

THE FIRST JEWISH INTERNATIONAL
TABLE-TENNIS TOURNAMENT BETWEEN
BRITISH JEWISH, ISRAEL AND FRANCE

on
July 12th - 22nd 1990.

Wednesday 11th

Mr Ezer Levy, the Chairman of Israel Deaf Association, my mother and I went to Gatwick Airport to welcome Israeli Sports team to England. We met Malka Bogard, her friend, and David Jackson, we waited for about 45 minutes after they landed. I was amazed that Israeli players were young which I didn't expect. Israeli Sports team consists of four men, four ladies and a captain.

Thursday 12th

I went to Victoria Coach Station to welcome one French player plus two supporters, but they had already arrived. I had waited for an hour and discovered that coaches from Paris had already arrived. I went home and my mother told me that three French people were at J.D.A after she received a call from Kathy. Later, I went to J.D.A to meet them and arranged accommodation for them.

Friday 13th

Tour to 'Tower of London', 'Tower Bridge' and 'Monument'.

Saturday 14th

At Leisure

Sunday 15th

In the late morning, Israeli players and the French player had a table-tennis practice session at J.D.A Main Hall. Lunch snacks and evening suppers were provided by J.D.A General Committee.

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On Monday 16th July we started the Table Tennis Tournaments and on Wednesday 18th July there were tournaments and the Finals.

The rest of the week was taken up with social activities including the Banquet on Thursday evening. The food was superb and the presentation trophies looked smashing. Most people looked amazed when the guest of honour, Mrs. Jane Stryker presented the BJDSO trophies.

We paid tribute to Mark Hart who completed the London Marathon last April and raised over £400. He nearly gave up at 21 miles, but I encouraged him to continue to the end by running with him for some of the way. He was presented with a trophy with his completed time and the respect of the BJDSO.

On Friday 20th the French player and his supporters returned to their homeland, France and the Israelis went shopping in Oxford Street.

For the rest of the weekend we all enjoyed ourselves and on Sunday 22nd July the Israelis returned to their homeland, Israel.

Monday 16th

The First International Team Tournament was held at Scope Deaf Youth Club, New Cross. Mark and I arranged fixtures and the first match commenced at 11.30am and ended at 6.15pm.

The results were as follows:

BRITISH JEWISH v ISRAEL

Men Singles

	<u>British Jewish</u>	<u>2-2</u>	<u>Israel</u>	
1.	Bernard Polchar	lost to	Abraham Navy	0 - 2
2.	Martin Bogard	beat	Moshe Sharka	2 - 0
3.	Terry Edwards	beat	Moti Shoushan	2 - 1
4.	David Jackson	lost to	Yaacov Saban	0 - 2

Ladies Singles

	<u>British Jewish</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>Israel</u>	
1.	Malka Bogard	lost to	Merav Sivilia	1 - 2
2.	Eva Fielding	lost to	Yehudit Kattan	0 - 2
3.	Elizabeth Sterne	beat	Lilach Mane	2 - 0
4.	Miriam Sterne	lost to	Chaya Elbaz	1 - 2

Men Doubles

	<u>British Jewish</u>	<u>1-1</u>	<u>Israel</u>	
1.	Bernard Polchar Martin Bogard	beat	Abraham Navy Moshe Sharka	2 - 1
2.	Terry Edwards David Jackson	lost to	Moti Shoushan Yaacov Saban	0 - 2

Ladies Doubles

	<u>British Jewish</u>	<u>0-2</u>	<u>Israel</u>	
1.	Malka Bogard Eva Fielding	lost to	Merav Sivilia Yehudit Kattan	0 - 2
2.	Elizabeth Sterne Miriam Sterne	lost to	Lilach Mane Chaya Elbaz	1 - 2

Ladies Singles

GROUP A

Yehudit Kattan	(ISR)	6 points	
Eva Fielding	(BJ)	5 points	
Chaya Elbza	(ISR)	2 "	(First two games - no points)
Liz Sterne	(BJ)	0 "	

GROUP B

Merva Sivilia	(ISR)	4 points	
Malka Bogard	(BJ)	2 points	
Lilach Mane	(ISR)	0 "	

SEMI-FINAL

Malka Bogard (BJ)	beat	Yehudit Kattan (ISR)	2 - 0
Merva Sivilia (ISR)	beat	Eva Fielding (BJ)	2 - 0

FINAL

Merva Sivilia (ISR)	beat	Malka Bogard (BJ)	2 - 1
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3rd/4th Place Play-off

Yehudit Kattan (ISR)	beat	Eva Fielding (BJ)	2 - 1
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Winner:	Merva Sivilia (Israel)
Runner-up:	Malka Bogard (British Jewish)
Third place:	Yehudit Kattan (Israel)

Men Doubles

Second Round

Moti Shoshan (ISR) Terry Edwards (BJ)
Yaacov Saban (ISR) beat David Jackson (BJ) 2-0

SEMI-FINAL

Moti Shoshan (ISR) Bernard Polchar (BJ)
Yaacov Saban (ISR) beat Martin Bogard (BJ) 2-0

Abraham Navy (ISR) Richard Zenou (FRA)
Moshe Starka (ISR) beat Marchou Moise (FRA) 2-0

