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Jonathan Stein is pleased to announce that Jonathan won a Gold Medal for the United States in the 18th World Maccabiah Games, held in Israel in July 2009. Jonathan was part of a 3-man age group team that won the Cycling Time Trial held on a flat course at Kibbutz Urim outside of Gaza City.

The Maccabiah Olympics has been held in Israel every four years since 1933. It is the world's third largest international sporting event. This year over 10,000 Jewish athletes from 65 countries participated. Opening Ceremonies were similar in nature to the 2008 Beijing Olympics and featured live music and light shows; thousands of costumed performers; the enormous procession of athletes; and cheering from 60,000 attendees. The star of the USA Team was Jason Leezek, who won 4 Gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics (including the most dramatic with teammate Michael Phelps).

Jonathan was Captain of Masters Triathlon for the 985-member United States Team. Besides Cycling, he competed in Triathlon, which was held in 108-degree heat in Tiberius. After a difficult swim in hot water in the Sea of Galilee, the 25-mile bike ride passed 3,000-year-old Rachel's Tomb and hills proximate to the Jordan River. The 10K run weaved through Roman ruins and bomb shelters used when shelling from the Golan Heights was common. ###