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### Yorktown Student-Athlete Wins Gold at Maccabiah Games

The Yorktown High School varsity basketball team will have a gold medalist on its roster next season.

Junior guard Justin Price was among the estimated 10,000 athletes from 80 countries who traveled to Israel last month to compete in the 21st edition of the Maccabiah Games. The multi-sport event, which was first held in 1932, is open to all Jewish athletes around the world.

The games were held July 12-26 in Israel, with venues in Jerusalem, Haifa, and Netanya. President Joe Biden attended the opening ceremonies to cheer on the nearly 1,400 athletes from the United States, which had the largest delegation.

Price was a member of the United States' 16-and-under basketball team, which finished undefeated after beating Israel in the gold-medal game.

The United States went 5-0 in pool play against Australia, Israel, Chile, Panama, and Germany, defeating its opponents by an average of 70 points per game, with Price scoring a total of 20 points.

The junior guard impressed in the medal round. In a 73-44 win over Argentina in the semifinals, Price scored 4 points, grabbed 5 rebounds, and had 2 steals. In the gold-medal game against Israel, Price had 5 points and 5 rebounds, helping the United States to a 90-62 victory.

Price also plays on the Yorktown High School varsity football team as a wide receiver and defensive back. As a sophomore, he earned All-League honors in basketball.

“Justin is a great multi-sport student athlete at Yorktown,” said his Yorktown High School basketball coach, Mark Pavella. “It was great watching him compete and be a leader for team USA in the Maccabiah games. I’m sure it was an unforgettable experience for him.”



More photos available here: [Justin Price](#) (Credit: Motti Marom)

### **About Yorktown Central School District**

The Yorktown Central School District is a public school district with an enrollment of approximately 3,400 students. It deeply values educating the whole child through its academic, character education, pupil personnel, and extra-curricular programs. The academic program is aligned to the New York State Learning Standards with attention to 21st century skills. The district's instructional program coupled with an outstanding character education program come together to form the concept of ESTEAM, an approach that places empathy at the forefront of creativity and innovation. Yorktown's ESTEAM has become a nationally recognized, award-winning approach to teaching and learning. The district has been recognized as a National District of Character, and has been recognized on numerous occasions at the state and national levels for its fine academic program. The Yorktown Central School District is consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top school districts in the nation. The district's ESTEAM initiative has also been recognized as a Promising Practice by Character.org. Yorktown High School, a National Blue Ribbon School, has also been acknowledged by Newsweek as one of the top STEM high schools in the country.

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