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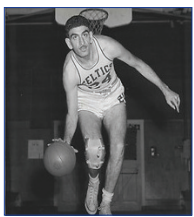
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"The Deeds of the Past Shall Inspire the Achievements of the Future"

Summer 2014

17 SPORTSMEN/WOMEN ELECTED TO IJSHOF

"Class of 2013"



St. John University's **HARRY BOYKOFF** was the first big-man superstar in college basketball. The gangly 6'9" Boykoff was a consensus All-American three varsity seasons—1942-43, 1945-46, 1946-47 (in U.S. Army 1943-45). As a sophomore, Harry led the Redmen to the National

Invitational Tournament (NIT) championship, and was the tourney's MVP. He played pre-NBA and early NBA pro ball until 1951. Harry was such a prolific shot blocker at St. Johns, his talent prompted creation of the original goal-tending rule (1944), which disallowed interference of a shot on its downward flight.

Multi-sport Paralympics champion **BARUCH HAGAI** is known as "Mr. Basketball" of wheelchair sports. His extraordinary record includes 10 Paralympic Games/Stokes Mandeville Games/World and European Championships basketball gold medals between 1967 and 1981; five Paralympics table tennis gold medals from 1964 to 1976; and 1964 Paralympics swimming gold medal. And, a cache of silver and bronze medals. He was honored as a "Man of Peace" by the International Olympic Committee in 1986. In 2001, Baruch was recipient of the Israel Prize.



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SHAWN GREEN is a two-time Major League All-Star who spent 15 big league seasons mostly with the Toronto Blue Jays and Los Angeles Dodgers. He hit 328 career homeruns (40 or more home runs three times), and had more than 100 RBIs four times. At retirement,

Green was one of only four active players with at least 300 homeruns, 1,000 RBIs and runs scored, 400 career doubles, a .280 batting average, and 150 stolen bases.

ALLAN "BUD" SELIG is the 9th Commissioner of Major League Baseball. The one-time owner of the Milwaukee Brewers franchise has overseen baseball's development into the 21st century. His 20+ years at the helm has seen the introduction of the "wild card" for AL and NL playoffs, the introduction of inter-league play, the addition of two expansion teams, Tampa Bay & Arizona, the transfer of the Montreal franchise to Washington, D.C., conditional instant replay, and numerous other innovations.



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ISRAEL HOSTS 2013 INDUCTIONS



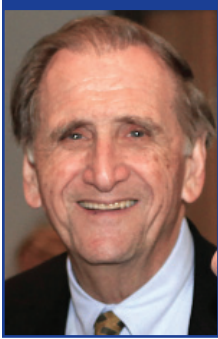
Twenty athletes and sportsmen received honors at the IJSHOF's quadrennial induction event July 17th (2013), at Israel's Wingate Institute in Netanya, site of the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

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Olympians Esther Roth-Sachamarov, left, and Aly Raisman after receiving their Hall of Fame honors.

*Read more about each
of these honorees at:*

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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 minimal available space. Although, having a new stand-alone building remains atop our Wish List, for the near term we have to think about remodeling the existing HOF and bringing it into the new millennium of technology.

The IJSHOF Museum is situated on the third floor of Wingate's Student Union Building. We need to install a special handicap elevator for disabled students, honorees 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. This is a \$400,000 project.

It is almost ten years since we published the 4th edition of our official book, *Jewish Sports Legends*, by Joseph Siegman. Since that time, 72 new honorees in various disciplines have been elected, and biographies of many of those included in the previous editions require updating. We would like to publish a new 5th edition, but lack the funds to do so.

I would be remiss if did not mention my grateful thanks to those members of the International Executive Board who continue to support our efforts year after year.

Lastly, I would like to personally congratulate Joe Siegman, Effi Yaacobi and Sharon Talmor for conducting a memorable Induction Ceremony this past July. Without the support of our Honorary Chairman, Stephen Rubin, it would not have been as successful as it was. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond my control prevented me from attending at the very last minute.

