

MACCABI MOMENT

Charlotte Maccabi '98

As the JCC staff and 1998 Maccabi Steering Committee busily prepares for the exciting months ahead leading up to the 1998 JCC Maccabi Games, we thought everyone should meet the real stars of the show ... the reason we're putting it all together ... our fantastic local delegation! The following are the names of the athletes that have already shown interest in becoming a part of the home team. The staff and steering committee of the 1998 JCC Maccabi Games proudly introduces you to:

Leah Abrams
Sarah Arnold
Rachel Avise
Shaked Bar-Tel
Eric Berkowitz
Sara Blazek
Daniel Block
Eric Borden
Jeremy Borden
Jessica Branson
Philip Brodsky
Matthew Cantor
Rena Chernotsky
Andrew Coen
Jena Coen
Benjamin Cohen
Jori Cohen
Michael Cohen
Donna Cole
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Michael DeSarno
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Matt Dubin
Marissa Elko
Liora Farber
David Flasterstein
Joel Frank
Scott Friend
Rebecca Frucht
Mitchell Gartner
Seth Glazer
Mickey Goetz
Andrea Gold
Adam Goldfarb
Nicki Goldfarb
Brian Goldsmith
Erin Goldstein
Craig Goldstein
Joshua Goodman
Jeff Goodstein
Matthew Gordon
Alysa Gorelick
Dana Gottheim
Josh Grabiner

Daniel Hantman
Samantha Hantman
Jeff Horowitz
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Debbie Hyde
Tyler Imbrey
Chad Jaben
Ryan Karp
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Stephanie Katz
Lisa Kaye
Brian Keene
James Kenney
Andrew Klein
Andrew J. Klein
Devin Klein
Jordan Klemons
Robyn Kondrad
Benjamin Kweskin
Paula Kweskin
Mark Lecker
Alyssa Levine
Diana Levine
Keith Levine
David Levitch
Marissa Lieberman
Adam Linderman
Ben Linderman
Sharon Lintz
Albert Livchin
Jennifer Livengood
Courtney Mandel
Matt Manes
Amy Mann
Marcie Mavreles
Rachel Mazur
Scott Mehlman
Mayim Meyers
Rachael Meyers
Lisa Miller
Stuart Miller
Jenny Minchew
Heather Mirman
Micah Monosoff
Bonnie Orange
Rachel Orange
Sarah Orange
Mike Osborn
Sean Ostrow
Sarah Passe
Alex Pharr
Cameron Piechocinski
Rachel Putterman
Shaina Rabinovich
Amanda Raffo
Rachel Reich
Steven Reichard
Chase Reiss
Alison Rosenberg
Emily Rotberg
Melanie Rouso

Justin Rowell
Jessie Sachs
Andrew Sadow
Adam Segal
Hayley Shafranek
Amy Shapiro
David Sheffer
Scott Sherman
Eugene Shuarts
Aleksandr Shulga
Craig Singer
Joseph Spil
Joshua Stalford
Jonathan Stein
Sam Stern
Brett Strumwasser
Mark Sussman
Gabe Ulrich
Eugene Vakhovsky
Shelley Wadsworth
Allison Wallsh
Ruthie Warshenbrot
Aaron Weiner
Lee Weingarten
Brett Weisberg
Matt Weiss
Geoffrey Wexler
Kara Wexler
Josh Zuckerman

The only name missing is . . . yours!

And we're still looking for more team members! SO . . . if you're Jewish and between the ages of 13-16 (as of August 1, 1998) and would like to:

- Hang out with other Jewish teens from across the US & around the world
- Have the experience of a lifetime
- Compete in fun & challenging competitions including baseball, basketball, bowling, dance, golf, racquetball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track & field, and volleyball - in some cases, no experience is necessary!
- Party at Hornets Training Center, a Pool Party & Dance, Paramount's Carowinds, & other awesome social events . . . Please call the JCC Maccabi Games office at 366-5007 and speak to Amy (x253) or Barry (x236).

Please note: This list is complete as of December 31, 1997. If you have signed up after this date, please know that we will include you in our next update.

Representative Sue Myrick welcomes Israeli delegate to Charlotte

In honor of Israel's 50th Anniversary and Chanukah

On December 17, with nearly 200 members of the Jewish Community looking on in Gorelick Hall, Representative Sue Myrick officially welcomed Yael Heled to the City of Charlotte. Heled, a seventeen year-old from Karme-Yosef, Israel, was one of four leaders of the Maccabi Tzair (the Maccabi Youth Movement in Israel) chosen to visit the United States as part of the 53rd Annual Chanukah Torch relay in celebration of Israel's 50th Anniversary and the festival of lights, Chanukah.

The evening's festivities began with the Israeli teen running through Shalom Park, joined at various intervals by members of the different Judaic Youth Groups. This was followed by a Chanukah dinner and a symbolic lighting of the Chanukah candles with the torch flame, and finally, a presentation by Ms. Heled to over 150 teen-aged members of the Jewish community.

The City's presentation was the highlight, but only one of many activities planned for the young Israeli "ambassador" during her six-day visit to the Queen City. While in town, she visited many of the local high, primary and elementary schools to do presentations (and similarities!) between Israeli and American kids, always ending the sessions with an opportunity for the Americans to ask questions.

Charlotte was one of only nine cities in America selected for these special visits because we will be hosting the 1998 JCC Maccabi Games next August 9-14. Over 600 teen athletes from more than 30 US cities, Canada, Israel and Great Britain are expected to attend these Games.

A special thank you to the Meyers and Jacobs families for opening their homes to Ms. Heled during her stay in Charlotte. ✪



Members of the different youth organizations joined Yael Heled in the Charlotte leg of the Maccabi Torch Relay at Shalom Park on December 17.

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