



# PARDES

JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

*A World-Class Education  
Grounded in Jewish Values*

## PARENT INFO PACKET

Kindergarten - Grade 8 | [www.pardesschool.org](http://www.pardesschool.org)

# You're looking for a school for your child.










*We understand what the search process can be like!*

**As a parent,** you'll find a place where your family's values are reinforced, where you'll be welcomed and involved in the educational process, and where we'll help you find affordable options so you can enroll your child with confidence.



As you compare the options, we're here to help you understand the unique benefits of a Jewish Day School. It's a place where your child will find:


-  rigorous academics that promote a love for learning
-  caring, role-model teachers
-  stimulating creative opportunities
-  safe and inclusive school surroundings
-  an active, technologically-rich learning environment
-  a vibrant community built around shared Jewish values and culture
-  exceptional preparation for high school and beyond

Come visit and see firsthand why students, graduates, and parents have found that Pardes Jewish Day School is a place to thrive.

*We're here to answer your questions and arrange your personal tour!*

*L'Shalom,*

Pardes Jewish Day School  
Admissions Office

 480-991-9141

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 Pardes Jewish Day School | 12753 North Scottsdale Road | Scottsdale, AZ 85254

WHY

# Parents Choose Pardes



## A World-Class Education

### GROUNDED IN JEWISH VALUES

**We prepare** students to excel in high school and beyond through an innovative curriculum taught by dedicated educators.



## A Commitment to

### 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LEARNING

**We inspire** critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity at all grade levels through project-based education.



## A Strong and Meaningful

### JEWISH IDENTITY

**We create** authentic opportunities for Jewish learning, values, and celebration, instilling a lifelong connection to Judaism.



עבודת ה' היא



## A Welcoming



### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

**We value** each student's individual strengths, enabling them to thrive in a safe and inclusive school environment.



## Graduates Who

### IMPACT THE WORLD

**We cultivate** students to become confident, dedicated, and responsible future leaders in both Jewish and secular communities.



“ Both of our children started at Pardes in Kindergarten. We can say unequivocally that Pardes prepares its students to succeed. They are prepared to excel academically in high school, and they have developed a strong Jewish identity. More importantly, our oldest graduated Pardes as a self-confident young adult. ”

— DINA & CHAD MANDELBAUM

# Explore Pardes' Signature Programs



## Full STEAM Ahead

Regular STEAM activities begin in kindergarten and continue throughout Lower School and Middle School. Science, technology, engineering, arts, and math are combined with project-based learning to prepare future scientists, technology experts, engineers, artists, mathematicians, and more.



## Create and Innovate in the Makerspace

Introduced at Pardes in fall 2018, the Makerspace is a dedicated space where students come to create, innovate, tinker, explore, and discover using a variety of tools and materials. Available for every student from kindergarten through eighth grade, this creative space provides grade-appropriate technology opportunities including coding, weblogs, green screen videos, 3-D printing, paper circuits, and invention kits.



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*Pardes Jewish Day School is more than a school; it is a community that supports our children with opportunities, friendships, and individual attention through small class sizes and dedicated teachers. We see our three children blossoming into great thinkers and leaders at Pardes.*

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— JACQUELINE AND PETER ROALOFS



## Future Ready? You Bet!

Our vision of “Future Ready” means we provide students with the knowledge and tools necessary to be successful in today’s world. The landscape of 21st century learning encompasses unifying themes such as challenging academics, project-based learning, classrooms that extend beyond the walls of the school, digital technologies, and a global perspective. We help students feel secure and ready to tackle life in an increasingly complex world.



## Many Ways to Thrive





Athletics? Fine arts? Service activities? Yes, yes, and yes! From our Middle School athletic teams, to our popular performing arts productions, to our school-wide involvement in community service, students build confidence, learn teamwork, hone skills of personal expression, and discover their strengths.



# PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE: How the Pardes Experience Shapes Lives

*A Pardes  
Jewish  
Day School  
graduate:*

**Consider our graduates** — hundreds since we opened our doors in 1993! While Pardes alumni are diverse in their gifts, abilities, and professional pursuits, they demonstrate a consistent record of achievement that underscores the benefits of their Jewish Day School education.

-  is a critical thinker and communicator
-  embraces a love of learning
-  has a strong connection to his/her Jewish faith
-  is a mensch: a person of integrity and honor



Jacob

**Meet Jacob**, a 2011 Pardes graduate on track to graduate from Harvard University in 2020. While his experiences in an academically rigorous high school and a gap-year study program in Israel have been rich and varied, he hasn't forgotten the exceptional start he found at Pardes Jewish Day School.

