

MESSAGE FROM THE EMC CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends, Maccabim!

In one week we shall all gather in Berlin for the 14th European Maccabi Games.

The EMC Executive wishes you a safe journey and arrival to Berlin. We are looking forward to welcoming you all at the largest Jewish event in Europe since WW2.

We are sure that all sports competitions will be run in the true spirit of the Maccabim, with respect and friendship to your opponent.

The EMC Executive wishes you a great week in the hospitable city of Berlin.

Motti Tichauer
EMC Chairman



"BACK TO BERLIN" - THE MACCABI MOTORCYCLE JOURNEY

In 1931 a brave team of motorbike riders set out from Tel Aviv to Berlin to find athletes of Jewish origin to participate in the inaugural 1932 Maccabiah games, also known as the Jewish Olympics.

The Maccabi sports movement, which had started to spring up in clubs across Europe, was often the only outlet for many Jewish athletes who found themselves discriminated against and banned from their local clubs. Little did they know the full extent of the horrors that lay ahead. Now, after 80 years of profound change there is growing concern that anti-Semitism is once again resurgent and sweeping across Europe.

In 2015, the European Maccabiah Games will be held in Germany for the first time since the Second World War. An event given added poignancy since it will take place on the same site as the infamous 1936 Berlin Olympics.

In "Back to Berlin", a new generation of Israeli bikers, inspired by the 1931 ride, will travel from Tel Aviv to Berlin to carry the torch to the Games, a symbol of the flame of Judaism that refused to be snuffed out.



The 19th Maccabiah Torch was lit in Kfar Maccabiah and it will be carried by the bikers throughout Jewish Communities in Europe and will arrive to the Opening Ceremony of the 14th European Maccabi Games in Berlin.

The bikers visited the Great Synagogue in Budapest, where they met with Andras Heisler, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary (Mazsihisz), and Ilan Mor, Ambassador of Israel.

MACCABI SPAIN PREPARES TO THE EMG

As the European Maccabi Games in Berlin are approaching, team Maccabi Spain held a preparation camp during an entire weekend. Junior and Youth representatives, Futsal Football 11 Volleyball and Tennis trained, played, shared a Shabbat together, and most importantly, they lived and felt what it means being part of a delegation of athletes.

In one of the last stops before the EMG, you could sense the great atmosphere of all these guys who anxiously await wearing the red shirt representing Maccabi Spain. Now they continue preparing to keep the bar as high as possible.



HAARETZ WRITES ABOUT THE EMG

"The 14th European Maccabi Games are due to open this month in Berlin, in what is likely to be an "emotionally charged" occasion, as the head of one delegation put it.

This will be the first time the Jewish sporting event has taken place in Germany, and will be hosted at the Olympiastadion, an Olympic stadium built for the Summer Olympics of 1936, in which Jews were originally encouraged not to participate.

The last European Maccabi Games were held in Vienna, Austria, in 2011, marking what the organization said was the largest gathering of Jews in that city since the Holocaust. The organization added that the sporting event also marked the first time since World War II that Jewish athletes from all over Europe competed on the territory of the former German Reich. More than 2,000 Jewish athletes from more than 36 countries are expected to participate in the games this year, in 19 disciplines.

Daniel Collins, head of Great Britain's delegation to the games this year, was quoted by The Guardian as saying, "I doubt any games anywhere will be as emotionally charged as this one; thousands of Jewish people parading in the Olympic stadium, which houses such meaning, not only to the world's Jewish community, but to the world's sporting community." The event, which runs from July 27 to August 5, is an offshoot of the World Maccabiah Games, nicknamed the "Jewish Olympics," which are held every four years in Israel."



TEAM MACCABI GB RECEIVES OFFICIAL EMG KITS



With just over a month to go until the European Maccabi Games 2015 (EMG2015) begin, Team Maccabi GB's Delegation gathered at the Bushey Academy on June 21 to collect their official uniforms and receive talks from key speakers including Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum and Irish sprinter, Jason Smyth - quadruple-Paralympic-gold-medalist and fastest Paralympian in history.

Sponsored by UJIA, Credo and the Jewish Chronicle, Team MGB are set to not only be one of the largest delegations in Berlin, but also one of the best-dressed as the kit, made by Canterbury did not disappoint. The design mimics that worn by the Delegation at the 19th Maccabiah Games in Israel - where the Team won an impressive 31 medals - and has the colours of the Union Flag featuring heavily across the shoulders. Each item of kit is adorned with the well-recognised Union Jack Mogen David.

