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David quits after eight diamond-studded years

★ DAVID SHENKIN stood down as Maccabi GB Scotland chairman on Sunday after eight years at the helm. David told the annual meeting and prizegiving that when he took over from DEREK DIAMOND in 2007, Maccabi were about to embark upon the construction of the May Terrace function suite.

"It was a very different building then," he said. "Derek and RHONA DIAMOND took on the responsibility for getting the work done and LARRY SELLYN, for raising the funds needed to make it happen."

"Maccabi has certainly progressed. We've participated in two Maccabiah Games in Israel in our own right. I think that it's very important that Scotland and Maccabi here are represented at these events."

He added: "Our financial position was not good when I took over. I'm not convinced that we would have survived without the significant support of the Glasgow Jewish Community Trust."

"My successor NEVILLE BARMACK and our treasurer BRIAN FOX have done a very good job."

Prizes were presented by LARRY and FELICIA SELLYN and trustee WENDY COHEN.

■ Prize winners: Outstanding achievement, Richard Coats; sports team of the year, Ben Spilg, Nev Cohen, Elliot Faber, Nathan Simpson, Zack Taylor and Hayden Selkirk Fitzpatrick.

Badminton: Wednesday Club, most improved, Maddie Friel; singles winner beginners, Jake Butler; around the world winner, Louis Bloomfield.

Thursday Club Juniors, most improved, Jenna Wilson; singles winner beginners, Amy Craig; singles plate winner beginners, Eve Fishman; most enthusiastic, Rachel McGhie; most improved, Gabby Rose.

Thursday Club Intermediates, singles winner, David Tobias; singles plate winner, Ilya Gladkikh; most enthusiastic, Alex Coldwey.

Thursday Club Advanced, male singles winner, Elliot Faber; female singles winner, Marina Gladkikh.

Football Awards: Most powerful shot, Freddie Hyman; most versatile, Josh Kersh; best work rate, Matt McEwan; most assists, Saul Caplan; top goal scorer, Josh Groden; best passer, Lewis Minster; most creative, Jayden Groden; best winger, Nayan Bedi; best striker, Jamie Barnett; best header, Adam Barmack; best shot stopper, Cammy McLachlan; best defender, Cammy Laird; best reserve goalie, Daniel Caplan.



IN AT THE DEEP END: Outstanding Achievement award winner swimmer Richard Coats, centre, with Larry and Felicia Sellyn



BRILLIANT BOYS: Maccabi GB Scotland Team of the Year with presenters. From left: Zak Taylor, Nev Cohen, Felicia Sellyn, Elliot Faber, Hayden Selkirk Fitzpatrick, Nathan Simpson, Larry Sellyn and, on behalf of his grandson Ben Spilg, Allan Cowan

Emotional trip for youngsters

★ A GROUP of 11 youths returned from the latest UJIA five-day Holocaust education trip to Poland on Monday.

UJIA Scotland runs the trip every two years. It also receives grants from Children's Aid Scotland, the Jewish Youth Fund, Leslie and Alma Wolfson Trust, the Netherlee and Clarkston Charitable Trust and the Queens Park Charitable Trust.

The group, led by youth worker Julie-Rae King and programmes director Joanna Hyman, stayed in Krakow. Miryam Holtzman, of Israel, accompanied the group.

Julie-Rae ran preparatory sessions before the trip, during which Gathering the Voices member Howard Singerman shared his mother's story of surviving the camps and eventually settling in Glasgow.

Among the places visited in Poland were Krakow, Wawel Castle, Plasow, the recently-restored synagogue in Dabrowa Tarnowska, Zyblatowska Gura and the Kupa Shul.

They were addressed by a number of people including a Righteous Among the Nations woman.

Participants also took part in a havdalla service and dinner at the Bais Yaakov Girls School.

The final day was spent at Auschwitz/Birkenau, where one participant shared his grandmother's story of survival.

During one session, participant Abi Levitus said: "It would almost be too easy to come here and learn about death, be sad and go home and spread that mournful attitude."



REMEMBRANCE: Members of the UJIA Scotland Trip to Poland at Birkenau

"We all know that we need to take something much more meaningful away with us. We know that we have to spread a message and reach others. But what is the lesson to be learned?"

"It involved moving on, accepting the brutality of the massacres and learning to never allow anything like it to happen again."

"I'm not talking so much about huge killings, but rather simple, almost day to day things, like antisemitism, bullying, making someone feel small."

Julie-Rae said: "Learning about the Holocaust is an important element of Jewish education, not just because it is a tragic and horrific chapter in our history, but also because it contin-

ues to influence our communities today.

"The lessons of the Holocaust are not stuck in the past, but rather reflected in the world around us and it is important to us at UJIA to engage our youth with their Jewish identity through exploration of the past and encourage them to make active choices today that express their values."

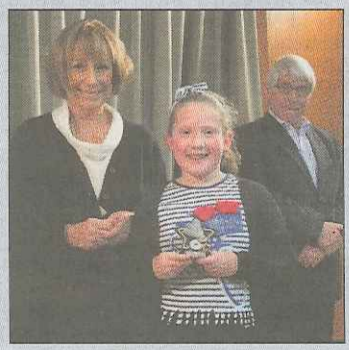
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TRACKS OF OUR TEARS: Youngsters walk along the train tracks that took Jews to Auschwitz



PRIZE GUYS: Maccabi prizewinners with their awards
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HAVA LAUGH

★ LITTLE Sara's grandfather was very ill and quite old. He started going to shul regularly to the amazement of his family.

"Why is grandpa spending so much time in shul?" Sara asked her mother.

"Because," her mum replied. "He's studying for his finals."

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