*What does he recall about Pardes?*



## *Individual Attention*

*"I loved Pardes because it was the kind of place that truly treated each student as an individual. It did not matter how different we were; we all experienced a warm and nurturing environment that allowed us to become the best versions of ourselves."*

## *Rich Friendships*

*"I loved my peers. From Reform to Conservative to Orthodox, born in America to born abroad, everyone came from such diverse backgrounds that we really learned so much from each other."*

## *Passionate Teachers*

*"I've never met a collective group of professionals that shares such a deep passion for their work. They truly want every student that walks in their door to have a transformational experience..."*

## *Connection with Jewish Identity*

*"Jewish Day School provides a unique opportunity to learn what it means to be part of a community. When so many people around us are struggling to find their place, graduates of Jewish Day Schools are already acutely aware of theirs."*



**Pardes alumni** are accepted at the most competitive high schools, perform well in demanding honors and AP classes, earn merit scholarships to colleges and universities around the country, and enter diverse career paths such as medicine, law and engineering.



**Pardes graduates matriculate to high schools that include:**

AAEC PARADISE VALLEY

ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL

BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY

CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL

DESERT MOUNTAIN  
HIGH SCHOOL, IB PROGRAM

HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL

MAAYANOT YESHIVA  
HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

NEW WAY ACADEMY

PARADISE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL,  
CREST PROGRAM

PHOENIX COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL

RANCHO SOLANO  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL,  
MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY

SHADOW MOUNTAIN  
HIGH SCHOOL

SUNNYSLOPE HIGH SCHOOL

XAVIER COLLEGE PREPARATORY



**Jackson**

*"I believe that the Pardes community shaped me into a person that truly cares for others, and gave me the skills and values that I have needed to succeed. Pardes provided me with an exceptional educational background that propelled me forward into further success not only academically, but also personally."*

**Jackson**, Pardes 2010 and the University of Southern California 2018, will be receiving his M.S. in Global Management from USC's Keck School of Medicine in 2019 and then plans to attend medical school. He was a National Merit Scholar Finalist, a USC Presidential Scholar, and a USC Discovery Scholar.



**Leah**

*"My classmates were incredibly intelligent, which pushed me to grow without fostering a competitive atmosphere. Pardes also prepared me academically, setting me up to take honors and AP courses in high school which in turn set me up well for college."*

**Leah**, Pardes 2010, graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Arizona Honors College in 2018. She attended on a Flinn Scholarship, awarded to the top 20 high school students in Arizona. Leah works at a science policy think tank in Washington, D.C.

# ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST



*Wondering how to apply to Pardes Jewish Day School?*

*We'll happily guide you every step of the way!*

## ALL APPLICANTS

Schedule your personal Campus Tour.

Complete the online application.

**Oct. 1 – Dec. 1**

*No application fee during this period!*

**Dec. 2 – Aug. 31**

*Non-refundable \$95 application fee.*



## KINDERGARTEN

Pre-K teacher submits an electronic recommendation form.\*

Applicant students attend an admissions “playdate” in December or January, or later in the year for subsequent applicants.

## GRADES 1-8

*\*Recommendation forms are sent directly to the teachers upon completion of the online application. The recommending teacher returns the form directly to Pardes via email.*

*Please consult with our staff for students who were homeschooled or did not attend preschool.*

Students applying for entry in grades 1-4 need one recommendation\* from their current classroom teacher.

Students applying for grades 5-8 need both a Language Arts and a Math teacher recommendation form.\*

Parents submit a signed Transcript Request Release Form (downloadable from the Pardes website) to your child’s current school.

Students spend a day at Pardes, experiencing classes and enjoying lunch with grade-level peers. Admissions assessments are also conducted on this Shadow Day. Parents must complete and submit a Visitor Release Form, downloadable from the Pardes website.

**READ MORE**



# ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

OCT 1<sup>ST</sup> | NOV | DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>

DEC 2<sup>ND</sup> | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

JUN 1<sup>ST</sup> | JUL | AUG 31<sup>ST</sup>

## EARLY DECISION ENROLLMENT

### OCT 1<sup>ST</sup> – DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>

▶ *No application fee during this period!*



## OPEN ENROLLMENT

### DEC 2<sup>ND</sup> – MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

▶ *\$95 non-refundable application fee.*



## SPECIAL CONSIDERATION APPLICATIONS

### JUN 1<sup>ST</sup> – AUG 31<sup>ST</sup>

▶ *It's not too late to join the Pardes family!*

- \$95 non-refundable application fee.
- Applicants considered based on availability.



