

# INTERNATIONAL JEWISH SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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## NEWSLETTER



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

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## HALL OF FAME ADDS NEW HONOREES

As the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame celebrates its 30th year, recent elections have swelled the IJSHOF's roster to 330 honored athletes and sportsmen who have excelled at the highest levels of their sport.

Honorees elected to the IJSHOF over the past four years are presented below, and on pages 3 & 6:

### 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, AND KEVEHAZI

Annually, 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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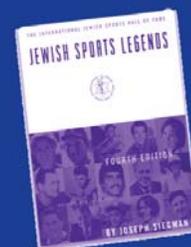


Stephen Rubin receives his 2008 Lifetime Achievement plaque at a special luncheon in his honor on the Wingate campus. From left: Angela Rubin, Efraim Zinger, Secretary-General of the Israel Olympic Committee, honoree Rubin, and Dr. Rutie Pilz-Burstein, Acting Director-General of Wingate Institute.

## 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 International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.



The 4th edition of JSL features biographies 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](http://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.



## 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.

## 60th Anniversary Celebration of Maccabi USA



IJSHOF chairman Alan Sherman, left, with Hall of Famers: (l-r) Dolph Schayes, Maury Allen and Ira Berkow at the recent 60th anniversary celebration.

## 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 1934-1935.

**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 (1971-1985), 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 LA 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*.

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

**JOE REICHLER** was the Associated Press' ranking baseball writer



**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.



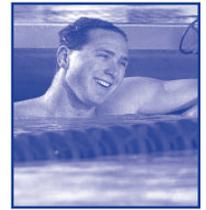
**Rugby:** **ALBERT ROSENFELD**, England's Australian-born wing-three quarter, was one of the original



nine players inducted into the Rugby League Hall of Fame. His 1913-1914 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 US indoor 60-yard, 100-yard, 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](http://www.JewishSports.net).

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**IJSHOF on the Internet**

**B**iographies 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-Keefe**r received Lifetime Achievement honors at a special luncheon at L.A.'s



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

Hillcrest Country Club in February 2007. In addition to major Israeli and US 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.

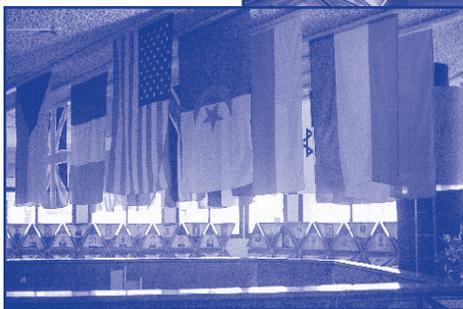
**In 1992, Alex Gilady** became the first Israeli member of the International Olympic Committee. The 2006 Lifetime Achievement honoree began his



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

**N**o 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 three-time Indy 500 champion** Mauri Rose invented the device that allows amputees to drive an automobile.
- **That Jews have won 17 tennis Grand Slam titles:**
  - **Singles** – Dick Savitt – Wimbledon 1951; Suzy Kormoczy – French Open 1958; Brian Teacher – Australian Open 1980.
  - **Doubles** – Angela Buxton – Wimbledon 1956; Tom Okker – French Open 1973, US Open 1976; Brian Gottfried – French Open 1975 and 1977, Wimbledon 1976; Ilana Kloss – US Open 1976; Jim Grabb – US Open 1992; Jonathan Erlich & Andy Ram – Australian Open 2008.
  - **Mixed Doubles** – Ilana Kloss – French Open 1976; Justin Gimelstob – French Open 1998, Australian Open 1998; Andy Ram – Wimbledon 2006, French Open 2007.
- **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 396 Olympic medals** since the modern Games began in 1896, including 15 golds recorded by Jewish swimmers at the 2000, 2004 and 2008 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 New York cop** Henry Wittenberg, absent a formal invitation to try out for the 1948 US 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 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



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**Equestrian:** **MARGIE GOLDSTEIN-ENGLE.** Between 1984 and 2005, this American show horse champion recorded 6 World Cup and 20 Nations Cup victories. The FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale) ranks her #8 all-time with most starts (166). Her highest FEI ranking reached #6 in 1998. She is the American Grand Prix Association's (AGA) only nine-time Rider of the Year, with more than \$3 million in career earnings.



