



# Israel Lacrosse

## Newsletter #6

### Israel Lacrosse Gap Year/Semester

As we head into the kickoff of the 2020-2021 Gap Year/Semester we want to introduce you all to the young men and women who will be spearheading the growth of lacrosse in Israel while continuing their own high level training! This is just the beginning, we will have more spotlights coming at the end of September. If you haven't seen any of the news coverage either, take a look [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

It's also not too late! If you'd like to learn more about coming to Israel this year please email JT at [JT@IsraelLacrosse.org](mailto:JT@IsraelLacrosse.org).



**Delaney Benson**

A four-year starter at Fort Lewis College, Delaney played a major role on the 2019 Women's European Festival team which placed second. Between her innate selflessness and deep love for Israel there is no limit to the impact she will have on Israel Lacrosse this year.

The full press release is [HERE](#)



**Ben Friedman**

Ben has been involved with Israel Lacrosse since 2018, most notably as the starting Goalie for the U-20 Men's National Team. His enthusiasm for the game is second to none and is always looking to help those around him. He heads to Tufts University following this year in Israel.

The full press release is [HERE](#)



### **Ryan Fitzpatrick**

A Sophomore at UMASS , Ryan has already proven to be an up-and-coming star for the Minutemen and is getting involved with us for the first time. While his on field talents will be a massive benefit, his positivity and outgoing attitude will have a dramatic effect on our youth development efforts.

The full press release is [HERE](#)



### **Claire Simonds**

A part of Israel Lacrosse since 2017, Claire most recently represented Israel in the 2019 U-19 World Championships. Claire is a force all over the field and her impact on the field is only rivaled by the fervor with which she helps those around her. She will head off to Denison University next year.

The full press release is [HERE](#)



### **Jake Suesserman**

A rising star at Muhlenberg College, Jake has been involved with Israel Lacrosse throughout a variety of events since 2018. Most noticeably he helped lead our 2019 European Championship Festival Team to gold in Prague. One of the most selfless young men out there, Jake is always lending a hand to those close to him and never fails to have a positive impact in any environment.

The full press release is [HERE](#)





### **Abby Stoller**

A senior at UMASS, Abby first became involved with Israel Lacrosse in 2019 helping host the Women's European Championships while leading the festival team to a second place finish behind USA.

A talented player in her own right, her passion and commitment to growing the sport is unparalleled. Anyone who meets Abby knows the positivity she brings to everything she does.

The full press release is [HERE](#)



## **Diversity and Inclusion**

We at Israel Lacrosse feel a duty to use our platform to engage with the world-wide dialogue surrounding racism and diversity. We will be hosting a handful of speakers and conversations throughout our gap year program in order to facilitate a greater understanding of the communities we live in and the impacts we can have. We would like to open some of these events up to our larger community as well. If you would be interested in hearing about when these opportunities are available please reach out to Ian at [\*\*ian@Israellacrosse.org\*\*](mailto:ian@Israellacrosse.org).