

INTERNATIONAL JEWISH SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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NEWSLETTER



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

Summer, 2008

HALL OF FAME ADDS NEW HONOREES

As the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame enters its 30th year, recent elections have swelled the IJSHOF's roster to 321 honored athletes and sportsmen who have excelled at the highest levels of their sport.

Since July, 2005, when our last formal inductions were held in Israel, the following have been elected:

Auto Racers:



KENNY BERNSTEIN, American driver-owner, is a six-time National Hot Rod Association champion, and winner of the International HRA Winston championship. He is the only race

team owner to collect wins in three major motorsports disciplines: NASCAR, NHRA, and IndyCar.



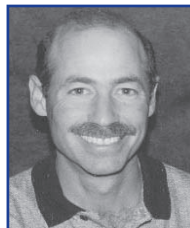
MAURI ROSE won the "Indianapolis 500" in 1941, 1945 and 1947. He was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1994.

Basketball: **EARL STROM**, in 1957, became one of the NBA's first fulltime court officials, and spent 29 years in the NBA and

three years in the ABA. Elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995, Strom was only the third court official elected to the BHOF.



Bowler: **MARSHALL HOLMAN**, an American elected to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1990, was the first pro bowler to top \$1.5 million in career earnings, and ranks 7th all-time with 22 major PBA championships.



Beach Volleyball: **ADRIANA BEHAR**, the Brazilian and partner Shelia Bede were the world's #1 ranked team in 2000, 2001 and 2004. The pair won World Championships in 1999 and 2001, and silver medals at the 2000 and 2004 Olympics.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HONORS TO RUBIN, EISENBERG-KEEFER, GILADY

Anually, the IJSHOF presents a Lifetime Achievement Award to an individual who has made significant contributions to the State of Israel and society through sports. Since the IJSHOF's inductions in 2005, three individuals have been recipients of the Award.

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Stephen Rubin receives his 2008 Lifetime Achievement plaque at a special luncheon in his honor on the Wingate campus. From left: Angela Rubin, Efraim Zinger, Secretary-General of the Israel Olympic Committee, honoree Rubin, and Dr. Rutie Pilz-Burstein, Acting Director-General of Wingate Institute.

NEXT INDUCTIONS JULY 15, 2009

The IJSHOF holds its formal inductions every four years in Israel, during the Maccabiah Games. The next induction of honorees will take place July 15, 2009, within the framework of the World Maccabiah Games, which has its Opening Ceremonies pageant two days earlier.

All persons elected to the IJSHOF, especially those having their first opportunity (elected 2006-2009) to participate in a formal induction event, as well as family members and friends, will be able to take advantage of several VIP travel packages. These special VIP packages will include Maccabiah Games events, touring historical sites, various "insider" attractions, and some may include stop-overs in other countries. Of course, there will also be unique social activities arranged for the attending honorees.

Hall of Famers will march as honored guests with the participating athletes in the Maccabiah opening ceremonies parade. (Similar to the Olympics Opening ceremonies)

Anyone wishing to attend may also make their own travel arrangements and

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

July 2009 will mark the 30th anniversary of the IJSHOF, an occasion celebrated by formal inductions of Hall of Fame honorees of the past four years. The event will be held at the IJSHOF Museum on the Wingate Institute campus at noon, July 15th (09), and all honorees and their families are invited to attend.

Formal IJSHOF inductions are generally held within the framework of the World Maccabiah Games, the oft-referenced "Jewish Olympics", because it is the two weeks, every four years, when the international Jewish sports community convenes in Israel.

Each time I write one of these "From The Chairman" messages I comment about how the IJSHOF Museum is grasping 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.

As things stand, practically, we are in desperate need of air conditioning in the Museum. The Museum area has been without air-cooling since its inception. Its absence is a deterrent to visitors during hot summer months, and causes havoc on memorabilia.

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 visitors. Currently, it is extraordinarily difficult, if not impossible, for many disabled visitors to struggle up, then down, three flights of stairs to reach the Museum or adjacent auditorium.

