

### **Semyon Pinkhasov**

Semyon Pinkhasov graduated from The Moscow Institute of Physical Culture and Sports with an M.A. in coaching of fencing in 1971 and from New York University with a B.S. in physical therapy and rehabilitation in 1981. He coached at the New York Fencers' Club from 1977 to 1997 where he led the NYFC Men's Foil Team to 10 National Championships and the NYFC Women's Foil Team to six National Championships. Semyon coached at the 1984 Olympic Games as well as at two Pan American Games (1983, 1985) and two Maccabiah Games (1981, 1985). Semyon's notable students included National Foil Champions Michael McCahey and Sharon Monplaisir, and National Silver Medalists John Nonna and Peter Lewison. All four together with Jack Tichacek and Jeff Bukantz have been members of either the U.S. Olympic and Pan American Teams, as well as several World Championship Teams. Semyon has produced and directed two documentaries related to fencing: The award winning "What if? The Helene Mayer story" about German Olympic Champion Helene Mayer. Nominated for best film at the Moscow Sports Film Festival. Also "King David", dedicated to David Tishler - the Russian coach of many World and Olympic champions.