## Israel's PR Campaign BRIDGE 4 ALL



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## What is Sport?

## A competitive activity Requiring physical effort









## Why is it so important to be recognized and treated as a sport?

#### Because when you are a sport:

- You are Popular.
- > You are Interesting.
- You get free publicity.
- > You get budgets from the state.
- You get Recognition.
  - You get Prestige.

#### Rwe a Sport?

- Bridge is a competitive activity but, there's no apparent physical effort.
- Bridge players are exempt from having physical fitness tests.

## Bridge is recognized as sport, but is not treated as one!

- There's no apparent physical effort!
- We have to contend with the stigmatisms associated with the game (a card game, a game of luck, suitable mainly for the aged).

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Professional & Competitive

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## In order to achieve this goal we can take action on two tracks:



## We need to change our image and the public mindset:

- To increase awareness of the game.
- To crush bad myths,
- To create **interest** amongst new individuals who are not familiar with the field.
- To expand the circle of players,
- To increase popularity,
- To creating group pride.

# Here are a few "best practices" in order to reach these goals:

#### 1. Take Care of Your Image

- Build an updated, state of the art, user friendly website.
  - The site will enable you to present the young image of bridge and to update your members on various topics.
  - It will serves as a fantastic promotional platform.

#### 2. Create a Message Page

So that the people representing you and being interviewed by the media can:

- Speak the same language,
- Use the same terminology,
- Make sure that your central ideas are delivered.
- It is preferable to use one main spokesman.

#### 3. Get Media Exposure

- Use international Achievements
- Use <u>personal stories</u>:
  - > Famous personalities who play Bridge,
  - > Young people who through Bridge found self-worth,
  - > Families who play Bridge together,
  - > The Handicapped, who found new meaning to their lives.
- Find creative ways to promote bridge:
  - Create the biggest competition in the country,
  - Create an Olympiad for mind games,
  - > Host an International competition.

#### 3. Recycle Your Media Items

- > Publish it on your website.
- Use the social networks.
- Create a YouTube channel, and post video interviews with links to your website or Facebook page.

### 4. Create an Image Clip.

- To show the young image of Bridge,
- To show the scope of achievements,
- To be used as **promotional material** in the deferent media.
- > To Promote your core messages,
- > To Crush old stigmatisms.

## If you want to succeed in your campaign:





Employ a professional to do a professional job!

#### What about the results?

Changing an image and public mindset, needs tenacity and requires patience! If it is done correctly, results will follow.