Warmest wishes,

Alan Sherman

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CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING ICONS INDUCTED IN TORONTO



photo: Chuck Kochman

(l-r) Canada's Council General of Israel D.J. Schneeweiss, Petra Burka, Ellen Burka, Sidney Greenberg.



Petra Burka in 1965

Canadian figure skating icons Ellen Burka and Petra Burka received formal International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame induction honors at a special ceremony this past October at the Toronto (Canada) Cricket Skating and Curling Club. The event, hosted by past Hall of Fame honoree Sidney Greenberg and the Canadian Consulate, brought the Jewish and Canadian figure skating communities together to praise Ellen's storied coaching career and daughter Petra's 1965 World Figure Skating Championship and Olympic

achievements. Ellen was elected to the IJSHOF in 2010, Petra in 2012.

Ellen immigrated to Canada from Holland several years following World War II, after being imprisoned several years in the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp. She lost both parents and grandmother in the camps.

The inductions were described by Toronto's UJS Federation Shalom Life website as "a prestigious affair," and attended by nearly 100 guests, media, Canadian Olympians, and Skate Canada officials.

Biographies and photos of both Burkas can be viewed on the IJSHOF website at the 'Elected Members' heading.



BLAST FROM THE PAST! Jewish sports leadership at the July 1981 dedication of the new International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Museum at Israel's Wingate Institute of Physical Education, in Netanya. L-R: Israeli sports pioneer Chaim Glovinsky, IJSHOF's Alan Sherman, Israeli pioneer sportsman Haim Wein, Director General of Israel's Ministry of Education and IJSHOF Honorary Chairman Eliezer Shmueli, IJSHOF's Joe Siegman, and Dr. Uriel Simri, Wingate's Scientific Director and IJSHOF Executive Director.

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The honorees and family recipients gathered after the presentations for this 'class' photo. Front row: (l-r) Zohar Sharon, Kit Feldman, Sam Sporn, Shaul Ladany, Michel Grun, Yael Arad, Bill Steerman, Aly Raisman, Esther Roth-Sachamarov, Baruch Hagai, Reuven Heller. Back row: (l-r) Fred Lewis, Jim Grabb, Richard Koppett, Murray Chass (partially hidden), Joe Siegman. Kneeling: Rodolfo Kohn.

Receiving formal inductions were 12 individuals elected to the IJSHOF during the past four years, and four recipients of the HOF's Lifetime Achievement Award. Also cited were four athletes who, since 2010, had received the Chairman's Award of Excellence.

An audience of an estimated 375 Maccabiah Games officials, Wingate Institute Directors and senior staff, friends and family of the honorees, and sports-minded Israelis were on hand to honor: *Americans* — Olympics gold medal gymnast **Aly Raisman**, tennis star **Jim Grabb**, handball champion **Fred Lewis**, media icons **Murray Chass** and **Leonard Koppett**, and **Bill Davidson**, owner of 3-time NBA Champion Detroit Pistons; *Israelis* — **Yael Arad**, **Baruch Hagai**, **Shaul Ladany** and **Esther Roth-Sachamarov**; South African tennis champion **Ilana Kloss**; and **Erwin Kohn**, world champion table tennis star who represented Austria and Argentina.

Lifetime Achievement honors went to Philadelphians **Robert Levy** and **William Steerman**, Israeli **Moshe Theumim**, and **Michel Grun**, Antwerp, Belgium.

American **Sam Sporn** (tennis) and Israeli's **Teddy Kaplan** (weightlifting), **Reuven Heller** (disabled sports), and **Zohar Sharon** (champion blind golfer) were recipients of the Chairman's Award of Excellence.

Among past Hall of Fame honorees attending the inductions were: **Agnes Keleti** (Hungary), **Uri Afek** (Israel), **Tal Brody** (Israel), **Bob Spivak** (USA), **Wilf Rosenberg** (SA), **Shimon Mizrachi** (Israel), **Alan Jay** (GB), **Ian Froman** (Israel/SA) and **Chagai Zamir** (Israel).