I wish each of you a wonderful summer, and hope to see some of you July '09 at the Hall of Fame inductions.

Warm wishes,
Alan Sherman

2005 IJSHOF Formal Inductions



New and past honorees were on hand in Israel for the 2005 IJSHOF formal inductions. *Back row:* (l-r) Chagai Zamir, Ian Froman, Sean Tompson, Dr. Uriel Simri, Tal Brody, Sid Greenberg, Gal Fridman (partially hidden), Dolph Schayes, Paul Pugliese (for his mother Julia Pugliese), Lenny Krayzelburg, Stephanie Fein (representing her father Lester Fein). *Front row:* (l-r) Margalit Sonnenfeld, Shimon Mizrahi Uri Afek, Joseph Luttenberg, Mrs. Kleiner (representing Irena Kirszenstein), Mel Rosen, Mark Spitz.

NEXT INDUCTIONS

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coordinate with the Hall of Fame events.

If you've never been to Israel before, this is the time to go – when you're an important part of the great celebration that includes some 5,000 Jewish athletes, coaches and officials from all over the world. And, if Israel is "old hat" to you, well, you've never seen the Holy Land like it is during the Maccabiah Games, especially when you, yourself, are involved.

At our most recent inductions, during the 2005 Maccabiah, 18 honorees were represented at the Induction Ceremonies, including Dolph Schayes, Mark Spitz, Lenny Krayzelburg, Tal Brody, Gal Fridman, and others from Great Britain, South Africa, Canada, Russia and the United States.

It's never too early to plan ahead. Please e-mail us if you are contemplating attending the July 15th, 2009 Induction Ceremonies (and Maccabiah Games) in Israel. You can contact us at any of the addresses on the backpage of this newsletter, including: IntjSports@aol.com.

CRITERIA FOR ELECTION

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

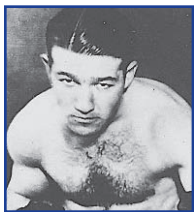
- One or more Olympic gold medals
- One or more World Championships gold medals
- A World record
- An amateur or professional World Championship
- Been elected to the hall of fame of the athlete's/contributor's sport
- Recorded a unique achievement(s)
- Was a sports pioneer, innovator or key participant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

At the first IJSHOF induction dinner held in Los Angeles, California in May, 1979, baseball legend Hank Greenberg cautioned the event organizers: *"The value of a hall of fame is measured by its criteria for election. Don't make it easy."*

We adhere to Hammerin' Hank's advice.

NEW HONOREES *(continued from Page 1)*

Boxing:



BOB OLIN was World Light-Heavyweight boxing champion 1934-35.

AL SINGER held the World Lightweight title in 1930.



MATT WELLS was World Welterweight champion 1914-1915.

WHITEY BIMSTEIN enjoyed a celebrated 50-year career as a trainer and “cutman” for 25 World boxing champions. Among them: Jack Dempsey, Rocky Marciano, Jake LaMotta, Barney Ross, and Rocky Graziano.

Fencing: **EDUARD VINOKUROV**, Russian Sabre champion won Team gold medals at the 1968 and 1976 Olympic Games, and a silver in 1972. His Soviet World Championships teams won gold medal honors from 1967 to 1975.



Football: **LYLE ALZADO**, the 15 year NFL defensive end/tackle (1971-85), was named All-Pro 1977 and 1978 and “Comeback Player of the Year” in 1982. Alzado played in two Pro Bowls, was All-AFC defensive lineman six times, and a stalwart of the 1983 L.A. Raiders Super Bowl championship team.



Media:



IRA BERKOW, the New York Times Pulitzer Prize winning sports journalist authored the best seller, *Hank Greenberg: The Story of My Life*.

JOE REICHLER was the Associated Press’ ranking baseball writer

1943 to 1966, and recipient of the J.T. Spink Baseball Hall of Fame Award.



