

MISSION STATEMENT

Pardes Jewish Day School prepares students to become outstanding members of society through a rigorous secular and Judaic education, a nurturing community, and a foundation in Reform Judaism that welcomes all Jewish traditions.

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From Head of School



Our Hearts Go Out To

Sherrielisse Goldfarb and Kyle Goldfarb on the loss of beautiful Jarrod Goldfarb in the fourth grade. So many of our parents have asked what they can do to help the family. We have established **The Jarrod Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship Fund** at the family's request and with the school's blessing. Contributions can be made in the school office or online at www.pardesschool.org.

I want to thank the Pardes community for their outpouring of support for Sherrielisse and Kyle. What brings me peace is knowing that our warm and caring community will wrap their arms around Sherrielisse and Kyle in the months to come.

In addition, I want to thank Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman and Rabbi Martin Scharf, for assisting Dr. Valerie Hoffman in helping our students cope with the loss of their friend. Dr. Hoffman was on campus daily to provide for our students and would not accept payment for her service. She did a spectacular job in providing much needed assistance. I would highly recommend her to any parent looking for a child psychologist for any reason. Many thanks to Dr. Laura Beraznek for her support on campus as well.

Clergy from all of the congregations reached out to us: Rabbi Stephen Kahn, Rabbi Rony Keller, Rabbi Lisa Tzur, Rabbi John Linder, Rabbi Elon Sunshine, and Rabbi Jordan Goldson, who so ably has been taking care of the Goldfarb family.

I would also like to thank my colleagues at the Jewish Day Schools for reaching out, as well as my colleagues at secular private schools. The following individuals all left messages of sympathy and offered their assistance. They include:

Dr. Janice Johnson - Jess Schwartz College Prep
 Rabbi Isaac Enton and Rabbi Harris Cooperman - The Phoenix Hebrew Academy
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 Dawn Gutierrez - New Way Learning Academy
 Geoff Campbell and Dave Dummer - Phoenix Country Day School
 John Hyslop and Shelley Campbell - All Saints' Episcopal Day School
 Nigel Taplin - Tesseract School
 Dvora Entin - Jewish Family and Children's Services

May we all take comfort in knowing the strength of our community.

Jill Kessler
 Head of School

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Jarrold's Song



Julie Murillo, PARDES Music Teacher and Board-Certified Music Therapist, wrote a song with the fourth graders in tribute to Jarrod Goldfarb. This is a wonderful process for uniting the kids, promoting positive emotional expression, and facilitating the grief process. Each student wrote down a short poem, a description, a memory, etc. about Jarrod. The lyrics of the song are completely from the fourth graders' contributions. They will learn the melody this week and have their own copy of the song to sing any time they want to feel a connection to Jarrod.

Jarrold Goldfarb was a really close friend.
We'd always talk about the newest trends.
We wish you could come back, so we could spend more time with you.
We never thought that it could ever end.

It would be too painful to forget you.
Bet we couldn't, even if we tried.
We'll make your mother smile, and your brother for a while.
It hurts so much, we wish you hadn't died.

Chorus:
He always had a great imagination.
He loved sports, the color orange, too.
A math whiz with amazing concentration,
And tomatoes were his very favorite food.

Jarrold, wow, we really can't believe it.
You were always such a funny kid.
So thoughtful, energetic, smart, creative, and friendly.
Smart and nice with everything you did.

Hard-working and cheerful, that describes you.
Caring, helpful, always having fun.
A great friend and student, you were focused and on-track.
Whenever someone needed you, you'd come.

Chorus:
We thought you could've stayed, you shouldn't be gone.
It's such a shame he had to disappear.
Couldn't you stay longer, we're so sad you had to go.
Don't you know your name is all we hear?

His friendship was better than a hundred dollars.
Jarrod could make anybody smile.
That's just who he was, we'll see him someday again with God.
Until then he'll be watching over Kyle.

Chorus:
We'll pray for you forever, all together.
We believe in you and we'll be strong.
Why did you have to go, no one so young deserves to die.
Especially when you did nothing wrong.

We were friends, we liked to be together.
We were playing not so long ago.
We'll miss you, that's for sure, if only they had found a cure.
It's not fair that these things happen, who can know?

Important Dates

March 8

8th Grade Washington
Mall Yard Sale
6:30 am – 12:00 noon

March 8

Kesher Picnic and
Craft Fair
4:00-6:00 pm

March 10

School-wide
Purim Celebration

March 12

Mini-Break
Half-Day
Noon Dismissal

March 13

Mini-Break
NO SCHOOL

March 23-24

6th grade Southeastern
Arizona field trip

Chorus:

A really awesome dude, that was J-Rod.
Football was his thing, the Giants rule!
When we were feeling sad, you were the one to cheer us up.
You never got mad and that's so cool.

Why did you have to go so early?
Why'd you have to leave us in mid-stride?
We never will forget you, every night our tears will fall.
But you'll always be with us inside.

Bridge:

You'll have a good time with God and the angels.
It's like a new beginning for you.
Your friends are missing you so badly, but we'll help your family gladly.
You'll never leave our hearts, you know it's true.

Chorus:

We're all so sorry that this had to happen,
We hope you knew how much we loved you.

GALA THANK YOUS

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make this year's Gala a huge success. We are grateful to all who volunteered their time. Please forgive us if we neglected to list your name.