The event, which took place at the fantastic facilities at the Bushey school, marked the first time the entire Delegation was in the same place and highlighted that the EMG was only five weeks away. Head of Delegation, Daniel Collins, ran proceedings whilst taking about the bond that Team Maccabi GB participants have with each other and the competition's other athletes and managers. He also announced who the official Team Maccabi GB flagbearers would be for the Opening Ceremony in a first for a Team MGB Kit Day. Junior swimmer, Rachel Ayrton, will hold the UJIA flag; Open Football Coach, Adam Fegan, will be in possession of the Maccabi GB Delegation Flag; and experienced Masters Tennis Manager, Kenny Collins, will have the honour of leading Great Britain out in the Olympic Stadium with the Union Jack Flag.

Next onto the stage was Lord Kestenbaum, who has a vast experience of International Jewish Games having both played in and managed teams in previous years. Lord Kestenbaum offered his own insight into what everyone can expect whilst also stressing the fact that these historic Games will not only be about the Shoa and it is important for the athletes to speak to their Berlin contemporaries in their sports competition to learn how the Berlin Jewish Community has continued since WWII and what part they play in German society. He also stated how crucial it was to make Jewish friends from around the globe as this will undoubtedly be the biggest thing they take away.

As well as other speakers from Team Maccabi GB - including Team Manager, Joel Nathan; Maccabi GB Operations Manager, Ashley Lerner; and Team MGB's Dr Daniel Broman - the other keynote speaker was Jason Smyth. The Irish sprinter, who won Gold medals in the 100m and 200m at the 2008 and 2012 Paralympic Games, holds the world records for those events too. He spoke of his own experiences at previous 'kit days' and delivered an inspirational talk on what it took for him to win his medals.

The proceedings were drawn to a close by Maccabi GB Chairman, Michael Ziff, before the squads received their official kits.

Maccabi GB International Events Logistics Manager, Laura Laster, said of the day, 'Having spent months and almost years planning the kit and getting the bags packed it was a great feeling to see the smiles on all of the faces as each squad collected their kit bags and gear. This event marks the start of an exciting summer for Team Maccabi GB as the squad gets ready to take part at the European Maccabi Games 2015 in Berlin. We will certainly stand out at the Games and announce ourselves to our Jewish friends from around the world. Today was incredibly inspirational. Hearing from Jason Smyth was definitely a highlight for me and, no doubt, for the whole squad also.'

FACCMA PREPARES TO THE EMG

Federation of Argentinian Community Centers of Maccabi (FACCMA) held these days farewell events for the delegation to the EMG.

One of the events was hosted by the Ambassador of the German Federal Republic in Argentina, Herr Bernhard Graf von Waldersee, who welcomed the delegation in his home and honored the participants. FACCMA hosted its own farewell event, in which were designated the teams' captains, flag bearers and escorts, and the Ambassador also participated in the event, offering a few words to athletes and wishing them success.



GLOBAL FLF SEMINAR, MWU CONGRESS MAY-JUNE 2015



[Seminar Video Clip](#)

During the 28th MWU Congress, the Global FLF Seminar took place in Israel, May 26th to June 2nd, 2015. The seminar was planned and organized by Rabbi Carlos Tapiero, Robert Cohen, and Asaf Golan Golinsky, with the help of Stella Syrkin, and with the support of the EMC Executive and MWU.

For the first time we had 73 Maccabi Young Leaders from around the world including 36 FLF members from Europe.

We had a very rich and interesting program, starting with getting to know each other, visiting the Mandel Institute, meeting with two politicians at the Knesset, visiting the Kotel. A special day was held in IDC Herzelia with very interesting speakers and a Social / High Tech day was organized in SOSA, with top speakers such as Uri Levin (founder of Waze), Guy Ben Dor (TED Speakers) among others.

The second part of the seminar was focused on our Maccabi movement, the FLF in Europe, the Global Young Leadership, Euro-Desk, Maccabi Best Practices, learning and sharing ideas between countries and interconnecting between our Maccabi communities. An important part of the Seminar was the participation of the young leaders in the Euro-Desk meeting and the Congress sessions, which gave them the opportunity to be exposed to MWU agenda in Europe and worldwide.

This kind of seminars offers a great opportunity for creativity, sharing ideas and projects, building networks and connecting to the Maccabi activity throughout Europe and worldwide. The FLF will continue giving the best education and tools to its members and the T.O.'s will benefit from the trained young leaders on a daily basis.

