



INTERNATIONAL JEWISH SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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"The Deeds of the Past Shall Inspire the Achievements of the Future"

Summer 2011

Three Ways to Visit the Hall of Fame

#1 Visiting Israel? One historic stop you don't want to miss is the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Museum in Netanya.

The IJSHOF extols the history of successful Jewish athletes and sportsmen at the highest levels of sport, and features photos, biographies and personal artifacts of more than 350 Jewish sport heroes.

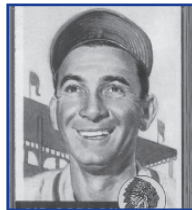
It's easy to reach, located on the Wingate Institute college campus on the Tel Aviv-Haifa Road – the main drag between Tel Aviv and northern Israel.

And, if you email or phone ahead of your trip, our Hall of Fame Director will arrange a V.I.P. tour for you.

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HALL OF FAME ELECTS TWELVE

Eight men and four women have been elected to the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame since our 2009 induction ceremonies in Israel. The following are those who were honored in 2010 and 2011. They join the more than 330 world-class athletes, sportsmen, and sportswomen who have been recognized by the IJSHOF since 1979.



Baseball:

SID GORDON, a 13-year Major League power-hitting infielder-outfielder with the NY Giants, Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston

Braves. The two-time NL All Star hit 25 or more home-run five consecutive seasons (1948-52), and was ranked among the League's top ten slugging averages.

last in 1992, and ranked No. 2 in the World when he retired.

Boxing:

MAX BAER was World Heavyweight Boxing Champion 1934-1935.

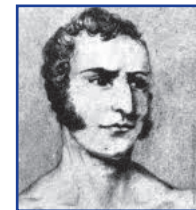
Ring Magazine named the Boxing Hall of Famer #22 on its list of the "100 Greatest Punchers of All-Time." He scored 52 KOs in 83 bouts.



Billiards:

MICHAEL SIGEL was pocket billiard's most dominant player in the 1980s, winning 10 World Championships and six U.S. Open

titles. Sigel amassed thirty-eight straight pool and 9-Ball titles during the decade. He won his first World title in 1976 and



DUTCH SAM, Samuel Elias – "The Terrible Jew," is regarded as the greatest small man in bare-knuckles ring history. The London-born 5'6"/135 lbs. son

of Dutch parents fought his first match in 1801, and had more than 100 fights,

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MOSHE THEUMIM & BOB LEVY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HONOREES

The IJSHOF's Lifetime Achievement honors were bestowed upon Israel's **MOSHE THEUMIM** in 2010, and Philadelphian **ROBERT LEVY** in 2011.

Theumim, chairman of the Board of Israel's GITAM/BBDO and the PORTER NOVELLI Company, was presented his Award at a special luncheon in his honor at Wingate Institute, this past December.

With members of his family among invited guests, Moshe was joined by: (l-r) Dr. Rutie Pilz-Burstein-Director General of Wingate Institute, Theumim, 2002

Lifetime Achievement recipient Uri Afek, and Professor Izzy Borowitch-Wingate Chairman of the Board.



Bob Levy, chairman of DRT Industries, Inc., and successful chair of the Philadelphia Sports Congress, is a name synonymous with sports in the City of Independence.

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2009 IJSHOF INDUCTIONS IN ISRAEL

Formal inductions to the IJSHOF took place in July 2009, at the Hall of Fame Museum in Netanya, with eleven honorees and family representatives on hand to participate in the unique event.

Many previous inductees, family

members, Maccabiah Games officials, and spectators were in attendance. The inductions coincided with the staging of the 18th World Maccabiah Games being held throughout Israel.

Officials participating in the

quadrennial event were: Dr. Uri Schreiber, Director of the Israel Sports Authority; Miriam Feirberg-Akar, Mayor of Netanya; IJSHOF Honorary Chairman Stephen Rubin; Wingate Chairman of the Board Izzy Borovitch; Wingate Director-General Rutie Pilz-Burstein; and Joe Siegman, IJSHOF election committee chair who hosted the event.



Inductees: (l-r) Ilana Kevehazi and Gene Kevehazi (accepting for late father-husband Michael Kevehazi), Rutie Pilz-Burstein, Daniela Sedbon-Lantner (accepting for daughter Keren Liebovitch), inductee Orna Ostfeld, David Simmons (accepting for late father Harry Simmons), inductees Maury Allen and Donald Spero, Meir Ribalow (accepting for late father Harold Ribalow), inductees Jason Lezak, Ira Berkow and Mitch Gaylord, Avi Barta (accepting for late uncle Istvan Barta), Izzy Borovitch.

PILLAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

MARVIN MILLER, second from right, the first executive director of Major League Baseball's Players Association



and the labor negotiator who changed the character of elite sports, received his IJSHOF Pillar of Achievement Award at a New York luncheon in his honor last year. On hand for the presentation were: (l-r) *New York Times* Pulitzer Prize-winning sports journalist Ira Berkow, 1964 Olympic gold medalist Don Spero, and celebrated *New York Post* columnist and ESPN analyst Maury Allen. All four men pictured are elected members of the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Allen passed away this past October (2010).

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



IJSHOF Chairman Alan Sherman, right, presents masters tennis champion **SAM SPORN** the first Award of Excellence, at a luncheon

in his honor in New York City. The prominent East Coast attorney was honored for his tennis court achievements representing American teams in France, Spain, Luxembourg, Switzerland, New Delhi, India and Canada, as a member of the International Lawn Tennis Club of the United States; and his competitive success at six quadrennial World Maccabiah Games and four Pan American Maccabiot between 1981 and 2009, during which time he won four gold and a combined nine silver and bronze medals.

TEDDY KAPLAN, Israeli masters weightlifting champion, the 75-year old seven-time World Masters Championships and five-time European Masters

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with only one loss – his last one. Sam was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1997.



Figure Skating: **ELLEN BURKA**, the Holland-born concentration camp survivor, whose unique figure skating training techniques and groundbreaking choreography produced 26 Canadian Olympic and World Championships medalists.

Handball: **FRED LEWIS** is a six-time National Handball Four-Wall Singles Champion, and 3-time National Three-Wall Singles Champion – all between 1972 and 1981. He was the 1970s “Handball player of the Decade,” and inducted into the sport’s Hall of Fame in 1993.



Horse Racing: **BOBBY FRANKEL** received thoroughbred horse racing’s Eclipse Award (for “Outstanding Trainer”) five times, including four years in a row: 2001-2003. During his career, he amassed 3,654 1st place victories and \$227,947,775 career earnings. The second-winningest trainer in racing history was elected to the Museum of Racing Hall of Fame in 1995.



Ice Hockey: **ALFRED KUCHEVSKY** was one of the top Russian ice hockey defensive stars of the 1950s. His Soviet teams won an Olympic gold medal in 1956 and bronze in 1960, as well as two golds, two silvers and a bronze at the 1954 thru 1960 World Championships. He was inducted to the Soviet/Russian Hall of Fame



Judo: **YAEL ARAD**, in 1992, earned the first-ever Olympic medal won by an Israeli – a silver medal in the Judo half-middleweight (61kg) event at the Barcelona Games. Internationally, Arad captured seven gold, eight silver and nine bronze medals.

RENA KANOKOGI, Brooklyn-born Rusty Glickman, is considered “the mother of women’s judo.” In 1980 she organized the first Women’s World Judo Championships, and was responsible for the inclusion of women’s judo as an Olympics event (debuted at the 1988 Games). Rena was inducted into the International Women’s Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.



Media: **LEONARD KOPPETT** is the only sports journalist elected to both the baseball and basketball halls of fame – the J.G. Taylor Spink Award (baseball) in 1992, and Curt Gowdy Media Award (basketball) in 1994. Koppett was a reporter and columnist for the *New York Herald Tribune*, *NY Post*, and *New York Times*. He authored sixteen books on sports.



Tennis: **ILANA KLOSS**, the World’s No. 1 ranked women’s tennis Doubles player in 1976, won the U.S. Open, U.S. Clay Courts, British Hard Courts, Italian Open, German Open, Hilton Head Open, and French Open Mixed Doubles crowns. In 1991, the South African succeeded Billy Jean King as Executive Director of World Team Tennis (WTT), and was named its CEO/Commissioner in 2001.



Read more about each of these honorees at: www.JewishSports.net

... Visit the Hall of Fame

#2 However, if you don’t have plane tickets you can still visit the IJSHOF on your computer, at: www.JewishSports.net



#3 Or, you can purchase the fourth edition of **Jewish Sports Legends**, the coffee table book that mirrors both the live IJSHOF Museum and Hall of Fame website plus more!



Jewish Sports Legends makes a great gift for the Jewish sportsophile, as well as bar and bat mitzvah celebrants.

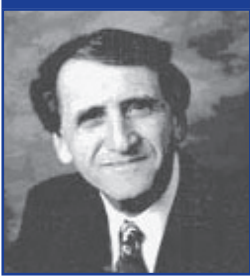
Jewish Sports Legends can be purchased via your favorite on-line book seller and at conventional book stores.

