

Office of the Commissioner
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



ALLAN H. (BUD) SELIG
Commissioner of Baseball

Welcome,

On behalf of Major League Baseball and its thirty clubs, I would like to extend our best wishes to all the players, coaches and supporters involved in the Maccabiah Games. We at Major League Baseball are thrilled that baseball is making its debut in the Games and hope that players and fans alike are treated to some excellent baseball over the coming week.

Being included in the Maccabiah Games is further proof that baseball continues to grow in stature across the world. Baseball may be known as “America’s Pastime,” but its reach extends to all corners of the globe. Baseball truly is an international game, one that brings people together from all around the world.

The makeup of players participating in the Maccabiah Games resembles what we are experiencing with our Major League teams. Nearly 30% of all players on Major League Opening Day rosters were born outside the United States and this number continues to grow each year. Who knows, perhaps one of the promising young players you see on the field this week might even be a future Major Leaguer!

To everyone at the Games, again let us pass along our best wishes for a wonderful tournament!

Sincerely,

Allan H. (Bud) Selig
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