Since the seminar 15 FLF members in Europe have participated in and organized the community Fun Run both in Budapest and London, with Rome and Amsterdam to follow soon! The education and training, that the T.O.'s support through the FLF, provide the tools and the motivation for the young leaders to produce such community projects, which in the last week raised hundreds of thousands of euros for over 60 Jewish/Israeli organizations and attracted thousands of people. The EMC promotes these projects to safeguard the future and wellbeing of our communities for many generations to come!

5TH MACCABI VAC HUNGARY COMMUNITY FUN RUN - BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER



550 attendees in the biggest community event in Budapest Jewish quarter

For the 5th year in a row Maccabi VAC Hungary and a number of 10 important charities have teamed up to organize a major cross communal-fundraising event - the Maccabi Community Fun Run. Over the last 4 years, involving more than 1,800 participants, and raising money for important causes, this year's Fun Run, which took place on Sunday 7th June 2015, involved 350 runners and approximately 200 spectators, despite the extremely hot weather, which prevented many from attending. The participants enjoyed the fabulous Community Fun Run and completed 1km and 5km (due to the weather) course in order to raise money for their chosen charity.

The event was led by Maccabi VAC Hungary and involved 10 charities. The participants could choose to run and donate their participation fee to one of the following organizations: Bálint Ház, Bét Sálom, Israeli Cultural Institute, Maccabi VAC Hungary, Scheiber High School, the March of the Living Foundation, Frankel Synagogue, Lauder Javne School, Bet Chabad, Benjámín Kindergarden, Bet Shalom Synagogue and Hit Gyulekezete (Faith Church)

In Budapest, hundreds of kids attended the 1KM run, which started with Rabbi Tomi Vero blessing the kids and blowing the Shofar. Among the children a special group stood out; the Para-Fitt children, with intellectual disabilities, and the Tikun Olam group, the Jewish Agency Post-Taglit program for voluntarism and healing the world, volunteers, who were running together.

Mr. Ilan Mor, the Israeli Ambassador, greeted the participants and gave his blessings to the event. The Fun Run is supported by the European Maccabi Confederation (EMC), JDC and The Jewish Agency for Israel. Valuable prizes were awarded sponsored by El Al, Holmes Place, Spinoza Café, Shemesh Bakery, La Bodeguita del Medio and more.

The important cooperation between Fun Run and Judafest, JDC Jewish Festival proved itself once again, bringing together people from both initiatives into one big and colorful event.

A small group of dedicated volunteers, under the leadership of Adam Jusztin (Chairman of Maccabi VAC Hungary) and his FLF Young Leaders Barbara Burian, Eszter Fenvesy and Gabor Visontai Szoke, and the full support of the EMC have made this amazing event happen. It is completely a proof of good will, a lot of motivation and a strong Maccabi spirit.

Special guests came to support this event: Angelo de la Rocca, from Maccabi Italy, Dr. Dagmar Gavornikova, Jana Romanova and Martina Nedorostova from the Slovak Maccabi Organization.

We aim to have Fun Run events in 2015 in Amsterdam and Rome, and to fulfill the vision of Maccabi Global FunRun Day - June 19th, 2016.

RECORD-BREAKING MACCABI GB COMMUNITY FUN RUN EVENT 2015

Tuesday 7th July 2015, Mill Hill - Following its record-breaking success last month, which welcomed more people than any other UK Jewish communal sporting fundraiser, the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run 2015 (MGB CFR 2015) continues to break more records as the official fundraising figure was released today at an incredible £210,000 - more-than-doubling last year's figure of £100,000.



This number was raised by the 2,000 runners (who took part in one of five race distances - the 10km, 5km, 5km Walk, 1km and Tri-Run) for the 48 record-breaking Jewish charities, all present at Allianz Park on Sunday 14th June 2015.

Jennifer Thake from Aims2Cure spoke about her charity's involvement in the event, "Aims2Cure had the most fantastic experience at the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run, we were overwhelmed! We were so lucky to have over 133 runners take part for us and our fundraising went through the roof thanks to this day. As a Jewish organisation we are so proud to be part of such an amazing, amazing even. It really was a wonderful sight to see thousands of runners all begin their races and to see how satisfied they were to finish. The amount of young people who came along to raise money for all the charities was inspiring. We have had emails from participants and spectators saying how much they enjoyed the day and that they want to do it again next year! Everyone at Maccabi GB has been so helpful, right from the start, and we were impressed with the organisation and smooth running of the whole event."

