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**The IEHL Returns to UBS Arena for the USA Challenge Cup on February 22**

**Jerusalem Capitals vs. HC Tel Aviv Set to Faceoff at 5:00 PM**

**Tickets on Sale Friday, November 14 at 10 am ET**

**BELMONT PARK, NY —** The Israel Elite Hockey League (IEHL) is thrilled to announce the return of the USA Challenge Cup to UBS Arena on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM, featuring a fierce rematch between two powerhouse Israeli teams, the Jerusalem Capitals and HC Tel Aviv.

Last year's inaugural Challenge Cup at UBS Arena was a night to remember. In front of a roaring crowd of 8,500 fans, the Capitals secured a dramatic overtime victory against Tel Aviv in what became one of the most talked-about international hockey showcases of the year.

This February, the rivalry reignites, and the stakes are higher than ever. HC Tel Aviv is coming back hungry for redemption, determined to claim their first Challenge Cup win, while Jerusalem looks to defend their crown and repeat history on one of hockey's grandest stages. Expect elite-level action, national pride, and electrifying energy from the opening puck drop to the final buzzer.

"Last year's event was unforgettable, the crowd, the atmosphere, and the spirit of the night captured everything we love about hockey and Israel," said HC Tel Aviv President Stuart Gourdji. "UBS Arena is one of the most beautiful and fan-friendly venues in North America, and we can't wait to bring the league back for an even bigger and better experience in 2026."

Fans can look forward to a full Israel-themed night, music, community guests, and a world-class hockey game that celebrates both sport and culture. The event will also be broadcast live on the IEHL's YouTube channel, allowing fans around the world to be part of the excitement.

Tickets go on sale Friday, Nov 14 at 10am ET via Ticketmaster.

Stay tuned for VIP packages, group rates, and sponsorship opportunities.

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### **About the Israel Elite Hockey League (IEHL):**

The IEHL is Israel's premier professional hockey league, bringing together top players from around the world each summer to compete and grow the sport in Israel. The league's mission is to connect Jewish communities globally, and to promote the State of Israel and its enduring friendship with world communities, through the game of hockey.

### **About UBS Arena**

Located in the heart of the expanding experiential destination of Belmont Park, UBS Arena is New York's newest premier live entertainment and sports venue. Proud home to the New York Islanders, the state-of-the-art arena was developed in partnership with Oak View Group, the New York Islanders and Jeff Wilpon, and has welcomed over 3 million guests and 350+ events with top artists from around the world since November 2021.

Built with fan-first amenities, inspired by the timeless elegance of New York and powered by state-of-the-art technology, the venue is made for music and built for hockey with clear sightlines and premier acoustics. UBS Arena is at the forefront of sustainability, achieving Zero Waste TRUE Silver certification in addition to its LEED Green Building Certification and carbon neutrality for operations.

UBS Arena is located just 30 minutes by LIRR from Grand Central or Penn Station and is easily accessible from across the region via mass transit or car. To plan your trip, please visit [UBSArena.com/plan-your-trip](https://UBSArena.com/plan-your-trip). Keep in touch with us at [UBSArena.com/updates](https://UBSArena.com/updates) or @UBSArena on Facebook, Instagram and X/Twitter.

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