IJSHOF Executive Board Members in attendance were **Barry Gurland**, **Jeff Bukantz**, **Melvyn Miller**, **Harvey Leff**, **Jess Forrest**, **Mervyn Tankelowitz**, **William Steerman** and **Robert Sockolov**. Also present were Austrian Ambassador to Israel **Franz Josef Kuglich**, and Argentine diplomatic Minister **Jorge Riccombeni**.

The presentation of awards were made by **Brig. General (res) Oded Tirah**, Chairman of the Wingate Board of Directors; **Ms. Orly Froman**,

Director-General of the Israel Ministry of Culture & Sport, **Dr. Uri Schaefer**, Deputy D-G & Director of the Sport Authority, Ministry of Culture and Sport, and **Dr. Rutie Pilz-Burstein**, Director-General Wingate Institute.

The award-winning student Youth Ensemble representing the Afula School system (from Israel's North District) entertained honorees and guests.

Hall of Fame past chairman **Joe Siegman** presided over the 90-minute ceremony. **Effi Yaacobi**, former Executive Director of the IJSHOF, produced the event, with **Sharon Talmor** and **Dr. Avraham Ben-Zaken**.

The day's events concluded with a buffet dinner for honorees and guests on Wingate's garden bluff overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.



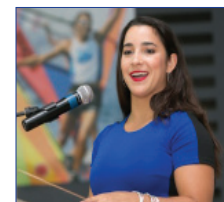
AFULA Ensemble



Jim Grabb receives induction award from Brig. Gen (res) Oded Tirah. At his left is Ms. Rutie Pilz-Burstein, and right, Ms. Orly Froman.



Yael Arad



Aly Raisman



Fred Lewis



Kit Feldman, representing her father Bob Levy



Bill Steerman

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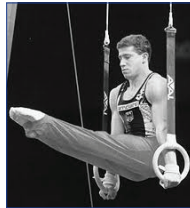


ROBERT DOVER represented the United States at six Olympic Games (1984–2004) and won four consecutive dressage bronze medals: 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004. He was elected captain of each of the six Olympic teams on which he competed. The U.S. Olympic Committee named him 1994

male “Equestrian of the Year,” and the following year he was awarded the Whitney Stone Cup by the U.S. Equestrian Federation. Dover’s six Olympic appearances is the most-ever for an American dressage rider. The Chicago-born rider has been USEF Dressage Champion five times, and has ridden seven times in the FEI World Cup Final. In 2002, Dover was inducted into the USDF Dressage Hall of Fame in 2008.

VALERI BELENKI ranked World’s No. 1 gymnast in 1990, and among the World’s Top Ten 1992–1997. He was a gold medalist at the 1991 World Championships in the Pommel Horse, and a gold in Team All-Around.

The Azerbaijan-born gymnast, competing for the Unified Team (Soviet Union) at the 1992 Olympic Games, he won a gold medal in Team Combined Exercises, and took a bronze in Individual All-Around. But with the break-up of the Soviet Union, Azerbaijan was left without a gymnastics federation. So Belenki became a German citizen and represented his new country at the 1994 World Championships, finishing in a third place tie in the Rings event. Belenki won his last career gold medal, in the Pommel Horse event at the 1997 at the World Championships.



ALY RAISMAN was captain of the 2012 United States Olympic gold medal women’s gymnastics team (nicknamed the “Fierce Five”). She won a Team gold medal, an Individual gold in Floor Exercises, and Individual bronze on the Balance Beam.

Aly won a team gold medal and Individual bronze at the 2011 World Championships; and was a team gold medalist at the 2010 Pacific Rim Championships, as well as capturing All-Around, Balance Beam, and Floor Exercise silver medals.

