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## Local students compete in Junior Olympics

Dunwoody High school students **Jack Arant**, **Harrison Kopp** and **Alon Rogow** competed recently in the USATF Hershey National Junior Olympics in Sacramento California. The competition ran July 22-28 and featured track and field events for youth ages 8-18. Official results showed the trio finishing in the top 15 in the competition. All three boys had to advance in the state meet as well as the regional meet in Rockhill, South Carolina, through their travel competition team Pole Vault Atlanta.

## Atlanta hosts the 2019 Jewish Community Center Maccabi Games

ATLANTA — The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta welcomed more than 1,600 teen athletes, 12 to 16 years old, from July 28 to Aug. 2 to the 2019 JCC Maccabi Games.

The Olympic-style competition brought teen athletes from several countries to Atlanta to compete in 14 different sports, perform community service and promote human values.

"I loved swimming for Team Atlanta," said Will Solomon, a Dunwoody resident and Team Atlanta member. "A highlight of the week was hosting two athletes from Denver at my house."

Team Atlanta has nearly 600 athletes who competed with 1,000 athletes from 35 visiting delegations from across the U.S., Panama, Israel and Mexico. Hundreds of bronze, silver and gold medals were awarded to the athletes.

The Maccabi Opening Ceremonies kicked off the games at Ameris Bank Amphitheatre, featuring high-profile talent and a parade of athletes. The Maccabi Closing Ceremonies were held at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

This year's competition included the first-ever gaming and e-sports category at Maccabi Atlanta. Other new events at the games included Star Reporters, teens



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Teen athletes from around the world compete in Atlanta at the 2019 Jewish Community Center Maccabi Games, an Olympic-style competition that involves a community service component.

who shared the stories of the games through participants' lenses and in their voices and the first opportunity for athletes with special needs in competition.

The Community Service Projects Initiative, JCC Cares, is a central component of the competition. The association partnered with the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled and the Shepherd Center, allowing athletes and coaches to see all people for their abilities rather than disabilities.