Spencer Gelding, Chief Executive of Beit Halochem, added, "In my opinion, the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run is the best Community event of the year."

Speaking about the final fundraising figure Maccabi GB's Emma Nagli, who oversaw the event, said, "This is an incredible day for the 48 Jewish charities, and for the Community as a whole. We are absolutely delighted that we can host an event which helps raise funds for so many wonderful causes and, at the same time, brings Jewish people together to take part in a bit of exercise, no matter which distance they participated in. All the runners, spectators, charities, sponsors, volunteers, exhibitors and staff should be incredibly proud that they have made a difference and given tzedakah in a big way!"

The 48 charities involved on the day were Aims2Cure, AJEX, Beit Halochem UK, British Friends of the Israel Guide Dog Centre for the Blind, British Friends of Reuth, Boys Town Jerusalem, Camp Simcha, Chai Cancer Care, CST, Emunah, GIFT, Hadassah UK, Holocaust Educational Trust, Israeli Dance Institute, Jami, Jewish Agency for Israel and Israeli Scouts, Jewish Blind & Disabled, Jewish Care, Jewish Child's Day, Jewish Genetic Disorders UK, Jewish Leadership Council, JLE, Jewish Volunteering Network, Jewish Women's Aid, JLGB, JNF UK, JW3, Kisharon, Langdon, Laniado Hospital UK, London Jewish Family Centre, Maccabi GB, Magen David Adom UK, Movement for Reform Judaism, My Israel, Nicki's Smile, Resource - The Jewish Employment Advice Centre, SEED, Shaare Zedek UK, Spread a Smile, Streetwise, TrainE-TraidE, UJIA, UK Friends of Schneider Children's Hospital, US Futures, WIZOUK, World Jewish Relief, Yachad.

Since its launch in 2007 the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run has raised over £1,000,000 for a broad range of Jewish charities. Next year's event has already been announced for Sunday 19th June 2016. It will be a landmark occasion, marking the Community Fun Run's 10th year as well as being the first ever Maccabi Worldwide Community Fun Run, involving a number of Maccabi Delegations from around the globe.

A special thanks go to the sponsors and partner organisations of the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run: CREDO, The Creative Clinic, Jewish Chronicle, Allianz Park, Squires Estates, Jewish Leadership Council, the CST, Jewish Volunteer Network, Express Vending, Concorde Graphics, West End Travel and Tesco's.

MAKABI WARSZAWA

On the first day of summer, June 21st, we have celebrated our first year anniversary. We have organized a picnic on the beach of the Vistula River along with our friends from JCC Warszawa. So just imagine one of the most popular spots in Warsaw dominated by a huge Magen David all over the place from our banners, rollups and t-shirts with Makabi Warszawa logo! We ruled that day! There were plenty of Jewish and non-Jewish citizens of Warsaw that have joined us the Maccabim in badminton, volleyball and yoga training, or just lazy fellows satisfied with blanket in the sun.



- A week later, June 27th, we had our last game in Ethnoleague. The football league, which was created to promote the idea of different cultures coexistence and mutual understanding. It was the second season that we participated in!

- It is official - our team the great Makabi Warszawa became winner of the Jewish Football Championship of Poland. On the 5th of July there were the finals of that championship (even though there are only 2 Jewish football teams in Poland). On that day Makabi Warszawa was defending the title against ZKS Krakow (Jewish Sport Club of Krakow). The championship was an official part of a very popular Jewish Culture Festival in Poland, celebrated every year for the last 25 years.

PROMINENT ITALIAN POLITICIAN VISITED BUDAPEST

Tommaso Giuntella, the President of the Democratic Party in Italy, visited Budapest on June 11, 2015.

Asaf Golan, the EMC Shaliach, accompanied Tommaso Giuntella on a tour of Jewish sites of Budapest.

In the evening, Tommaso took part in a panel held by the Israel Cultural Institute (IKI) about Israel politics, including a debate with Drod Morag (General Secretary of Meretz) about the BDS movement, the effect of the elections in Israel on Europe and other interesting issues. Tommaso Giuntella has been a guest speaker in the FLF Seminar in Rome, he is a member of Maccabi Italy and he is a strong supporter of the program.



MACCABI SPORT AND FAMILY DAY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

May 24, 2015 Maccabi VAC organized the "Maccabi Sport and Family Day" in Budapest, together with Judafest.

There were colorful programs for children as well as for adults.

The participants could compete and also watch the different sports matches.

