



# THE LONE STAR REPORTER

“How the Games were won”.

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## Host Family Night

by Star Reporter Shayna Ratner

Host family night is great way to meet people and see the host city while spending time with your host family. Tuesday night, many different events were planned for host family night. Some people went to parties with multiple families while others took a look around the city. The Riverwalk was one of the most popular spots visited, as it is San Antonio’s most popular tourist attraction. Many pool parties were thrown where athletes made new friends and also bonded with their host family. Unlike the large social events, smaller host family night parties give athletes the ability to actually become friends with the people they meet. Wherever the evening was spent, it was certainly a fun night.



“A team and a family are like a pile of stones - when you remove one stone, the pile falls apart.”



“If I am only for myself, what am I?”

## Day of Caring and Sharing Provides Area Children with School Supplies and More!

More than 700 supply bags were packed by athletes at Day of Caring and Sharing to be sent to SAMMinistires. SAMM will distribute the bags throughout the year to children in need. Volunteers arranged the tzedakah items to create a “shopping” experience so the athletes could choose specific items to pack in their supply bag. Thanks to the athletes and volunteers, whose efforts will ensure that hundreds of area children have the tools needed for a successful school year.

Athletes also participated in other events such as Cross the Line, Pazek Z’Man and IALAC where they discussed Jewish values, identity and the obligation to treat each and every person with respect.

## Athlete Profile

By Star Reporter Stephanie Kutler

Name: Drew Farber  
Delegation: South Jersey  
Age: 15  
Sport: Bowling

How long have you been bowling?  
5 years.

What is your favorite part about bowling?  
It’s really fun and rewarding.

Do you have any future aspirations in bowling?  
I hope to get a college scholarship :)

What’s your favorite thing about the JCC Maccabi Games?  
The environment and host family night.

What do you think of San Antonio?  
It’s hot!

What other activities do you participate in?  
Tennis and sudoku.

Are there any interesting facts about you?  
I speak Spanish and Hebrew.

**Congrats on your medals, Drew!**

Just do what  
you do best.  
- Red Auerbach

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**Forecast for  
Thursday  
August 13th**  
Hi: 101 ° F • Lo: 76 ° F  
**With a 90% chance  
that you won't  
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**WEEK AT A GLANCE**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**  
Medal Rounds of Athletic Competitions  
Closing Party at the JCC  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**  
Athletes Depart San Antonio

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**Support Your Local Athletes! (Even if they're from out of town!) By Star Reporter Isaac Alter**

I recently interviewed Austin Gingold, one of the guys staying at my house. Austin is a tennis player, from Westside L.A., California. Since he's been here he has seen many things in San Antonio - it was hotter than he expected, but he likes it a lot here. What he seemed to enjoy the most was Whataburger though. Once he took that first bite out of that big juicy burger his eyes opened wide, and said that it was the best burger he had ever tasted. Anyways, back to the Tennis...he thinks that his toughest competition so far will be with Baltimore; he's already faced three of them and they were pretty tough. So if you see Austin Gingold wish him good luck and hope that he wins for he is a very charitable and kind person.

We've all gone swimming before, and I believe most of us who have, have enjoyed it, but the people who I have interviewed do it for fun and competition. I talked with several swimmers of various teams and they all loved swimming, and they couldn't get enough of it! There were breaststrokes, crawls, and butterfly strokes as far as the eye could see. The worrying thing to me though was that when I went to the pool to watch the swimmers barely anyone was there! I would like to urge the readers of this newsletter to go and watch the swimmers and all the other athletes practice and encourage them more.



Congratulations ladies!



"You gotta have friends..."



Now, that's what I call CHILLIN'!



No sweat!

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