FINAL

Abraham Navy (ISR) Moti Shoshan (ISR)
Moshe Starka (ISR) beat Yaacov Saban (ISR) 2-0

3rd/4th Place Play-off

Bernard Polchar (BJ) Richard Zenou (FRA)
Martin Bogard (BJ) beat Marchou Moise (FRA) 2-0

Winner: Abraham Navy/Moshe Starka (Israel)
Runner-up: Moti Shoshan/Yaacov Saban (Israel)
Third place: Bernard Polchar/Martin Bogard (British Jewish)

Wednesday 18th

FIRST INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL/DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Men Singles

GROUP A

Abraham Navy	(ISR)	6 points	
Moti Shoushan	(ISR)	4 "	(First two games - 2 points)
David Jackson	(BJ)	2 "	
Marchou Moise	(FRA)	0 "	

GROUP B

Martin Bogard	(BJ)	4 points	
Moshe Sharka	(ISR)	3 "	(More points than Saban (ISR))
Richard Zenou	(FRA)	0 "	

GROUP C

Bernard Polchar	(BJ)	4 points	
Yaacov Saban	(ISR)	3 "	
Terry Edwards	(BJ)	0 "	

SEMI-FINAL

Bernard Polchar (BJ) beat Abraham Navy (ISR) 2 - 0

Martin Bogard (BJ) beat Moshe Sharka (ISR) 2 - 0

FINAL

Bernard Polchar (BJ) beat Martin Bogard (BJ) 2 - 1

3rd/4th Place Play-off

Abraham Navy (ISR) beat Moshe Sharka (ISR) 2 - 0

Winner: Bernard Polchar (British Jewish)

Runner-up: Martin Bogard (British Jewish)

Third place: Abraham Navy (Israel)

FIRST INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Mixed Doubles

Second Round

Yacov Saban (ISR) Yehudit Kattan (ISR)	beat	Terry Edwards (BJ) Liz Sterne (BJ)	2 - 0
Martin Bogard (BJ) Malka Bogard (BJ)	beat	Moti Shoushan (ISR) Lilach Mane (ISR)	2 - 0
Abraham Navy (ISR) Merva Sivilia (ISR)	W - O	David Jackson (BJ) Miriam Sterne (BJ)	
Moshe Sharka (ISR) Chaya Elbaz (ISR)	beat	Bernard Polchar (BJ) Eva Fielding (BJ)	2 - 0

SEMI-FINAL

Martin Bogard (BJ) Malka Bogard (BJ)	beat	Yaacov Saban (ISR) Yehudit Kattan (ISR)	2 - 1
Abraham Navy (ISR) Merva Sivilia (ISR)	beat	Moshe Sharka (ISR) Chaya Elbaz (ISR)	2 - 0

FINAL

Martin Bogard (BJ) Malka Bogard (BJ)	beat	Abraham Navy (ISR) Merva Sivilia (ISR)	2 - 1
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3rd/4th Place Play-off

Abraham Navy (ISR) Merva Sivilia (ISR)	beat	Moshe Sharka (ISR) Chaya Elbaz (ISR)	2 - 0
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Winner: Martin Bogard/Malka Bogard (British Jewish)

Runner-up: Abraham Navy/Merva Sivilia (Israel)

Third place: Moshe Sharka/Chaya Elbaz (Israel)

The tournament was brilliant and very enjoyable to watch, it started at 10.45 am and finished at 8.15 pm, a very hard and gruelling 9½ hours. I would like to give many thanks to my brother, Mark who worked brilliantly on fixtures for this competition.

BRITISH JEWISH v ISRAEL v FRANCE

Men Singles

Bernard Polchar (BJ) lost to Abraham Navy (ISR) 0 - 2
Bernard Polchar (BJ) beat Richard Zenou (FRA) 2 - 0
Abraham Navy (ISR) beat Richard Zenou (FRA) 2 - 0

Mixed Doubles

Bernard Polchar (BJ) lost to Abraham Navy (ISR) 0 - 2
Malka Bogard beat Richard Zenou (FRA) 2 - 1
Sharon Hirshman
Abraham Navy (ISR) beat Richard Zenou (FRA) 2 - 1
Merva Sivilia beat Sharon Hirshman

<u>FINAL RESULT:</u>	Israel	4
	British Jewish	2
	France	0

I would like to give many thanks to Sharon Hirshman for her great support in the Mixed Doubles with Richard Zenou of France.

Congratulations to Israel, the eventual winner in two team matches. I hope that maybe next year, British Jewish will take their stongest team to Israel and win!!

Tuesday 17th

Tour to Windsor.

Conclusion

It was pleasure to have the Israeli Sports team and the French Sports team with us over the last 11 days and this bought us closer in our JEWISH sports relationship.

Israel Deaf Sports Association may invite us to go to Israel for the Second International Matches, particitating in Football, Ladies Basketball and Table-Tennis next year. Please let me or Martin Bogard or James Kellerman know if any of you interest to join the team.

Good news for Jewish Deaf Tennis players, I was informed by Richard Zenou of France who discovered that some French Jewish deaf people are playing tennis, therefore he believes that they can raise a tennis team to play us in the future. I will let you all know when I hear from France.

I would like to hear any of you who may interest to join BJDSO committees. If so, please contact me by letter.

Simeon Hart
(BJDSO Hon-Secretary)