

Katz JCC Festival of the Arts Continues... Film: The First Basket

The Milton & Betty Katz JCC will premier the historical film, "The First Basket" on Wednesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. The film follows Jewish basketball experiences, from ash cans placed on the stoops of brownstones, to the bright lights of Madison Square Garden.


It was on Nov. 1, 1946, in the opening game of the fledgling Basketball Association of America

(BAA), Ossie Schectman scored the opening basket for the New York Knickerbockers against the Toronto Huskies. Schectman and his teammates Sonny Hertzberg, Stan Stutz, Hank Rosenstein, Ralph Kaplowitz, Jake Weber, and Leo "Ace" Gottlieb went on to win the opening game 68-66 and finish the season with a 33-27 record. In 1949, the BAA became the National

Basketball Association (NBA), and Schectman's shot is considered the first basket in the NBA.

In fact, several of the BAA and NBA teams had evolved out of the semi-pro teams, settlement houses, playgrounds, schoolyard and community center leagues, and college teams that sprung from the Jewish inner-city neighborhoods of the early 20th century. While

the era of Jewish professional basketball players has passed, the story of these sports pioneers illustrates how the American 20th Century was shaped by the experiences of many immigrant groups. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased at the Milton & Betty Katz JCC. Call Josh Cutler for more information at 822-1167 ext. 138 or email jcutler@jccatlantic.org.



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