**Figure Skating:** **IRINA SLUTSKAYA** won World Figure Skating Championships in 2002 and 2005, following silver medal finishes in 1998, 2000 and 2001. The Moscow-born skater was a silver medalist at the 2002 Winter Olympics and bronze medalist at the 2006 Games. In 1996, Slutskaya became the first Russian woman to win a European title.



**Football:** **HARRIS BARTON.** The San Francisco offensive tackle was an NFL All-Pro in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993. During his ten-year pro career, the 49er's 1987 #1 draft pick anchored the storied offensive line that recorded three Super Bowl victories – 1989, 1990, 1995.

**Rugby:** **JOEL STRANSKY** had 22 caps (international appearances) for South Africa, between July 1993 and August 1996. The Springbok 'fly-half' earned a place in rugby immortality for his performance in the epic 1995 World Cup final versus New Zealand, when he scored all South Africa's points, including a dramatic 'drop goal' that sealed the victory. Stransky joined



England's Leicester Tigers in 1997, and finished his Leicester career with 896 career points in 73 matches.



**Tennis.** **ELIOT TELTSCHER** ranked among the World's Top 10 tennis players three times between 1980-1984,

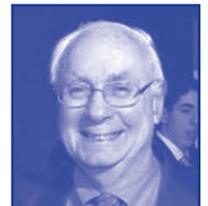
and the World's Top 15 all five years. A winner of ten Grand Prix championships, he was ranked in the US Top Ten Singles for seven of eight years between 1980 and 1988. In 1983, he won the French Open Mixed Doubles (with Barbara Jordan).

**Track & Field:** **ZHANNA PINTUSEVICH-BLOCK** stunned the sports community at the 1997 World Track & Field Championships when she captured the 200-meter gold medal over USA superstar Marion Jones. At the 2001 World Championships, the Ukrainian again topped the favored Jones in the 100m event, a victory that marked the first time in 42 consecutive races that Jones had lost a 100-meter race. In 2003, Block won the 60m World Indoors.



**Pillar of Achievement**

**MAURY ALLEN,** author, reporter and columnist for 53 years, covered mostly baseball for the *New York Post* (1962-1989), *Sports Illustrated* magazine, and the *Gannett Journal News*. He authored 40 sport-themed books, including best sellers on Joe DiMaggio, Casey Stengel and Billy Martin; and made frequent appearances on radio and television, including ESPN Classic programs.



**ORNA OSTFELD** received the International Olympic Committee's 2005 European Women and Sport Award: "As a player, administrator and coach". Since 1998, Ostfeld coached the Anda Ramat Hasharon team to four championships and State Cup basketball titles (in seven years). As a player for Israel's Ramat Khen, she once scored a record 108 points, and is listed in the Guinness Book of Records for most points scored in a single game.



**HAROLD U. RIBALOW,** sports columnist for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and *National Jewish Post* during the 1940s thru early 1950s, authored three books that sparked awareness of the subject of 'Jews in sports' following World War II. His *The Jew In American Sports*, first published in 1948, was accorded six editions through 1985. Ribalow was also an internationally influential literary anthologist of Jewish literature. Hadassah's annual literary award is named The Harold U. Ribalow Prize.



**2009 Lifetime Achievement Award**  
**MICHAEL KEVEHAZI.** The late Michael Kevehazi was chairman of Maccabi World Union from 1986 to 1994, and devoted much of his adult life to MWU. Kevehazi was Maccabi's Honorary Treasurer 1968-1988, Chairman of the Maccabiah (Games) Organizing Committees of the 11th Games (1981) and 12th Games (1985), and Honorary President of the 15th (1997), 16th (2001) and 17th (2005) Maccabiot.



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