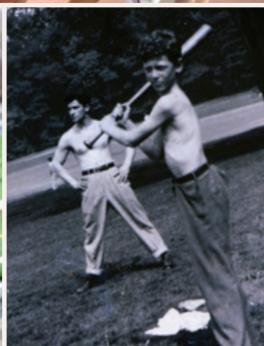




HARTFORD  
JEWISH SPORTS  
HALL of FAME



# Awards Ceremony & Dinner

THURSDAY, SEPT 26, 2024  
5:30PM | MANDELL JCC  
335 Bloomfield Ave. West Hartford



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# Join us in honoring the 2024 inductees into the Hartford Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Athletes, youth and adults, owners, coaches, pioneers and community heroes – all will be celebrated!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

*Business Dressy Attire*

**5:30pm | Reception**

“Cold Beer! Fresh Popcorn! Get Your Hot Pretzels!” and more fun ballpark inspired bites



**6:30pm | Dinner**

Stadium fare stations inspired by the very best concessions stands

**7:30pm | Awards Presentation**



**Master of Ceremonies**  
**Brad Drazen**  
Past Board Chair,  
Mandell JCC



**Featured Speaker**  
**Seth Greenberg**  
NCAA College  
Basketball Coach and ESPN  
Broadcaster and Analyst



## The Hartford Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

The Hartford Jewish Sports Hall of Fame celebrates the contributions to sports by individuals from the Greater Hartford area. From a large and talented pool of nominees, the selection committee has chosen 16 inductees, encompassing athletes, owners, coaches, and community activists.

For 20 years (1982-2002) the Hall of Fame honored the accomplishments of 86 remarkable sports figures who made a lasting impact on the community. In 1989, the Dr. Morris Cohen Youth Athletic Award for high school athletes was established and has been presented to 43 deserving young athletes. The Jewish Historical Society collects materials on the inductees in its archives, ensuring that a record of their contributions is preserved. The honorees are recognized on a plaque at the Mandell JCC and in an online display on our websites.

Join us on September 26, 2024, as we honor and celebrate the achievements of the newest inductees of the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

*Hall of Fame 2024 Co-chairs*

**Michael Fishman**

*Co-President, Jewish Historical Society*

**Steven M. Greenspan**

*Board Chair, Mandell JCC*

# HONORING LEGACY The Hartford Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024

**Jon Cohn**

Jon has shaped Greater Hartford soccer with his coaching prowess, leading teams to international Maccabi Games and making strides against pediatric cancer through his dedicated activism.

**Bonnie Hittleman-Lewis**

A trailblazer in swimming and high school sports advocacy, Bonnie shattered records and barriers, coaching both girls and boys teams to victory and championing women's athletics before Title IX.

**Ari Klau**

A former standout runner and current professional triathlete, Ari's inspiring journey and YouTube channel reflect his unwavering commitment to athletic excellence.

**Keith Lapuk<sup>z"l</sup>**

An inspirational Special Olympian, Keith's numerous gold medal achievements and infectious spirit left an indelible mark on the community.

**Coleman Levy**

Under Coleman's leadership, the New Britain Rock Cats became a premier minor league baseball franchise, achieving national recognition and local community success.

**Bruce Mandell**

Transforming Hartford's sports landscape, Bruce brought professional soccer to the city with Hartford Athletic soccer club and through his foundation, raised substantial funds for local causes.

**Toby Schuman**

Dominating the local golf scene for over five decades, Toby's remarkable achievements include numerous club championships and a lasting legacy of excellence.

**Ronit Shoham**

Co-founder of the Miracle League of CT, Ronit's tireless dedication has revolutionized accessible sports for children with special needs, fostering an inclusive community.

**Robert Simons<sup>z"l</sup>**

A multi-sport athlete and dedicated community leader, Bob's legacy spans from standout baseball player to influential sports benefactor.

**Sheri Slobin Shea**

From top-ranked tennis player to pioneering coach, Sheri's impact on youth sports and paddle tennis is profound and far-reaching.

