

# Capital Maccabi Time in the Capital City

It was yet another fantastic week at the JCC Maccabi Games this summer as thirty-three members of Team Charlotte traveled to our nation's capital city - Washington, DC. Washington was one of four host cities to welcome JCC Maccabi Games athletes this year and was by far the single largest site of games with almost 2300 total athletes (1800+ visiting and 450+ local DC athletes) participating. Anyway one looks at it, that number reflects a very large number of Jewish teenagers congregating to participate in thirteen different sport competitions, a Day of Caring/Day of Sharing community-service project and evening social activities. But it all came off without any major glitches.

Our Team Charlotte delegation consisted of a full boys 16U basketball team, a mixed boys 14U soccer team (combined team with Vancouver JCC and the Palisades, NJ JCC players), a mixed boys 16U in-line hockey team (a first-ever in-line team combined with Vancouver JCC and Virginia Beach JCC players), tennis/rac-

quetball players, swimmers and track & field athletes. While our team sport athletes met with limited success due to some very strong competition, many of our individual sport athletes had very good success in their athletic competitions. When the final count was in,



(Back row, l-r) Coach Dan Vizzini and the Maccabi tennis boys, Nate Menaker, Andrew Putterman, Andrew Parker; fron l-r, Ian Mesoznik, David Raphael, Scott Gould

our four swimmers, two from our track and field athletes and two from our racquetball players. Our boy's 16U basketball team did manage to finish with a 3-3 record in a very tough bracket, with wins over very good teams from Central Queens, NY, Rockland, NY and Long Beach, CA. And while our mixed soccer and in-line hockey teams were not able to break into the "win column" against very strong competition from major metropolitan cities, they gave 100% effort every time they took the field/court and were very close to winning a number of games.



Swimmers Rebecca Gerger and Morgan Bober ham it up for the camera.

Specific individual medals were awarded to: Morgan Bober (swim) - Gold: Girls 13-14 100m freestyle, Girls 13-14 100m backstroke, Girls 13-14 50m backstroke, Girls 15-16 400m medley relay, Girls and Boys 13-14 combined championship relay; Silver: Girls 13-14 400m freestyle, Girls 13-14 200m mixed relay, Girls 13-14 200m medley relay; Bronze: Girls 13-14 50m freestyle, Girls 13-14 400 individual medley, Girls 13-14

400m freestyle relay; Brooks Corcoran (swim) - Gold: Boys 13-14 400m individual medley, Boys 13-14 400m mixed relay; Silver: Boys 13-14 200m freestyle, Boys 13-14 100m backstroke, boys 13-14 200m backstroke, Boys 13-14 200m medley relay, Boys 13-14 400m medley relay, boys 15-16 400m freestyle; Bronze: Rebecca Gerger (swim) - Silver: Girls 13-14 200m freestyle relay, Girls 13-14 200m medley relay; Bronze: Girls 13-14 freestyle relay; Alexandra Zelin (swim) - Gold: Girls 15-16 400m freestyle relay, Girls 15-16 400m medley relay; Silver: Girls 15-16 50m butterfly, girls 15-16 100m butterfly, Girls 15-16 200m butterfly, Girls 15-16 200m freestyle relay, Girls 15-16 200m freestyle relay combined relay; Bronze: Girls 15-16

400m individual medley, Girls 15-16 200m freestyle, Girls 15-16 200m medley relay; Josh Lieberman (track & field) - Gold: 4 x 800m relay; Alan Platoch (track and field) - Gold: 4 x 800m relay; Andrew Parker (racquetball) - Bronze: Boys 13-14 racquetball singles; Andrew Putterman (racquetball) - Silver: boys 13-14 racquetball singles. Special thanks go out to all of our credentialed coaches for all of their time and efforts in support of our Team Charlotte athletes. These people include: Alan Becker (soccer), Stephanie Garner (assistant delegation head), Dr. Eric Laxer (in-line hockey), Barry Schumer (delegation head), Dan Vizzini (tennis) and Kevin Ziman (basketball).



Gold medal winners Josh Lieberman and Alan Platoch.

Once again, a very sincere "thank you" to Coca Cola for being the major continental sponsor of the JCC Maccabi Games.

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## Giving Children Back Their Tomorrows

The Hopebuilders 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, October 16 at the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, NC.

This is the 9th year of the run, held in memory of Charlotteans David Silverman and Margaret Harris. David, a UNC-Chapel Hill graduate and a CPA, lived almost two years after being diagnosed with the most serious type of brain tumor. He died in May 1995. Margaret, born in December 1991, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in February 1995. Doctors in Charlotte and at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC treated her until her death in September 1995.

All proceeds from the Hopebuilders 5K will go to the Margaret Harris and David Silverman Memorial Brain Tumor Research Endowment Fund at Duke University Medical Center. Each participant is asked to try and raise a minimum of \$150 for

the fund. Fundraising efforts have raised the endowment to over one million dollars.

### Race Details

Race Day registration is from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM. The Hopebuilders 5K Run/Walk, the 5K Wheelchair Race, and the 5K Jogger Stroller Run start at 8:30 AM. The Kid's 1-Mile Fun Run starts at 9:00 AM. All participants receive a long-sleeved race T-shirt.

The registration fee for adults will be \$12 on or before October 5th and \$8 for children 12 and under, \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under from October 6th - 18th at Run For Your Life. Race day registration is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Make checks payable to Duke/Hopebuilders Fund and mail to Hopebuilders 5K, c/o Run For Your Life, 2422 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28203 - 704-358-0713. ☆

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