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**The JCC Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games – Plus One!**  
**Teen Athletes From Maryland Join Peers from PA, NJ and DE for the First Time**

Wynnewood, PA: The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games are on the way. On **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** teen athletes representing 14 JCCs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland will join together for a day of athletic competition and community events. This year marks the first time that delegations from the state of Maryland will participate.

The JCC Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games are a one-day, Olympic-style event for young Jewish athletes ages 10-12. **More than 650 athletes** are expected to compete in boys' and girls' basketball, soccer, swimming, track and field, tennis, chess and bowling. The Games are designed to promote sportsmanship, leadership and Jewish identity.

The JCCs of Greater Philadelphia originated the Tri-State Games as a stepping stone for younger athletes to engage in high level athletic competition, to connect with the community and to peek their interest in the International JCC Maccabi Games which offer Jewish athletes ages 13-16 an opportunity to compete against other Jewish youth from around the world. Philadelphia was the proud host of the Maccabi Games last summer.

**The Games, which will take place at the Kaiserman JCC, located at City Avenue and Haverford Road in Wynnewood, will begin with an Opening Ceremony at 9:00am.** The ceremony will include a welcome presented by members of the JCCs Board of Directors, the taking of the Maccabi oath by athletes and coaches and the **lighting of an Olympic-style torch by Giora Becher, Consulate General of Israel.**

For more information about the events and competitions on May 5<sup>th</sup>, please call 610-896-7770 ext. 108. The JCCs of Greater Philadelphia is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

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