Olympiastadion in the Berlin Olympic Park at the Opening Ceremony of the European Maccabi Games 2015*







# DID YOU KNOW, MACCABI GB...

- is Britain's Leading Anglo Jewish Sports Charity.
- has been the Parent Body of the Maccabi Movement in Great Britain since 1937.
- engages in excess of 40,000 members of the Community nationally and partners more than 160 Community Organisations annually.
- is a member of the Jewish Leadership Council.
- delivers over 250 Project, Programmes and Events each year.
- runs the largest Sporting Fundraiser in the Anglo Jewish Calendar – The Maccabi GB Community Fun Run
- provides a broad range of socially inclusive programmes tailored for those with special needs via our 'Ability Not Disability' Programme.
- encourages members of the Community to take part in Sport, Health & Wellbeing activities, regardless of age, gender or ability.
- sends delegations of athletes to compete at Regional, European and World International Sporting events.
- is the umbrella organisation for its three affiliated UK Jewish football leagues, reaching 2,000 people weekly.
- works with every mainstream Jewish Primary and Secondary School in Great Britain via its Sports and Streetwise Departments.
- reaches 1300 children per week by providing PE Sports Curriculum Lessons and School Sports Clubs across 6 Primary Schools in London and in the North.
- reaches over 5000 children each year via our School Sports Tournaments we host across all age groups.
- and CST reaches over 22,000 young people via Streetwise Programmes promoting personal safety and personal development.
- is a National Organisation with affiliated Centres in London, Manchester and Glasgow.

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