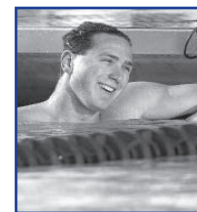
HARRY SIMMONS authored the *Saturday Evening Post*’s “So You Know Baseball” column from 1946 to 1961 was MLB’s official schedule-maker for 20 years.

Paralympics: **KAREN LEIBOWITZ** is Israel’s most celebrated Paralympic athlete, with three swimming gold medals at the Sydney 2000 Games — 50m & 100m freestyles and 100m backstroke; and one gold, two silvers and a bronze at the 2004 Paralympics. She also captured three World and five European championships.



Rugby: **ALBERT ROSENFELD**, England’s Australian-born wing-three quarter, was one of the original nine players inducted into the Rugby League Hall of Fame. His 1913-14 single season record of 80 tries still stands.

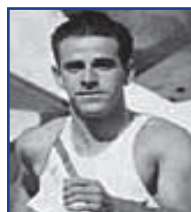
Swimmer: **JASON LEZAK**, the American sprinter, won Olympic gold medals in 2000 and 2004, five World Championship gold medals, and teamed to set a number of World relay records. In 2002, he was ranked World’s #1 in the 50m freestyle; and in 2004, #1 in the 100m freestyle.



Tennis: **SUZY KORMOCZY**, the Hungarian racquet star, won the French Open Singles in 1958, and was ranked #2 in the World that year. She was ranked in the World’s Top Ten nine times during her 14 year career.



Pillar of Achievement:



SAM STOLLER was “the other half” of a pair of Jewish-American sprinters on the infamous American 400-meter relay team at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. It was Stoller and Jewish teammate Marty Glickman, who were abruptly removed from their team positions shortly before the championship heat to appease Adolph Hitler. Stoller was the U.S. indoor 60-yd, 100-yd, and 100-meter indoor champion.



AL SCHACHT, was forced by an injury in 1924 from the Washington Senators pitching mound to the team’s coaching box, and a unique comedy career that made him “The Clown Prince of Baseball”. His 50 years as the sport’s goodwill ambassador included comic performances at 27 World Series, 18 All Star Games, and more than 300 wartime (WWII and Korea) appearances for soldiers/hospitals in Europe, South Pacific and Korea.

Read more about each of these honorees at:

www.JewishSports.net.

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IJSHOF on the Internet

Biographies of everyone elected to the IJSHOF can be found at our great website. You can locate them alphabetically by name or by sport. There’s lots of additional information about the Hall of Fame on the site, as well as links to other pertinent sites.

If it’s about Jews in sports, you’ll satisfy your curiosity and find the answers to all your questions!

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HONORS *(continued from Page 1)*

2008's recipient is R. Stephen Rubin, chairman of Pentland Group, the British sporting goods giant that includes subsidiaries and associated companies such as Reebok International, Adidas and La Chemise Lacoste. He received his award in January at a luncheon in his honor at Wingate Institute campus. Rubin, recipient of an OBE, has been responsible for outfitting Israeli and United Kingdom Maccabiah Games teams since the 1980s, and the Rubin Family recently dedicated the Speedo Aquatic Centre at Israel's Wingate Institute. Rubin has been an active supporter of Wingate for decades and, since 1992, served as Honorary Chair of the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

American philanthropist Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer received Lifetime Achievement honors at a special luncheon at L.A.'s



Joyce Eisenberg Keefer displays her 2007 Lifetime Achievement plaque. Among well-wishers: (l-r) IJSHOF board members Bill Perel, Allan Dalfen, Barry Weinstock, Joyce, husband Mel Keefer, Olympic champion Mark Spitz, board members Joe Siegman and Peter Kahn.

Hillcrest Country Club in February 2007. In addition to major Israeli and U.S. medical and educational facilities that have been recipients of the Ben & Joyce Eisenberg Foundation's generosity, she has been, for more than 25 years, the anchor contributor of the Israel Tennis and Children's Centers throughout the Holy Land. In Jerusalem, the ITC is known as the Ben & Joyce Eisenberg Children's Tennis Center.

