

Israel Lacrosse

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Israel Women's National Team

Through September, we had over 50 EXTREMELY talented women join us in Boston and Baltimore for practices and scrimmages. Between the two weekends, Team Israel took on Stevenson, Holy Cross, and Harvard. We were blown away by how high the level of play was and are beyond excited to have a handful of new faces join our community! Keep your eyes out for an official roster announcement early in 2022! As a reminder, these two teams will compete in the <u>World Lacrosse Women's World Championship</u> in Towson, MD from June 29-July 9 and <u>The Womens Lacrosse World Games</u> in Birmingham, AL from July 7-17.





Israel Masters

In late October, our Israel Masters team traveled to compete in the International Masters Classic in Waldwick, NJ. Created and organized by our very own Andrew Gelman, this event saw Team Israel competing against both the Italian and Irish Masters Teams. We had 40 players come to compete in the Blue-and White and they couldn't have represented our colors better! To be able to have that many players join us at the master's level is truly unique and certainly speaks to how committed and passionate our community is! If you would be interesting in getting involved, check out the Facebook page <u>HERE</u> or shoot Ian an email at <u>Ian@israellacrosse.org.</u>



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Bar Mitzvah Projects

Avi Packer, a 13 year old from South Florida, just had his Bar Mitzvah this past September and wanted to use his project to support Israel Lacrosse. Avi and his family are passionate about both the development of lacrosse in Israel and opportunities for American Jews to reconnect with our homeland. Through his efforts, Avi was able to raise \$5,000! Kol Hakavod Avi and Toda Raba!



In Memory of Noah

Last month, our Ashkelon-based Israel Lacrosse community took part in a city-wide beach cleanup effort in honor of Noah Hytken a young man who passed away one year ago. Noah was an amazing part of the Israel Lacrosse family. He was involved with us on many occasions and relentlessly pursued every opportunity to help those around him. Not surprisingly, he did the same throughout his local Jewish community in San Diego. A fantastic young man dedicated to the service of others, Noah's memory continues to live on cultivating further good in the Jewish world.



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Testimonials

Hearing about the impact our programs have on the people in our communities continues to be incredibly meaningful to our entire organization.

If you missed the testimonial from former NY Senator Craig Johnson in my last newsletter, I have re-linked it <u>HERE</u>.

The Lipton family has been involved with Israel Lacrosse for many years and asked if they could share their experience as well. I will let them tell their story but I do want to share a small piece they wrote which I found incredibly powerful:

"Israel Lacrosse is more than just another cause. It is an opportunity to dream big and do good, a platform that brings communities together connected by the same ideals: passion for lacrosse and love for Israel."

I hope you will read their entire testimonial **<u>HERE</u>**.



Thank you all for continuing to share your families with us, it is truly what makes our organization so special.