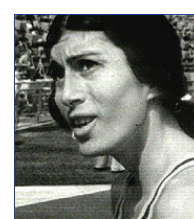
Buenos Aires-born judoka **DANIELA KRUKOWER** was the gold medalist at the 2003 Judo World Championships, defeating Cuba’s reigning Olympic champion Driulys Gonzales in the Half-Middleweight (63kg) class event with a perfect “ippon.” Her victory marked the first-ever gold medal (and only the second medal) won by an Argentine in World (or Olympic) competition. A gold medal favorite at the 2004 Olympic Games, Krukower broke her hand in the semi-finals and had to withdraw from the competition. Born



in Argentina, Krukower immigrated with her family to Israel in 1982, where she developed her judo skills. After completing IDF military service, she returned to South America in 1999 and thereafter represented Argentina.

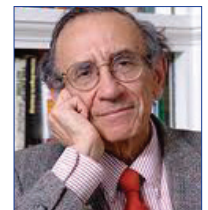
JIM GRABB was the World’s No. 1 ranked Doubles player in 1989 and 1993. The right-handed serve-and-volleyer won a pair of Grand Slam events, the 1989 French Open (w/Patrick McEnroe), and 1992 U.S. Open (with Richey Reneberg).

He and Reneberg were also runners-up at Wimbledon in 1992. Grabb won two Singles titles on the pro tour, 1987 Seoul Grand Prix (d/Andre Agassi), and 1992 Taipei Grand Prix. With various partners the Stanford University alum played a combined 50 Grand Prix-ATP Tour-Grand Slam Doubles finals, winning 23. His highest World Singles ranking was No. 20 in 1990, and he logged career victories over Michael Chang, Ivan Lendl, Stefan Edberg, Mats Wilander, and Agassi. He was a member of the 1993 U.S. Davis Cup team.

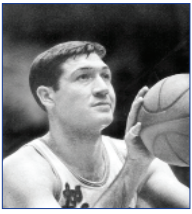


ESTHER ROTH-SACHAMAROV was the first Israeli to *qualify* for an Olympic track & field final (the 100-meter hurdles). But, she never ran the medal race. The year was 1972 in Munich, Germany, and it was the Olympics of the Arab murders of 11 Israeli athletes and coaches, including her longtime coach Amitzur Shapira. The ‘72 Games continued after little more than a brief pause, but Roth withdrew from the competition. Two years later, she returned to track at the 1974 Asian Games, and captured 3 gold medals. The Israeli runner was back at the Olympics in 1976, and again qualified for the 100m hurdles final. Although she finished 6th, Roth was the first Israeli to run in an Olympic final event. In 1971, she was named Asia’s “Sportswoman of the Year.”

ALLEN GUTTMANN was recipient of the International Olympic Committee and the International Council of Sport Studies and Physical Education first annual “IOC President’s Sport Science Award,” in November 1990. Guttmann, a professor at Amherst College (MA) since 1959, has authored such works as: *From Ritual to Record: the Nature of Modern Sports* (1978), *The Games Must Go On: Avery Brundage and the Olympic Movement* (1985), *Women’s Sports: A History* (1991). In 2005, he published *Sports: The First Five Millennia*, a social history of the world’s sports from pre-historic to contemporary times for which he was presented the annual award of the North American Society for Sport History.



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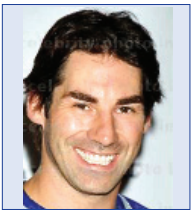


RUDY LARUSSO. One of the NBA's early star power forwards, Brooklyn's 6'7" Rudy LaRusso was a five-time National Basketball Association All-Star with the Minneapolis/Los Angeles Lakers 1959-1967, and San Francisco Warriors 1967-69. His career stats: 736 games, 33.3 mpg, 11,507 points (16.9 ppg), 6,936 rebounds (10.2 rpg), and 1,556 assists (2.3 apg).

AL DAVIS. Trailblazer, maverick, renegade — Al Davis was one of the most important, controversial and effective figures in American professional football history. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1992. The principal owner of the NFL's Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders 1972 until his death in 2011, the Raiders won three Super Bowl victories, the American Football League championship, and five American Football Conference titles. His efforts eventually lead to the first Super Bowl (1967) and a merger of the AFL and NFL (1970).