**James Solomon**

As Connecticut's winningest high school boys tennis coach, Jim's innovative 'no-cut' team philosophy and record-breaking career have shaped young athletes for 50 years.

**Thai Tran**

A local community sports celebrity, Thai's passion for basketball and dedication to youth engagement at the Mandell JCC have inspired countless young athletes.

# Dr. Morris Cohen YOUTH ATHLETIC AWARDS



## Ellie Goldstein

A field hockey sensation with 100 career goals, Ellie's exceptional skill and leadership will elevate the University of Maryland's team this fall.



## Simon Levy

A defensive powerhouse and team leader at Hall High School, Simon will bring his talents to the football field at John Hopkins University.



## Isaac Mahler

A distance running star, Isaac's impressive high school career and state titles have earned him a spot on Boston University's cross country and track teams.



## Adam Merritt

A pitching phenom from Kingswood Oxford, Adam's stellar high school career has set the stage for his collegiate journey at UMass.

# Thank you for Supporting Our Community and Beyond

We deeply appreciate your support and dedication to the Hartford Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Funds raised will be used to:



## Preserve the Archives

Maintain and expand the Hall of Fame's archives at the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford, ensuring the history and achievements of our inductees are preserved for future generations.



## Support Sports Programs at the Mandell JCC

Enhance sports activities, facilities, and programs at the Mandell JCC, benefiting community members of all ages.



## Support Sports Jams Camps and Camp Shalom

Provide scholarships, acquire sports equipment and new programs for youth at our Sports Jams and Camp Shalom.



## Send Sports Equipment to Israel

Provide soccer balls, tennis balls, basketballs, and baseballs to youth programs in Israel.

**The Equalizer Group** brings Israeli children of all backgrounds, religions and ethnicities together in sports programs with educational activities, building bridges that facilitate communication and friendships. They also empower teens with new skills and a global to dream and plan for the future.

**Beit Uri** is an Afula-based community for 100 special needs residents ages 7-62. Recreational sports are one of the key activities in this community.

**Camp Koby** is a free camp offered by the Koby Mandell Foundation for Israeli children who have lost a loved one due to acts of terror or other tragedies. They provide a safe, fun and therapeutic environment for children to share their grief and anxiety, and begin to heal.

# Support the Hartford Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

Honor the sports legacies - past, present, and future - of the Jewish communities of Greater Hartford.

**RECOGNITION:** Sponsor logos and/or names will be displayed on all materials including advertising, website and event signage.

## Gold Medal Title Sponsor | \$36,000

- 16 reserved tickets
- Full page diamond ad (Inside Front Cover)
- JCC banner placement

**SOLD OUT**

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- JCC banner placement

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- Full page emerald ad
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- Company logo/name on invitation
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- JCC banner placement

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- Listing on sponsor banner

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- 1/4 page bronze ad in HOF program
- Listing on sponsor banner

## Stanley Cup Sponsor | \$1,000

- 2 reserved tickets
- 1/8 page bronze ad
- Listing on sponsor banner

## All Star | \$180

- Individual ticket



## HOF Program Ads

Full page ad .....	\$3,600	1/8 page ad .....	\$500
1/2 page ad .....	\$1,800	Single line greeting/message .....	\$100
1/4 page ad .....	\$1,000	<i>To honor current and new inductees</i>	



## Tickets & Sponsorship Packages

Scan the QR code or visit [www.birdease.com/HartfordJewishSportsHOF](http://www.birdease.com/HartfordJewishSportsHOF)

For more information please contact Elana MacGilpin,  
860-231-6317 or Jaime Seltzer, 860-559-1547