Among the offered program there were a "jumping castle", table tennis, tennis, bridge, soccer and basketball matches, gymnastics show, a zumba show presented by the children



of Benjamin kindergarten; shows of "Starchess" and different martial arts, in which our krav maga section presented in the framework of a training.
Luckily the weather was wonderful this year and many families and young people took part in this event.

MACCABI PROGRAM IN A SUMMER JEWISH CAMP, HUNGARY

For the first time Maccabi VAC took part in a program of the Summer Jewish Camp of Kiskunhalas, where more than 50 Jewish children had spent their holiday since 2009.

During the program we introduced them our Maccabi organization, our past, we presented the European Maccabi Games and the Maccabiah in Israel, we showed them different sports fields, that they had already known and also some new ones.

Following the session, we engaged the children in sports activities such as: badminton, table tennis, soccer or krav maga for those children who like martial arts. Despite the hot weather, the children enjoyed the sport activities, and we hope to have created an ongoing tradition for future years and to bring Maccabi closer to the provincial Jewish communities.

Maccabi VAC



MACCABI GAMES IN CZECH REPUBLIC, July 2015

M2015CZ are Maccabi Games Czech Republic 2015 before the EMG 2015 Berlin.

The Games were organized by Hakoach Czech Republic, led by the Chairman Lukas Kypta, and Kehila Olomouc, led by the Chairman Mr. P. Papousek.

The Games were organized by the following team: Ms.J.Dubova, Mr.R.Gronsky and Mr.Rudolf Dub, in co-operation with Maccabi Karlovy Vary, Brno, and Kehila Decin.

The Games took place in Olomouc, July 3-5, 2015, for the second time after WW2.

The Games were a mixture of sport (not only top sportsmen, but recreational level for a lot of attendees); sightseeing (Trsice, Olomouc, Prostějov); Jewish and Gypsy music by Natalika; culture (Chassids in London by J. Buxbaum, photo exhibition).



- List of sports: Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton, Squash, Shooting, Chess, Petanque, Bowling, Swimming, Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Pool, Golf, Half-Marathon, Sudoku
- Attendees - 60 (from 3 to 80 yr-old), more than 6 families with children or grandchildren
- All attendees were invited to Kehila Olomouc during Shabbat

The competitions took place in three venues:

- Golf - Dolany-Veska, one of the best greens in Czech Republic
- Shooting - Strenberk

- The rest in Olomouc, around the university sporting hall (air conditioned hall + only petanque outside).

Cultural activities were held in the cafeteria Dejavu.

The Accommodation - back to the roots - university dormitory + food services in Kosher Style.

Thanks to Organizers, Security Service by the Czech Republic Police, Sponsors and others.

The next Czech Republic Maccabi Games are planned for next year in Decin.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN KHARKOV, UKRAINE

June 28, 2015 the traditional table tennis tournament was held in Kharkov. The first athletes to compete were the older age category. The competition, as always, attracted a large number of participants. Among the participants were masters of sports, coaches and lovers of table tennis. The tournament was organized by the President of Maccabi Kharkov, honorary coach of Ukraine - Leonid Fatalevich; Executive Director of the regional federation of table tennis, master of sports - Evgeny Mashtakov and the international referee - Leonid Galperin.

The participants of the tournament, experts in the field of sports and activists of Jewish organizations took part in the conference "Involving young athletes in the community life." The next stage of the tournament among children and youth will be held in September-October this year with the participation of top athletes; it will be combined with the seminar "The Jewish tradition; High holidays".



HANDBALL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP, ZAPOROZHJE, UKRAINE

June 6-7, 2015 the Handball Masters of Maccabi Zaporozhje took part in the Masters Handball Championship of Ukraine, which took place in Brovary, Kiev region.

Nine teams from all over Ukraine competed for the title on a good sporting level.

The players of Zaporozhje represented with honor the Maccabi club and the regional Jewish community.



POST-TAGLIT SEMINAR IN ODESSA, UKRAINE

June 7, 2015 in Odessa a seminar was held for Taglit participants from the southern regions of Ukraine; it was the first time that a post-Taglit seminar took place in Ukraine.



The seminar was organized by the Israeli Cultural Center in Odessa, JAFI and Maccabi Odessa.

The participants of the seminar were greeted by the Honorary President of Maccabi Odessa, Olympic Champion of the XX Olympic Games, 1972 in Munich, Jacob Zhelezniak. He shared his impressions about his participation as a guest of honor in the 19th Maccabiah in Israel, 2013, stressing that the Maccabiah, having a lot to do with the Olympics, is a unique phenomenon in the world and it includes a large cultural and educational program.