CHAIRMAN’S AWARD *(continued from page 2)*

gold medalist, was presented the Chairman’s Award of Excellence at a Wingate luncheon in his honor. Also a masters body-builder, Kaplan was the top-ranked competitor in the 50-plus group, and competed when he was 70 years old. He represented South Africa and Israel as a weightlifter at numerous World Maccabiah Games.



(l-r) Kaplan, Eli Sadres, chairman of the Israel Weightlifting Association, and Dr. Rutie Pilz-Burstein, Wingate Director-General, who made the presentation.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Each time I write a "From The Chairman" message, I comment

about how the IJSHOF Museum is gasping for display space. Our Israeli associates have been enormously creative dealing with the minimal available space, but a new, stand-alone building, remains atop our Wish List. Plans have been drawn, but funds are still wanting.

The IJSHOF Museum is situated on the third floor of Wingate's Student Union Building. Wishfully, we would like to install a special handicap elevator for disabled students and elderly visitors. Currently, it is extraordinarily difficult, if not impossible for many visitors to struggle up, then down, three flights of stairs to reach the Museum or adjacent auditorium.

Nonetheless, following our 2009 inductions, we were pleased to receive funds from Hall of Fame members and supporters to install an air-conditioning system in the IJSHOF, as well as install new flooring and much-needed additional display cases.

During the past year, the Chairman's Award of Excellence was created and presented in recognition of special accomplishments in the world of sports and physical education. The first two recipients were USA's Samuel P. Sporn and Israeli Teddy Kaplan. Their achievements are featured elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, I am pleased to welcome the newest members of the Hall of Fame's International Executive Board: Alan Hahn, Merton Isaacman, Alan Meltzer, Robert Sockolov, Leonard Weiss, and Jerry Wolman.

If you're of a mind to visit Israel in the next few years, mark July 18, 2013 on your calendar. That's the date of the next formal IJSHOF inductions. *You are invited!*

Warmest wishes,
Alan Sherman

CRITERIA FOR ELECTION

In addition to a potential candidate having at least one Jewish parent AND considers him/herself Jewish, the candidate must have accomplished at least one of the following:

- An Olympic gold medal
- A World Championship gold medal
- Multiple-Olympic or World Championship medals
- A World record; an amateur or professional World Championship
- Been elected to the hall of fame of the athlete's/contributor's sport
- Recorded a unique achievement(s)
- Was a sports pioneer; innovator or key participant in commemorative circumstances

LOOKING GOOD, FEELING COOL



Each of the triangle display cases pictured above includes a photograph and biography in English & Hebrew of one of the 350-plus IJSHOF honorees. The pillar at the far right features all affiliated regional Jewish sports halls of fames around the world. The pillar seen near the center is a memorial to the 11 Israeli athletes murdered at the 1972 Olympic Games.

The Hall of Fame museum is looking good and feeling cool!

Much needed air conditioning has been installed in the exhibit area, and attractive wood flooring has replaced the au natural concrete look.

The upgrades were made possible through the generosity of IJSHOF supporters from England, the U.S. and South Africa.

It's no bulletin that financial times are difficult, certainly no more so than in the State of Israel. We can use your financial help NOW!

In addition to stretching the envelope on the museum's current display space – we are looking for an anchor donor(s) to build a stand-alone Hall of Fame building – our primary financial wish is funds for an elevator for handicapped and elderly visitors. The Hall of Fame (and adjacent auditorium) are on the present site's third floor, making it extremely difficult, at best, or prohibiting to reach for many.

The Hall of Fame, via American Friends of Wingate, is a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible. You can participate in our Tribute Program or with a personal financial gift. *We need you on our team.*

... Who Knew?

- **That four of the five commissioners of America's major league professional sports are Jewish!**

Baseball – Bud Selig

Basketball – David Stern

Hockey – Gary Bettman

Soccer – Don Garber

- **That several sports owe their existence to Jewish mothers** – the “mothers” of women’s sports: Senda Berenson – *basketball*, Charlotte Epstein – *swimming*, and Rena Kanokogi, aka Rusty Glickman – *Judo*.

- **That pocket billiards champion Michael Sigel** was the technical advisor to Paul Newman in the motion picture *The Color of Money*, and Tom Cruise in *Baltimore Bullet*.

- **That Boston Braves outfielder Sid Gordon** slugged four grand slam homeruns in a single season (1950).

- **That basketball used to “center jump”** after each basket. It was eliminated at the 1936 Olympic Games at the

suggestion of Canadian coach Julius Goldman, an American who became a star college player in Canada and qualified for the Canadian Olympic basketball team. But, he wasn't permitted to play for Canada because of his US citizenship, so the Canucks named him their assistant basketball coach and representative on the Olympic rules committee, where he changed the game.