Eden Becher, Gavi Berk, Ruthie Berk, Susan Berk, Susan Blease, Cathy Cooper, David Dubovis, Esther Dubovis, Amir Eden, Patti Evans, Jacob Feder, Hagan Fox, Mara Greenberg, Roni Gross, Melissa Hasson, Amy Indech, Toby Indech, Ricki Kaplan, Alexander Khan, Vered Kogan, Nancy Koplou, Jennifer Lamden, Carol Lean, Anna Lock, Sharon Mills, Robin Rudin, Cathy Shalen, Carol Shapiro, Betsy Sherman, Marilyn Tenud, Frankie Thompson, Mark Wiltchik, Diane Wolin, Alli Zall, Amanda Zucker and Noah Zweiback. A special thank you to the Gala committee chairs: Sheri Heitner-Anderson, Eve Bressler, Lisa Khan and Becky Lieberman.

SHOP AT THE PARDES WASHINGTON MALL

Sunday, March 8, 2009 from 6:30 am-12:00 noon

Temple Beth Israel, located at 56th & Shea.

Support Pardes and shop at our Washington Mall yard

sale to help raise money for the 8th grade trip to

Washington, D.C. Pardes families are asked to donate usable items to sell such as: kitchen supplies, clothing, books, baby items, sporting goods, furniture and small electronics. Contact Marilyn Sklar (602-795-0542) if you have items to donate.



KESHER



AND CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, March 8 ~ 4:00 - 6:00 pm on the Pardes Campus

Bring your family and a nut-free dinner. Enjoy the weather as the kids play on the sports field. Meet and visit with other parents and enjoy the Craft Fair for a special Sunday afternoon at Pardes.

EXPLORING ARIZONA - THE 6th GRADE TRIP



The 6th grade trip to southeastern Arizona is March 23-24. Our 6th grade students will be exploring Bisbee, Tombstone, Kartchner Caverns and other area sites. Students will spend the night at Temple Emanuel in Tucson. Miss Goldblatt, Coach Ryan, Mr. Zaks and Tobee will chaperone the trip.

Walk on Water



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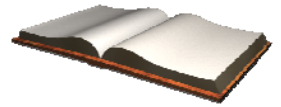
"Walk on Water" is an exciting physics project in which the students learn the concepts of density, buoyancy and Newton's Laws.

The students were asked to build "shoes" that would allow them to walk across a 25 yard pool without sinking.

Students reflected on their projects afterwards and wrote what adjustments they needed to make and why. Two of the six projects entered succeeded in the endeavor, and two of the projects with minor adjustments, would have been workable.

GET YOUR YEARBOOKS

Have you ordered your 2008-2009 Pardes Yearbook? The price is \$39. This year's book has a custom, hard cover and your child is featured at least twice!



Enclose a check (payable to PJDS) or cash in an envelope labeled with your child's name and grade, and return it to the front office. Thanks for supporting your Pardes Jewish Day School children!

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MAZEL TOV

Fifth grader Olivia Lee competed in the Scottsdale Arabian Horse show, winning High Point Champion for accumulating the highest point total in her age group. She brought home all of these ribbons and plaques!



FREE THE CHILDREN
Update



Dear Pardes Parents,

Free The Children is so glad to be working with all of your talented and passionate children at Pardes Jewish Day School. In the beginning of February, Marieke, our outreach coordinator came to visit the school and returned with high praise of all your children.

Free The Children is the world's largest network of children helping children, with more than one million youth impacted by its innovative education programs in 45 countries around the world. Young people who are involved with Free The Children learn about social issues, raise awareness, and can even be part of the solution by raising funds for our Adopt-a-Village program.

With its integrated and holistic approach to community development, the Adopt-a-Village campaign gives young people the chance to make a lasting difference in the lives of children in the developing world. Through the campaign's development projects—which include school building, alternative income, healthcare, and water and sanitation—young people can support a rural village in Kenya, Sierra Leone, China, Ecuador or Sri Lanka. You can learn more about Free The Children by visiting www.freethechildren.com.

Getting involved with Free The Children is one way that children can become socially conscious individuals. There are so many actions you can take to raise socially aware children. Here is a list to start with:

- 1) Read the newspaper and create an open dialogue around the articles you read and discuss what actions you can take to create change.
- 2) Set an example. Be aware of how you talk about the world and the actions you take toward others.
- 3) Encourage your children to use their passions and talents to make a difference. For example, if your child enjoys acting he or she can put on a play to fundraise for a project.
- 4) Volunteer locally. Take your child and some of his or her friends to a food bank, homeless shelter, or other place of interest to make a difference locally.
- 5) Say yes! When your children want to get involved with a cause such as Adopt-a-Village, give your permission and show your support.
- 6) Participate in Halloween for Hunger. Through this "think globally, act locally" Free The Children campaign, young people collect canned goods instead of candy on Halloween and donate their collection to a local food bank.
- 7) Take a family volunteer trip. Me to We, our partner organization, hosts volunteer trips for families to Kenya, Ecuador, India, and China.
- 8) Think about the environment. Teach your children about the importance of conserving energy and water.
- 9) With your child, look at the tags on your clothes and create a discussion. Can you find any clothes that are made in North America?
- 10) When your children are fundraising, don't just say yes. Make sure that your children understand what they are fundraising for and why.
- 11) Watch socially conscious movies such Pursuit of Happiness to discuss homelessness, Wall-E to discuss the environment, or War Dance to talk about refugees.

Parents are the most important part of creating a generation of socially conscious individuals that can help eliminate poverty. Craig Kielburger, who founded Free The Children at 12 years old, would not have been able to do it without parents who valued making a difference and who provided their ongoing support and belief in what he was doing. When you ask individuals in our office how we ended up at Free The Children most would say that their parents were their main inspiration and role models for taking action to better the world.

You can contact me, the youth coordinator for your school, anytime for resources and questions. I can be reached by phone at (416) 925-5894 x 129 or by e-mail at Lauren@freethechildren.com.

Warm regards,
Lauren Roach



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Thank you for making a meaningful gift that impacts every Pardes child!