SPORTS AND HEALTH FAIR IN ZAPOROZHJE, UKRAINE

May 17 2015, the Maccabi Ukraine team of the Jewish community "Yahad" in Zaporozhje took part in the Fair of Sports and Health, which is traditionally held by the Youth Department of the Zaporozhje City Council. All the events were held in the central park of culture and recreation.

The purpose of the action was promotion of healthy lifestyle and engaging children and young people in sport.

Groups from various sports clubs demonstrated their achievements in different sports. Everybody could take part in master classes conducted by prominent coaches and instructors. This made it possible for beginners to choose the most interesting sports section and assess their capabilities.

The following sports sections were represented - judo, karate, yoga, gymnastics, and many others. Participants showed great interest in different kinds of boating - academic, kayak and canoe.

Team Maccabi Ukraine participated in the marathon, cycling and badminton.



SEMINAR IN ODESSA, UKRAINE

Maccabi Ukraine, with the support of MWU, EMC and the Jewish Humanitarian Foundation continues the program of activities "To Judaism through Sport".

During the celebrations of the 67th Independence Day of Israel, in conjunction with Maccabi Odessa activists, a seminar was organized on the topic "The specifics of work with athletes to promote the ideals of Zionism", April 26-27, 2015.

The seminar was attended by athletes and coaches who are actively working in the regional Maccabi organization, representatives of the Jewish community, and teachers. Among the participants of the seminar was the champion of the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, VIP participant of the 19th Maccabiah - Jacob Zhelezniak. Among other guests, were the President of Maccabi Odessa, Alexander Bromfman and the President of Maccabi Odessa football club, Gennady Feinstein.

Chairman of Maccabi Ukraine, Mark Belostotsky greeted the participants of the seminar. The participants heard with great interest the presentation about the history of the Maccabi Movement in Ukraine, and particularly in Odessa. "It is symbolic that we have gathered in the beautiful city, whose name is forever inscribed in the history of the Jewish people."

This year marks 100 years since the founding of first Maccabi club in Odessa on the territory of the former Russian Empire. Alexander Bromfman spoke about the plans of the club, and sporting and cultural events dedicated to the anniversary.



The speakers noted the importance of the Maccabiah, and community sports events in conjunction with regional and international seminars to attract athletes to Judaism and the ideals of Zionism.

A film about the history of the Maccabi Movement was shown.

The leaders of Maccabi Ukraine and Odessa held a series of meetings with the leaders of Jewish organizations in the region and shared their plans for the development of mutual cooperation in order to improve the quality of life of members of the Jewish community.

OPEN FOOTBALL LESSON IN A JEWISH SCHOOL, ODESSA, UKRAINE

For several years, Maccabi Odessa successfully implements the School of Maccabi project. Through this program, a significant number of children - students of Jewish schools - are involved in physical culture and sports activities.

June 10, 2015 an "Open lesson of football" was held on the premises of the Jewish school "Ohr Sameach" in Odessa. The legendary football player and coach Viktor Zubkov conducted the lesson; he was assisted by his students, football players of Maccabi Odessa. Children aged 10-12 years practiced techniques used in football, as demonstrated by the Maccabi team players.

The children also heard about the interesting history of the Odessa football.

In the final part of the lesson the children were divided into teams and played a match.

The lessons was organized by Maccabi Odessa, with the support of the Israeli cultural center and the Children and Youth Football League of the Odessa region.



MACCABI DAY FOR CHILDREN, MINSK, BELARUS

May 30, 2015 a Maccabi Day for children was organized by the Center for Jewish families and Maccabi Minsk. The event was held in the Olympic center for equestrian sport. 25 families from all over Belarus took part in the event. The Chairman of the Union of Jewish communities of Belarus Boris Gersten attended the event.



VICTORY FOR MACCABI ESTONIA

The Futsal team of Maccabi Estonia became champion of the Cup of Nations 2015 in the beginning of June.

The team is preparing for the forthcoming European Maccabiah Games in Berlin - a symbolic and very important event for all Jewish athletes!



VIKTOR CUP, CZECH REPUBLIC



The annual Table Tennis tournament "Viktor Cup" took place in Karlovy-Vary, Czech Republic in April with 45 active players and some supporters.

THANK YOU

The EMC Executive appreciates very much the contribution of the lay leadership of our Movement in the T.O.'s.

The increasing activities are just another proof that our Maccabi Movement in Europe is going from strength to strength.



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