

Our Jewish Major League Roster

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(1) Richard Bleier, age 30, left-handed pitcher from Davie, Florida, with the Baltimore Orioles. In 2016 with the New York Yankees, he had a 1.96 earned run average. In 2017 with Baltimore, 1.99.

(2) Ryan Braun, age 34, outfielder – first-baseman from Granada Hills, California. With the Milwaukee Brewers, he had a wonderful all-star career until he disappointed his fans by using performance-enhancing drugs.

(3) Alex Bregman, age 24, a third-baseman from Albuquerque, New Mexico, with the Houston Astros who is a bona fide big-league star in all aspects of the game; drafted second in the first round in 2016.

(4) Max Fried, age 24, a left-handed pitcher from Santa Monica, California, drafted seventh in the first round in 2012 out of high school. Had Tommy John surgery in 2014 and is up and down with the Atlanta Braves.

(5) Ian Kinsler, age 36, all-star second-baseman from Tucson, Arizona, with the Los Angeles Angels is at the end of his near-hall of fame career.

(6) Jon Moscot, age 25, right-handed pitcher from Westlake Village, California. On the disabled list with the Cincinnati Reds after Tommy John surgery.

(7) Joc Pederson, age 25, outfielder from Palo Alto, California, with the Los Angeles Dodgers, had an impressive clutch World Series performance in 2017.

(8) Kevin Pillar, age 29, outfielder from West Hills, California, with the Toronto Blue Jays, should have an all-star career.

(9) Ryan Sherriff, age 27, a left-handed pitcher from Culver City, California, with the St. Louis Cardinals has been up and down with the Cardinals.

(10) Danny Valencia, age 33, infielder, outfielder from Boca Raton, Florida, with the Baltimore Orioles has played for eight different teams in nine years.

(11) Zack Weiss, age 25, right-handed pitcher from Irvine, California, with the Cincinnati Reds is on the disabled list with elbow surgery.

(12) Craig Breslow, age 37, from Trumbull, Connecticut, left-handed pitcher with Toronto was sent down after many years as a premiere relief pitcher with many teams. He is now working on a new sidearm delivery in the hope of resurrecting his major-league career.

(13) Ryan Lavarney, age 30, a catcher from Woodland Hills, California, was named most valuable player of the World Baseball Classic for Team Israel in Pool A, but was traded from Oakland to Pittsburgh and was sent down to the minors at Indianapolis.

(14) Jeremy Bleich, age 30, left-handed pitcher from Metairie, Louisiana, was sent down by the Oakland Athletics to the Nashville Sounds.

(15) Zack Borenstein, age 27, outfielder from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, was sent down by the Mets to Las Vegas in the Pacific Coast League. Last year with Reno Aces (Pacific Coast League), he batted .279 with 24 home runs and 91 runs batted in. He will be back in the majors soon.

(16) Brad Goldberg, age 28, right-handed pitcher from Beachwood, Ohio, is up and down with the Chicago White Sox and can throw over 100 miles per hour but has trouble finding the plate. He is pitching for the Birmingham Barons in the Southern League (AA).

(17) (18) Scott Feldman, age 34, right-handed pitcher from Burlington, Connecticut, and Ike Davis, age 30, first-baseman from Scottsdale, Arizona, are unsigned free-agent players who have been in Major League Baseball for many years and are in the extended spring-training program of Major League Baseball.

(19) (20) Ryan Kalish, age 29, an outfielder from Shrewsbury, New Jersey, and a former Chicago Cub on the 2016 World Series team at the beginning of that year has retired, together with Nate Frieman, age 31, a catcher, first-baseman, and former big-leaguer with the Atlanta Braves. Frieman played in the World Baseball Classic for Team Israel.