

Dear Maccabi USA Friends,

We wish to extend a personal invitation to you and your family to join us for the **20th Maccabiah Games**, July 2017! Regardless of whether you have been to Israel before or will be experiencing Israel for the first time, we have created a Maccabi USA Masters Athletes, Supporters and Family Mission that will be exciting and new for everyone!

Along with our partners at Gil Travel, we have designed a Mission that will include the best of what Israel has to offer, including five-star hotels, food, excursions and evening events. You will also be provided with the benefit of experts assisting you in taking part in all the aspects of the Maccabiah, including the Opening Ceremony and participation in special Maccabiah and Maccabi USA events. We will have regularly-scheduled buses available to sports venues. Optional excursions during your free time in-between sporting competitions will also be offered.

After speaking with staff and lay leaders with many years of experience working with our Mission program and hearing suggestions from previous participants, we have developed a program that will maximize your time and enhance your experience in Israel during the Maccabiah. We have researched and created new excursion options, as well as securing fascinating new guest lecturers. We have also hired a dedicated transportation specialist to assist us in creating a reliable and efficient transportation system for our Mission in air-conditioned buses and vans.

We are so happy to be Maccabi USA Mission Co-Chairs, as we have been to Israel many times and have participated as volunteers for both the Maccabiah and the JCC Maccabi Games in Israel. Professionally, we have vast experience in event planning both nationally and internationally. Our goal is to offer a "first class" experience to all our participants.

We are looking forward to sharing Israel with you and taking part in the Maccabiah, with over 9,000 Jewish athletes from 80 different countries coming together to participate in the third largest sporting event in the world.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Samantha Sultzer at Gil Travel, samanthas@giltravel.com, (215) 568-6655 x 380; Sara Feinstein, Marketing Director for Maccabi USA at sfeinstein@maccabiusa.com, (267) 627-5654, or us directly at mission@maccabiusa.com.

We hope that you will join us for the 2017 Maccabi USA Masters Athletes, Supporters and Family Mission and allow us to be your hosts for this incredible journey!

Warm Regards,



Andrea Bchner and Dr. Harold Friedman
Co-Chairs, 20th Maccabiah USA Mission Program

