



News From the JCC

Shames JCC recruiting Jewish Teens for 2019 Maccabi Games

The Shames Jewish Community Center on the Hudson is recruiting Jewish athletes aged 13-16 who want to compete in the 2019 JCC Maccabi Games to be held this summer in Atlanta from July 28 to August 2 and in Detroit from August 4 to August 9.

At last year's games in California, the Shames team which recruits from all over Westchester, won a gold medal, two silvers and a bronze.

Tryouts for boys and girls soccer and boys baseball will be held January 15th from 6:30-7:30 PM. Tryouts for boys and girls basketball will be held on various dates in January, February and March depending on the age of the athlete. All tryouts will take place at the Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway in Tarrytown.

Registration (no tryouts) for other sports will take place on January 16 from 6:30-7:30 PM. Rain date is January 17. These include boys' and girls' ice hockey and lacrosse, tennis, swimming, golf, track, girls volleyball and softball.

If sports is not your calling, register for Maccabi Artsfest where artists participate in theatre, vocal performance, music, culinary and visual arts. Artsfests takes place in Detroit from August 4-9.

The Shames JCC also fields junior and mini-Maccabi teams for ages 11-12 and 9-10. Those games will be in Philadelphia on May 5.

"The energy and excitement generated at these games never cease to amaze me, the kids and their parents, many of whom also go to the games. It's an unforgettable experience for every participant, said Maccabi Director Steve Weisbrot."

For more information on the various Macabbi teams and the dates and times of the tryouts go to www.shamesjcc.org/maccabi or contact Steve Weisbrot at 914-645-5978 or email him at sweisbrot@shamesjcc.org.

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Shames JCC teams have a long history of taking home medals. In 2018, 60 young athletes and artists participated in the California games competing against other Jewish teens from all over the United States and internationally.

Since 1982, the JCC Maccabi Games have offered over 130,000 Jewish teens a unique cultural, social and life shaping experience. The games promote teamwork, community involvement and pride in being Jewish.

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