- **That bare knuckles Hall of Fame boxer Samuel Elias, better known as Dutch Sam**, lost the only match of his remarkable 100 bouts career at the age of 39 – reportedly four years and 15,000 glasses of gin after he had formally retired.

- **That Rena Kanokogi, then a young Brooklyn babe named Rusty Glickman**, won the men's New York State YMCA Judo championship in

1959, but had to relinquish her medal when officials learned she was a woman.

- **That the virtually unidentified actor** who kicked the winning goal in the Oscar-nominated Morgan Freeman-Matt Damon film *Invictus*, was director Clint Eastwood's real-life son portraying South African rugby star Joel Stransky, elected to the IJSHOF several years ago.

- **That Abe Saperstein** did not only create, own and promote the Harlem Globetrotters, he – at 5'5" – was the team's only substitute player.

- **That leading German neurosurgeon Ludwig Guttmann**, who fled to England at the outbreak of World War II, created the Stoke-Mandeville Games, later renamed the Paralympics.

- **That tenpin bowlers** can bowl a perfect 300 game because New York champion Lewis Stein, a charter member of the American Bowling Congress, convinced the ABC in 1895 that their sport should change its scoring system

from its then popular 200 maximum points system to 300 maximum points.

- **That Russian-born Joseph Yekutieli** was the lone delegate from Palestine at the 1929 World Maccabi Congress, where he presented his concept for what he called “The Maccabiah Games.” It was unanimously approved, and the first Games were staged in Tel Aviv in March, 1932. The most recent Maccabiah (2009) recorded the third largest number of participants of any sporting event in world history.

- **That New York Yankees** 1930-1931 reserve second baseman was James Hymie Solomon at birth, and Jimmy Reese when he was Babe Ruth's roommate. He stayed in baseball longer than the Babe, leaving the game an active California Angeles coach when he died at the age of 93.

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LIFETIME AWARD

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Robert Levy

An elected member of the University of Pennsylvania Tennis Hall of Fame, he chaired the U.S. Maccabiah tennis teams in 1977, 1981, 1985, 1989, and was

honorary chair of the 1993 team.

The Robert P. Levy Stable is a highly successful thoroughbred racing and breeding venture that includes four Eclipse Awards and a Belmont Stakes champion. Levy chairs the Board of Atlantic City Racing Association, and is a long time director of the Thoroughbred Racing Association.

In 1953, Bob founded and organized the Little Quakers football team, an age and weight group of young All Stars that, to this day, maintain a reputation as one of the finest boys teams in America. His many honors include recognition by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, and he is recipient of the John B. Kelly Award for "unselfishly contributing directly to extending

the future of our youth through the medium of sports".

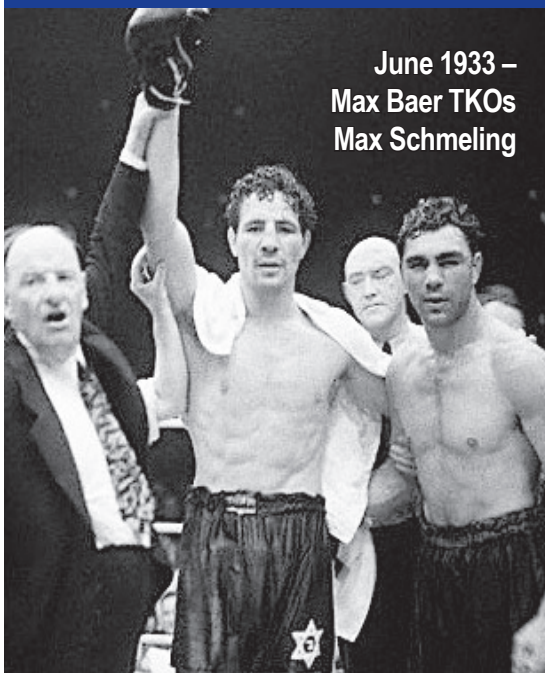
Moshe Theumim, in 1997, led a group of Israeli businessmen who purchased the foundering Hapoel Tel-Aviv Soccer Club and managed it to 1998 and 1999 Israel National Cup championships.

They expanded the Club's professional activities to include a comprehensive program directed at employing soccer as a tool for social change. The program included several hundred soccer/futbol schools in low socio-economic neighborhoods, serving 20,000 children in all sectors of Israel—including new immigrants, Arabs and Druze, those with special needs, boarding schools, and sheltered workshops for at-risk youths.

Moshe has been editor of DARBAN, Israel's national student newspaper, and was editor of Yediot Ha'achronot., Israel's leading daily newspaper,

A Chair for Communications in his name was established at Tel Aviv University, recognizing his contributions to the communications and media sector of Israel.

Bob Levy will receive his Lifetime Award at a special luncheon in his honor later this year.



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