## Hartford Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

1983	Reuben (Rube) Cohen	1986	Harry Smith
1983	Joseph A. Dunn	1987	Judge Morris Cutler
1983	Dr. Phillip Isenberg	1987	Raymond R. Dragat
1983	Louis "Kid" Kaplan	1987	Philip "Lippy" Goldberg
1983	Bennett Meyers	1987	Sidney "Lefty" Goldberg
1983	Louis E. Nassau	1987	Louis Stein
1983	Sylvia Greenbaum Novarr	1987	Dr. Charles Teller
1983	Louis B. Rogow	1987	Betty Title
1983	William Savitt	1987	Arthur D. Weinstein
1983	Abe Silverman	1988	Jake Banks
1983	Samuel Suisman	1988	Gabriel "Gay" Bromberg
1983	Dr. Irving (Chick) Waltman	1988	Maurice "Mush" Dubofsky
1984	John B. Abrahms	1988	Charles "Socky" Sherman
1984	Raymond L. Bialeck	1988	Gerald "Gerry" Slobin
1984	Dr. Morris N. Cohen	1989	Samuel J. Levy
1984	Syd H. Conn	1989	Nathan Lipman
1984	Edith Tepper Cooper	1989	Morton Sharnik
1984	Edward S. Dragat	1989	John Suisman
1984	Harry Herbert	1989	Edward L. Waltman
1984	Sam Hyman	1990	David M. Borden
1984	N. Aaron Naboicheck	1990	Steven R. Chotiner
1984	William Slitt	1990	Leonard Rosenbaum
1984	Dr. Lewis N. Stieglitz	1990	Herbert F. Vinick
1984	Edward A. Suisman	1990	Stanley F. Weiner
1985	Louis G. Black	1992	Judge Jacob Dunn
1985	William Chotiner	1992	George Marcus
1985	Abraham "Butch" Cohen	1992	Teddy Grody Paul
1985	Dr. Philip Goldenberg	1992	Barry L. Siegal
1985	J. Sydney Greenbaum	1992	Mark C. Yellin
1985	Frieda Clark Hyman	1995	Morris L. Borstein
1985	Manuel "Manny" Leibert	1995	Harriet Novarr
1985	Ezra "Zeke" Melrose	1995	Albert Rosenfield
1985	Dr. Monroe Romansky	1995	Philip H. Sack
1985	Hon. Saul Seidman	1995	Donald Silpe
1985	Tara Shapiro	1997	Harry, Myer, Samuel Fierstein
1985	Robert "Bull" Yellin	1997	Daniel Goldberg
1986	John Dobrutsky	1997	Philip "Pinney" Greenbaum
1986	Meyer "Lux" Ellovich	1997	Sandy H. Myerson
1986	Irving "Chick" Joseph	1997	Richard Ruffkess
1986	Leo Pinsky	2002	Abe Lane
1986	Col. Milton H. Richman	2002	Gerald A. Roisman
1986	Arnold M. Schwolsky	2002	Stanley Wiesen
1986	Dr. David Slossberg	2002	Peter S. Roisman

## Youth Inductees

1989	Amy Myerson	1999	Sara Lappen
1989	Ellen Myerson	1999	Evan Nabel
1989	Alan Shechtman	1999	Jarrett Solomon
1990	Evan Goldstein	2000	Elisabeth M. Kostin
1990	Richard Seidman, Jr.	2000	Ross Lee Weiner
1992	Elana Mourad	2001	Sara Lynn Cohen
1992	Sarah Stone	2001	Matthew Brett Rutstein
1994	Brian Militzok	2001	Sarah Sklar-Heyn
1994	Brian Slitt	2002	Julia Anne Cohn
1995	Amy Friedman	2002	Jeffrey Lane
1995	David Krichavsky	2003	Sheri Brick
1996	Gabriel Kleinman	2003	Andrew Zwecker
1996	Melissa Roth	2004	Shoshana Belfer-Tyler
1996	Michael Slitt	2004	Emily Weisburst
1997	Alison M. Bialeck	2005	Maya Shoham
1997	Pauline Cohen	2005	Michael Goldberg
1997	Marni L. Weil	2006	Matthew Gelles
1997	Max Zieky	2006	Elise Miller
1998	Aaron M. Faust	2006	Kimberly Putterman
1998	Whitney Kostin	2007	Eric Fischer
1998	Jonathan E. Mason	2007	Rebecca Rostowsky
1998	Brian Howard Shapiro	2007	Bennett Meyers Weinerman