Once your student has enjoyed their Shadow Day on campus and we have received their Teacher Recommendation Form(s) and Transcript Request Release Form (where applicable), their admissions application file will be complete. It's that easy! We will make an admissions decision within ten business days for applications submitted during Early Decision or Open Enrollment.

**NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS**  
Pardes admits qualified students of any race, national and ethnic origin, or sexual orientation to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Pardes does not discriminate on the basis of race, national and ethnic origin, or sexual orientation in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



# Think You Can't Afford a Private Jewish Day School?



25  
YEARS

**THINK AGAIN!**

We're all about making a world-class education *affordable and accessible.*

*A World-Class Education  
Grounded in Jewish Values*



The key to this amazing opportunity is the **Jewish Tuition Organization (JTO)** which provides scholarships to students in local Jewish day schools. Pardes families can offset as much tuition as they want through JTO programs. The Arizona Private School Tuition Tax Credit allows state taxpayers to redirect a portion of their Arizona income taxes to organizations like the JTO.

**Make Pardes a Reality for Your Child!**

**You Have Options:**



Needs-Based Scholarship



Taxpayer-Recommended Scholarship



## Apply for a Needs-Based Scholarship

Everyone should apply! Many applicants are surprised to learn that tuition assistance is available for a wide range of income levels. **An astounding 47% of current students received needs-based assistance this year, with an average package of almost \$10,000 per student.**

### STEP 1

Submit your confidential online financial aid application form at [TADS.com](http://TADS.com), an outside assessment organization.

TADS applications must be submitted between January 15 and April 15. They require a small processing fee.

Applications submitted after April 15 will receive awards based on **JTO** money still available.

Check the box that sends the application to the **JTO**.

**Submit your assistance application as early as possible, even if your tax return hasn't been filed – then upload the needed documentation as soon as it's complete.**

### STEP 2

Support the JTO before you file your Arizona state taxes. There's no additional cost to you, as you'll receive a dollar-for-dollar credit towards your Arizona state income tax.

Visit [www.donations.jtophoenix.org](http://www.donations.jtophoenix.org) to contribute, and be sure to select the **Pardes School Fund** for your contribution in the "Optional Recommendation" section.

READ MORE



## Apply for a Taxpayer-Recommended Scholarship

Whether or not you receive needs-based funds from the JTO, you can still use taxpayer-recommended funds to help offset your out-of-pocket tuition expense.

### HOW THIS HELPS YOU:

You get the benefit of the tuition assistance, and your benevolent friends will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against their Arizona income taxes. It's a win for everyone!

### HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

Ask Arizona taxpayers — your friends, neighbors, family members, and coworkers who are not currently supporting the **JTO** — to recommend your child at Pardes with their tax credit dollars.

To receive taxpayer-recommended awards, you will need to complete a short application, coming soon on the **JTO** website.

### For More Information

Contact **Patti Evans**, Chief Financial Officer at Pardes, to learn how to qualify for other needs-based awards. She'll work to understand your circumstances and craft the best options for your family.

Reach her at [pevans@pardesschool.org](mailto:pevans@pardesschool.org) or by phone at **480-991-9141, ext. 107**.

## 2019-2020 Tuition: \$16,100 per student.

**Payment plans and family discounts are available.**

Tuition for the following school year is set by the Board of Directors and announced each January.

*"We never thought a private Jewish day school education was even an option, until Pardes showed us how to make it a reality. As parents of a kindergartner, we are already amazed by Pardes's commitment and dedication to the students. The teachers have challenged our daughter in the greatest of ways, ways that she is completely unaware of. Without a doubt, we made the right choice for our daughter, our family, and our peace of mind."*

- SARAH AND JOSHUA KATZ

# Good Things to Know About

## PARDES JEWISH DAY SCHOOL



### “Pardes”

*Hebrew for orchard*

*This is a place where  
your child can flourish.*



ARIZONA'S LARGEST  
*Jewish Day School*



FOUNDED IN 1993



GRADES SERVED:  
*Kindergarten – 8th*



## ACADEMICS



7:1 STUDENTS/TEACHER

# 40

# OF TEACHERS

# 275

STUDENTS  
*2018-2019 School Year*



LEADING-EDGE  
*Technology*



HEBREW AND SPANISH  
*Classes*

## STUDENT LIFE



KOSHER LUNCH  
*available for purchase*



DAILY RECESS  
*for all grades*

## ATHLETICS



# 13 | 5

TEAMS | SPORTS

## FINE ARTS



VISUAL | DRAMA | MUSIC

**We invite you to experience  
Pardes Jewish Day School in action!**

*Schedule your tour today:*

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