MATHIEU SCHNEIDER was a 21-season (1987-2010) high scoring National Hockey League 'offensive defenseman' with 10 NHL teams, playing multiple seasons for Montreal, New York Islanders, Toronto, NY Rangers, Los Angeles, Detroit, and single seasons with Anaheim, Atlanta, Vancouver and Phoenix. At retirement he ranked the 14th highest goal-scoring defenseman in NHL history, 10th all-time in 'power play' goals, and recorded 743 career points. He played on a Stanley Cup winner, two All-Star



games, named to three U.S. Olympic Teams, including the first U.S. "Dream Team."

The *Newark Star-Ledger's* **JERRY IZENBERG** was recipient of the Associated Press' Red Smith Award. He is one of only three daily newspaper journalists who have covered every Super Bowl since the storied game's inception in 1967. His career with the New Jersey daily began in 1951, and his daily column continued until Izenberg's 2007 retirement. He continues to write a sports blog for the *Star-Ledger*.



WALLACE "WALLY" WOLF, a 17-year old California high school U.S. Olympic swimmer, swam the second leg of the USA's World record-setting gold medal 4x200m relay victory in 1948. Wolf's USA relay team was gold medalist again at the 1952 Games, with his leg setting a new Olympic record. In 1956 and 1960, Wolf was a member of the U.S. Olympic water polo teams. He was named to the 1964 U.S. Olympic water polo team, but did not accept the appointment. He was one of the inaugural honorees elected to the Water Polo Hall of Fame in 1976.

BRIAN TEACHER won the Australian Open Singles in 1980, only the second Jewish player to win a men's Grand Slam Singles event (first was Dick Savitt). His career-high World Singles ranking was #7 in 1981, and #5 World Doubles the same year. Teacher was a UCLA All-American 1973-1976, and a member of the Bruins 1975-76 NCAA championship teams.



...more from the IJSHOF archives



In July 1980, this group of Jewish national sport legends were inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in Beverly Hills, California. L-R: Isaac Berger, Mel Allen, Ron Mix, Nat Holman, Marshall Goldberg, Al Rosen and Harry Litwack. Holman, inducted a year earlier, co-hosted this Second Hall of Fame inductions event 34 years ago.

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



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... Who Knew?

- That basketball's original "goal tending" rule was enacted in 1944 to counter the shock-blocking ability of St. John's Jewish All-American **Harry Boykoff**.
- That baseball's **Shawn Green** was 3 home runs short of **Hank Greenberg's** career count (331) when he retired.
- That **Paul Haber** was elected to the U.S. Handball Hall of Fame the year before his father Sam was similarly honored.
- That Brooklyn's **Rusty Glickman** and Japan's **Rena Kanokogi** are both considered "the mother of women's judo," inasmuch as they are the same person.
- That back in 1908 Jewish songwriter **Albert Von Tilzer** wrote the baseball anthem, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."
- That the NFL's **Jerry Markbreit** was Head Referee at more Super Bowls, and rugby's **Jonathan Kaplan** refereed the most World Cup and Test matches in the history of their respective sports.
- That October 18, 1946 was the date "**Kid Ruckenstein**" won the welterweight boxing championship of Shanghai, China. After his parents and sister died at Auschwitz, Germany's amateur flyweight champ escaped to China where he and his brother lived through WWII.
- That **Julie Heldman**, ranked among the World's Top Ten women's Singles and Double players of her time, is the daughter of **Gladys Heldman**, founder of the Virginia Slims Tour, the first women's pro tennis tour.
- That when **Marvin Miller** became Executive Director of the Major League Baseball Players Association in 1966, the average player's salary was \$19,000. When he retired 15 years later, the average pay was \$240,000! It's now \$3.2 million!!
- That one Jewish boxer won a World championship on the same day another lost his. In November 1934, **Bob Olin** won the World Light-Heavyweight title when he decided on reigning champion **Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom**.

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Sandy Koufax receives his IJSHOF induction medal in June 1982 during an Old Timers Game at Dodgers Stadium

