The Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation is a 501(c)(3) philanthropic organization committed to honoring Jewish individuals connected to the State of Michigan who have distinguished themselves in sports and to foster Jewish identity through athletics.

Since its inception in 1984, thanks to the generosity of many and through annual fundraising initiatives, the Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation has raised well over $1,000,000 to help fight cancer through grants to the Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center, part of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute; the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Genetic Counseling Service; the Beaumont Cancer Center; and other cancer charities.

In addition, the MJSF has supported the Jewish News High School Athletes of the Year; student scholarships; the Jewish Community Center’s Camp KAT (Kids All Together), Fame and Maccabi Games; Kids Kicking Cancer; The Bear Hug Foundation; and the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, located in the West Bloomfield Jewish Community Center.

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Dr. Steven Rosen was born on July 15, 1949 in Detroit. As the oldest of five children growing up in Mt. Clemens, Steve was a natural in many sports from a young age including baseball, basketball, football, and track. Prior to attending the University of Michigan, this tall, red head was a track star at Mt. Clemens High School. During his senior year in 1967, he won the Macomb County championship in the high jump and was the runner-up in the 180-yard hurdles.

At the University of Michigan, Steve competed on the track team. Unfortunately, as a freshmen, he was not eligible for varsity competition; but at the final meet for freshmen throughout the state, Steve placed in the long, triple, and high jump events, as well as the low hurdles. He also made the final heat of the 60-yard dash. During his sophomore and senior years, Steve placed in most dual and several invitational meets and participated in the Big Ten Championships. He lettered in track at the University of Michigan in 1971.

Honoring the Past

Every now and again there is an athlete who transcends the game. The Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame’s first inductee, Hank Greenberg, was just such an athlete. This Tiger great, whose dynamic life and legendary career in baseball, earned the admiration of his teammates and his fans.

When Hank grew up playing sand lot ball there were no baseball camps, training regimens or organized youth teams. He would play from sun up to sun down, honing his skills and sharpening his talents.

Little could Hank Greenberg imagine the vast array of specialized camps, clinics and programs that would be available in the 21st century.

The Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation is pleased to announce its new scholarship program.

Building the Future

Steve Rosen was inducted into the Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation in 2009. Steve was a high school track star who won the county championship in the high jump and was the runner-up in the 180 yard hurdles. At the University of Michigan, he competed on the track team. As a varsity trackman, he placed in many dual meets and several invitational meets, and participated in the Big Ten Championships. He lettered in track at the University of Michigan in 1971. He went on to graduate from Wayne State Medical School and practiced Radiology from 1978-2006. He was a starter for the U.S.A. basketball squad in the 35-and-over division of the Maccabiah International Games in Israel in 1993. Steve continues to be involved with Michigan track as an official for the University of Michigan track program.

The Dr. Steve and Evelyn Rosen scholarship program strives to build athletes for today’s competitive and academic environment. While not every athlete will make it to the big leagues, all who are recognized will have shown the passion and promise that personifies members of the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, such as Hall of Fame Class of 2009 inductee, Steve Rosen.

This one-of-a-kind, tuition scholarship is designed to assist Jewish high school seniors and medical students who have dedicated themselves to achieving outstanding academics while also competing at the highest athletic level. Criteria includes: financial need, athletic and academic achievement, record of community service, and extra-curricular activities.