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IAB President's Newsletter January 2006

Dear IAB Members,

This is the first in our quarterly newsletters whose purpose is to keep the parents and players up to date on the activities of the IAB. While we have been blessed with much rain the last two months, and our playing time is severely limited, we have managed to have a very busy December. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and we welcome your comments and contributions for future editions. Haim Katz, President -Israel Association of Baseball (hdkatz@013.net).

2005 Hannuka Tournament a Success



Juvenile Finalists

Despite threatening weather forecasts, waterlogged fields, 10 Juvenile and 7 Cadet teams came together for two days of great baseball. In the **Tiva Pelter Memorial Juvenile tournament**, Hashmonaim won the trophy defeating Jerusalem 3-2 in an extremely well played final. The Jerusalem Cadets, took the trophy in the **Ami Cohen Memorial Tournament** by defeating Gezer 9-2. Ellie Render the tournament organizer as well as all the coaches and players are to be commended for a job well done.



Cadet Finalists

MARCH 28 Nearly Annual Election Day Tournament

Vote Kadima or vote Likud, vote Avoda or vote Shas but Vote Early or Vote Late, because the

rest of the day is dedicated to baseball. Ellie Render (jbasebal@actcom.co.il). If you would like to help work on the planning contact

IAB Umpire Course to be Held in February



Leon Klarfeld and Craig Dunning will be holding their 4th umpires course. This is a must course for all coaches and players (15+) who really want to learn the game. Check the web site for details. **We are in urgent need of a volunteer to help Leon and Craig with the administrative aspects of the course. Please contact Leon (tamleon@netvision.net.il) or me if you are able to help.**

Senior and Junior Leagues

Junior and senior teams are beginning to form for the spring season. Our goals are to increase the number of teams, number of players and attendance to the games. We always need players, umpires (see above), scorekeepers and maybe even announcers. If you would like to join the fun, contact Leo Robbins (leor@moch.gov.il).

IAB to Send Two Teams to Europe

The Board of Directors has decided to send a 21 and under team and a Juvenile team to European tournaments this year. Bruce Maddy-Weizman (bmaddy@post.tau.ac.il) and Craig



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Dunning (dunning@bezeqint.net) will be coaching the 21- team. We are looking for volunteers to help manage and coach the Juvenile team. It was also decided organize a Senior National Team, with the purpose of playing in an International tournament in the summer of 2007. Those interested in contributing any of these projects contact Peter (mailto:peter2@zahav.net.il).

IAB to Hold Baseball Bridges Tournament in Summer 2007

The board also decided to hold a Baseball Bridges tournament for Cadets in Israel in the Summer of 2007. This is to be an international tournament to consist of teams from Jewish communities throughout North and South America. Jay Zauderer (jsz@netvision.net.il) will be organizing the tournament. If you would like to help with the tournament planning, or have contacts with communities who might want to participate in such a tournament please contact Jay.

IAB Elects New Officers



David Schenker receives award from Jay Zauderer and Haim Katz, Outgoing and Incoming presidents

On December 6 at Kibbutz Gezer, the IAB held its annual general meeting where a new slate of officers and board of directors were elected.

The new board is as follows:

President	Haim Katz
Secretary General	Peter Kurz
Vice President	Ephraim Keren
Treasurer	Nathan Pomerantz
Board Members: Nadav Cohen, Marcia Katz, Ariel Kornberg, Sam Pelter, Bentzi Schlakman, Lee Seigel, David Silberklang, David Sommer	

In addition at the meeting David Schenker was given a special honor for 15 years of dedicated service to the IAB. Jay Zauderer, the outgoing

president, was also honored for his 3 years of outstanding service as president.

Haim and Jay thanked the outgoing board members for their many years of service, **Bruce Maddy-Weitzman, Billy Weisel, Andy Schwartz, Shlomit Becker**

The following departments and committees were formed:

Local Program Department – Nathan Pomerantz:

Senior and Junior Leagues - Leo Chairman
Youth Leagues – RD, Rules committee, Local tournaments, Equipment, Player Recruitment

Player Development Department – Peter Kurz
National Teams, Sportai Pail, Enrichment Programs, Player clinics

Coaches Development – Ephraim Keren

Coaches Training curriculum, Coaches Clinics
Training Manuals, Coach - coach communication

Strategic Planning and Fundraising Department
Haim Katz Fundraising, International Relations, Special Projects - International Tournaments, Field Development – Publicity, Press, Newsletters & Brochures, Web Site

We welcome anyone who would like to contribute to any of these committees. Contact Peter at peter2@zahav.net.il.

Noam Zwilling Appointed Regional Director of Shfela

Noam Zwilling (nzsftbl@yahoo.com) a resident of Kibbutz Gezer and a long-time IAB player and current coach, will serve as regional director of the Shfela, effective on January 22, 2006. We wish Noam and the entire Shfela baseball community a very successful year.



Noam and his Gezer Cadets at the Hannuka Tournament

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