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Maccabi Mania Sweeps Queen City Athletes from 28 cities arrive for games

By Amy London

On August 9 athletes from around the U.S. will arrive in Charlotte for the Maccabi games. Our entire community has joined together with the common goal of making these games a great success.

In order to make these games special for everyone involved, the Steering Committee of the 1998 JCC Maccabi Games invites our friends, neighbors and community members to join us for the commencement of the 1998 JCC Maccabi Games at the Opening Ceremonies Celebration, Sunday, August 9, 7:00 PM (please arrive on time — the show will begin promptly), Hornets Training Center — Fort Mill, SC.

The evening promises to be a spectacular event with lots of fun, excitement and touching moments. There will be a tribute by former Maccabiah athletes to the eleven athletes slain in the Munich Olympic Games, a ceremonial lighting of the torch, a tribute to Israel's 50th Birthday and the highlight of the evening...the parade of athletes, featuring over 800 athletes and coaches from 28 cities across the US and around the world, and, of course, our amazing TEAM CHARLOTTE!!

To get to the Hornets Training Center From the JCC, take Providence Road north to the first light. Turn left onto Fairview. After about 3 miles, Fairview becomes Tyvola Road. Go approximately 5 miles to I-77 and go south to Exit 88 (approx. 8-10 miles). At the light, turn left. Go approximately 1/4 mile, past a gas station and get into the right lane. Go right onto Deerfield Drive.

Bear right, follow the curve. The Training Center is right next to the Knights Baseball Stadium. (From the highway, you will be able to see the "giant baseball in the sky." It's a huge landmark — you can't miss it!)

Support the games

Other ways the community can help catch and sustain Maccabi Mania is to participate in the fundraising efforts for the games. There is an exclusive limited raffle being held with First Prize of two USAir tickets, round-trip to anywhere in the continental U.S. Second prize is a fox-trimmed leather coat provided by Montaldo Furs, plus lots of additional Maccabi souvenir prizes. Tickets are \$18.00 each; three tickets for \$50.00; six tickets for \$98.00. Tickets can be purchased at the JCC front desk and all proceeds will benefit the Maccabi games and Team Charlotte. The drawing will be held at the closing ceremonies, Thursday, August 13; you need not be present to win.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are nine committees that still need your help as a volunteer. Opportunities are available in registration, opening ceremonies, hospitality, at the athletic venues, transportation, food, carnival/pool party/dance; closing celebration; and office assistance. This will be an incredible chance to be a part of the largest Jewish community-building event ever sponsored in this area. Exact times and shifts vary by committee. Please contact the Maccabi office to sign up for one or more shift.

New Direct Hotline Number

As of July 1, the Maccabi office can be reached directly at (704) 367-9180. Please use this number exclusively when trying to reach anyone in the Maccabi office or if you have any questions regarding the 1998 JCC Maccabi games. Please do not call the JCC main number for Maccabi related questions. Or e-mail us at Maccabi98@aol.com.

Schedule of Athletic Events available on August 9.

While the specific schedule of events will be available the day of the Opening Ceremonies, here is a general daily schedule for athletes and host families:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Athletes

arrive and are picked up at the JCC.

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Opening Ceremonies at Hornets Training Center in Fort Mill, SC.

The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend - no tickets are required.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Athletic Competitions at Various Venues

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Dinner/Carnival/DJ Dance/Pool Party (for athletes only) at JCC.

9:00 PM Host Family pick-ups at Shalom Park.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM Athletic Competitions at Various Venues.

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Day of Caring/Day of Sharing Com-

munity Service Projects.

Athletes (by sport) will perform various community service projects throughout Charlotte.

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Athletes to Paramount's Carowinds (they must be wearing their National Games T-shirt to be admitted into the park).

8:45 PM Host Family pick-ups at Shalom Park.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Athletic Competitions at Various Venues

5:30 PM Host Family pick-ups begin at Shalom Park.

HOST FAMILY NIGHT!

7:30 PM WNBA Charlotte Sting Game.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Athletic

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Members of Team Charlotte get ready for Maccabi '98! Pictured (l to r): Top row - Steven Reichard. Back row - Alyssa Levine, Sharon Lintz, Diana Levine, Jori Cohen, Craig Goldstein, Lisa Kaye, Rachel Meyers, Heather Mirman. Center row - Kacey Faberman, Jessica Branson, Shaina Rabinovich, Stephanie Katz. Front row - Alison Rosenberg (kneeling) with a Future Maccabi Athlete (Dayna Katz).



Professor James D. Tabor will speak at Temple Israel's Adult Education Seminar on September 10.

The Dead Sea Scrolls: what do they mean to Jews and Christians after 50 years?

Professor James D. Tabor of UNC Charlotte will lecture on this topic at Temple Israel, Thursday, September 10, at 8:00 PM.

The sensational discovery of the library of a 1st century B.C.E. Jewish apocalyptic sect, that most scholars identify as the Essenes, in caves northwest of the Dead Sea in 1947, may be the greatest archaeological find of the century. Known as the Dead Sea Scrolls, this collection of over 600 fragmentary sacred documents has revolutionized our understanding

of late 2nd Temple Judaism, as well as the origins of early Christianity. Now that all the Dead Sea Scrolls are available both to scholars and in English translation, what can be responsibly said regarding their origin, influence, and ongoing significance for both Jews and Christians? Prof. James D. Tabor, who specializes in the scrolls, the study of ancient Judaism, and early Christianity, will examine these questions. He brings first-hand knowledge to this study hav-

ing done field work at Qumran, the site of their discovery.

James D. Tabor is a Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he has taught since 1989. He previously held positions at the University of Notre Dame (1979-85) and the College of William and Mary (1985-89). His Ph.D. is from the University of Chicago in the area of Christian Origins and ancient Judaism with a specialty in apocalyptic systems of thought, includ-

ing the Dead Sea Scrolls, and related ancient Mediterranean religious movements.

Tabor's current research involves the newly released Dead Sea Scrolls. He has combined his textual research with extensive field work: the 3rd Judean Desert Expedition in which radar ground scan methods were used at Qumran; survey of Wadi el-Yabis (Wadi Cherith) in Jordan, 1992 and 1996; field research at Masada in 1994; New Qumran excavations, January 1996; and ancient desert fortress survey in Israel and Jordan in 1997. In 1996 he also participated in the archaeological excavations at Sepphoris, near Nazareth in the Galilee, as well as survey and radar ground scan efforts at Christian Mt. Zion in Jerusalem with Prof. James Strange of the University of South Florida.

Tabor serves as Chief Editor of the Original Bible Project, a decade-long effort to produce a

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