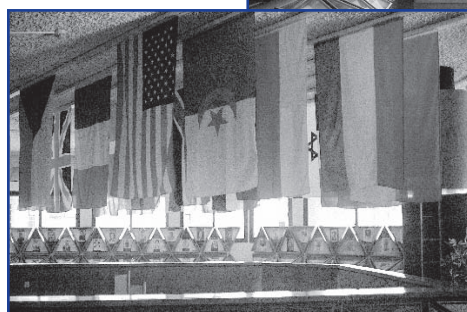
In 1992, Alex Gilady became the first Israeli member of the International Olympic Committee. The 2006 Lifetime Achievement honoree began his



distinguished career in sports media as a journalist for *Yedioth Ahronoth*, then as sports commentator and editor at the newly established Israel State Television. Gilady was responsible for coverage of such events as the 1976 Montreal Olympics, Egyptian President Anwar El-Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem in 1977, and the subsequent Israel-Egypt peace talks (for which he was the first Israeli to enter Egypt with an Israeli passport). He joined NBC Sports in 1982, and was responsible for the network's acquisition of broadcast rights to the summer and winter Olympic Games of 1988, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008.

Wish List

No one figured 30 years ago that we would still be growing – let alone still around. But, we are entering our fourth decade, supporting the IJSHOF Museum in Israel, having produced four published books and a documentary on the way,



Two interior views of the IJSHOF

maintaining a popular internet website, and through it fulfilling information and photo requests

almost daily to an international audience of students, media, researchers and sports enthusiasts.

With all this attention we've gotten too big for our britches. The Wingate Library – reference files and photographs we've culled and developed – provides the only resource center of its kind in the world. Our small Israeli staff, with volunteers, is straining to efficiently make these facilities available to all who seek them.

You guessed it. We can use some help. The following is a list of "projects" that, with your help, will allow us to maintain and grow:

AIR CONDITIONING • There is no air conditioning in the IJSHOF Museum, and it is desperately needed. During the warm months – i.e., most of the time – the hot climate can be unbearable. As such, it is a deterrent to museum visitors, and plays havoc on memorabilia. Some items actually disintegrate over time. • **Gift: \$100,000.**

HANDICAPPED ELEVATOR • The IJSHOF Museum and inclusive auditorium are situated on the third floor of Wingate's Student Union Building. The large number of stairs makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the handicapped, disabled and elderly to reach the top floor destination. An elevator alongside the exterior of the building will provide easy access to top floor activities. • **Gift: \$250,000.**

MAINTENANCE FUND • The yearly purchase of display cases for new honorees and their preparation for display, escorting tours and visitor staffing, security, and general maintenance of the Museum are annual costs of operation. • **Gifts: Gold - \$10,000; Silver - \$7,500; Bronze - \$5,000.** Gifts may be paid in 2 annual installments.

TRIBUTES • A bronze plate with your name (or family or foundation) will be permanently displayed on the Museum display case of the IJSHOF honoree of your choice. • **Gift: \$1,000.**

Parties interested in any of these items or other types of financial gifts to the IJSHOF, should contact:

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... Who Knew?

