

# U.S. Maccabiah Team Appointed

As reported in April's 'CJN', Stacey Schefflin of Charlotte, NC has been appointed as a member of the team that will represent the U.S. at the 13th World Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 3-13. This was formerly announced by Robert E. Spivak, U.S. Maccabiah Committee General Chairman and Jeffrey Laikind, All Sports Chairman.

The World Maccabiah Games, which are held every four years, pit Jewish athletes from all over the world in competition similar to that of the Olympics. More than 4,000 world-class athletes from 38 countries, including over 500 from the U.S., will participate in this summer's games. They will compete in some 30 sports, ranging from basketball to badminton.

The third largest international competition, the Maccabiah Games are also a cultural experience. Athletes are housed according to sport, rather than country, making them the only international sporting event to follow this procedure.

"The Games develop pride in one's Jewish heritage, as well as camaraderie between American Jews and their counterparts in Israel," Spivak said. "Together they see and experience the beauty of Israel and learn more about their heritage and themselves." Quoting the Maccabiah Games slogan, he added: "The Games are truly 'two weeks to experience, a lifetime to remember.'"

Athletes from the U.S. are sponsored by the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel (USCSFI), a non-profit organization that also pro-

sports and education programs in Israel.

Gymnast Mitch Gaylord, swimmer Mark Spitz, basketball stars Ernie Grunfeld and Danny Schayes, tennis players Andrea Leand and Brad Gilbert, and golfer Corey Pavin are some of the top U.S. Maccabiah champions in recent years. In 1988, 12 Maccabeans took part in the gathering of the world's athletic elite at the 24th Olympiad in Seoul, South Korea.

Lynn and Paul Edelstein and Marilyn and Harry Swimmer will host an exhibition game for Stacey Schefflin on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. It will be at Swimmer's Misty Meadows

Farm in Weddington (7 miles past the intersection of highways 51 & 16 on Providence Road on the left). Refreshments will be served.

It would be wonderful if you could attend and support the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel on behalf of all athletes — offering them an opportunity to share in "two weeks to experience, a lifetime to remember" with their participation in the Maccabiah Games. Please R.S.V.P. to Lynn and Paul Edelstein at 366-6765 or 366-5661 or Harry Swimmer's office at 333-6694.

Donations to the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel in Stacey Schefflin's behalf would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be mailed c/o the Edelsteins or the Swimmers.

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The ideas expressed and developed by participants in the Special Leadership Convention fueled a year-long Century 2 process of future planning and celebration that will culminate in the 1990 JWB Biennial in Washington, D.C. Centers will participate in a variety of local and continent-wide initiatives, including photographic and essay contests based on the theme "The Center of Your Life," a youth leadership conference, an oral history project, a memorabilia display and program showcase, and development of JCC Month — a major annual event to begin in the fall of 1990.

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