- **That 3-time Indy 500 champion** Mauri Rose invented the device that allows amputees to drive an automobile.
- **That Jews have won three tennis Grand Slams:** USA's Dick Savitt won the Wimbledon Singles title in 1951; England's Angela Buxton was a Wimbledon's Doubles champion (with Althea Gibson) in 1956; and Hungary's Suzy Kormoczy captured the French Open Singles in 1958.
- **That the left-handed Jewish pitching star** with the most career victories is not Sandy Koufax. The Dodgers super star who threw four no-hitters, won three Cy Young Awards and five consecutive ERA titles, won 165 games. Ken Holtzman, with the Cubs, A's, Orioles and Yankees, recorded 174 wins (and tossed two no-hitters).
- **That Cal-Berkeley's three-time All-America halfback** Benny Lom is etched in college football legend for a defensive play. At the 1929 Rose Bowl, Cal lineman Roy Riegels picked up a fumble and, disoriented by the action, ran the wrong way – towards his own goal line. As 90,000 spectators roared, the speedy Lom chased-down teammate "Wrong Way" Riegels and tackled him a yard short of his own goal line.
- **That Jews have won 380 Olympic medals** since the modern Games began in 1896, including 10 golds recorded by Jewish swimmers at the 2000 and 2004 Olympics.
- **That in the mid-1930s, boxing champion** Barney Ross held three World titles at the same time: Lightweight, Junior Welterweight and Welterweight.
- **That in 1911 Hungarian figure-skater** Lili Kronberger, vying for her fourth consecutive World Championship, was the first skater to use musical accompaniment in a competition program.
- **That British weightlifting champion** Ben Helfgott and record-setting French swimmer Alfred Nakache are the only known concentration camp survivors to compete in the Olympics.
- **That NHRA driver-owner** Kenny Bernstein earned the title "King of Speed" when he broke the 300 mph barrier, but set the World record at 332.18.
- **That during the 60s and 70s, two Jews were charged** with the responsibility of developing playing schedules for Major League Baseball and the

National Basketball Association. Harry Simmons devised the MLB schedule, while Eddie Gottlieb, original owner of the Philadelphia Warriors, handled the NBA slate.

- **That New York cop** Henry Wittenberg, absent a formal invitation to try out for the 1948 U.S. Olympic wrestling team, entered himself; won a position; and captured the Light-Heavyweight Olympic gold medal.
- **That rugby star** Joel Stransky scored all South Africa's points in the epic 1995 World Cup final, including a dramatic "drop goal" that sealed his country's victory. Stransky had never before attempted a drop goal in competition.
- **That World Welterweight** boxing champion Ted "Kid" Lewis, in 1913, was the first boxer to use a protective mouthpiece – invented by his Jewish dentist.
- **That Philadelphia golf pro** Herman Barron ranked #2 on the 1946 PGA Tour in prize winnings behind #1 Ben Hogan. Barron amassed \$23,000 that year.
- **That Olympic gold medalists** Albert and Gustav Flatow (German gymnasts), Janos Garay, Oszkar Gerde and Attila Petschauer (Hungarian fencers), Otto Herschmann (Austrian swimmer), and five members of the Netherlands' 1928 women's gymnastics team, died in Nazi concentrations camps.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Why are these questions different from all other questions?

1. **Two changed their names and became America's most prominent sportscasters?**
a) Howard Cohen b) Martin Glickman
c) Richard Schapp d) Melvin Israel
2. **NBA's all-time career scoring leader until Wilt Chamberlain topped his stats?**
a) Nat Holman b) Max Zaslofsky
c) Lennie Rosenbluth d) Dolph Schayes
3. **MVP quarterback's 28 touchdowns in one season were an NFL record until Johnny Unitas tossed 32 many years later?**
a) Allie Sherman b) Sid Luckman
c) Benny Friedman d) Marshall Goldberg
4. **Won an Olympic gold medal and a NBA Championship?**
a) Danny Schayes b) Larry Brown
c) Red Auerbach d) Red Holzman

ANSWERS: 1) a & d; 2) d; 3) b; 4) b

The Other Bible!

When we say that *Jewish Sports Legends* is the "bible of Jewish sports", we intend no comparison or conflict with the Bible. But *Jewish Sports Legends* covers a lot more about sports than the original tome.

Jewish Sports Legends is the series of books that references everything about the Inter-

national Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

The 4th edition of JSL features bio-

ographies and photos of every person and team honored by the IJSHOF, plus additional features that inform and entertain regarding the subject of 'Jews in sports'. It makes a perfect gift for Jewish sportsmen and sportswomen, whether they're a b'nai mitzvah or a member of AARP.

You can enjoy a sampling of JSL on the internet at www.JewishSports.net The website is continuously updated as new data occurs.

The books, first published in 1992, are available via internet book-sellers, at most walk-in bookstores, and Judaica stores.



Jewish Sports Legends author Joe Siegman at the United Jewish Communities General Assembly in Los Angeles



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