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RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS FOR 2009-2010



This past September, Pardes opened its doors to the highest number of students in its history. The student body for the 2009-10 academic year has risen over 30% from last year, with over 160 students enrolled in

Pardes programs, including the Year Program and the Educators Program.

Most markedly, the number of Year Program students increased by over 40% this year, adding to the unique community feel for which Pardes is so renowned.

Undeniably, a contributing factor to this increase was the offer of free tuition to those students who qualified for a grant from MASA (the joint project of the Israeli Government and the Jewish Agency to promote long term programs in Israel). Students who did not receive MASA grants still benefitted from a 40% reduction in tuition fees for the year.

Despite the generous financial aid offered every year by Pardes, the prospect of incurring financial burden has always been the foremost obstacle preventing potential students coming to study in Israel. This year, the world economic crisis exacerbated that hurdle and students' requests for financial support became even greater. Pardes rose to the challenge of the unprecedented economic climate and through the guidance and vision of the Pardes Board of Directors and the American Pardes Foundation Board, made the decision to offer

free tuition for 2009-10, effectively removing cost as a factor in deciding to study at Pardes.

"We are incredibly proud, that in a year that we had anticipated would be tough, so many young people have chosen to study at Pardes, where we continue to offer the highest level of learning with the best teachers in Jerusalem," reflected John Corre, current Chair of the Israel Board.

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With the announcement of this 'once in a lifetime offer', Pardes quickly became the talk of the Jewish world, and phones rang off the hook with interest from potential students. Pardes was praised for its awareness and understanding of the situation in which many young people found themselves, and for its ability to respond quickly – allowing these young people to have the precious and vital gift of Jewish learning even during these difficult times.

Natalie Carmeli (Year '09-'10), from New York, NY, said, "Free tuition made the dream of studying in Israel a reality for me and I will always be grateful to Pardes for that opportunity."

For the coming 2010-11 academic year, Pardes is committed to making studying in Israel as affordable as possible and tuition for students receiving a MASA grant will be as little as \$1,250 for the year. See the website for more details.



DANIEL GORDIS LAUNCHES NEW BOOK AT PARDES



In April, Dr. Daniel Gordis spoke to a capacity-filled Beit Midrash about his new book, *Saving Israel: How the Jewish State Can Win a War That May Never End*.

Gordis' talk focused on the difficult questions and issues facing the Jewish State looking forward, and argued that peace with its neighbors may never be attainable. He proposed that Israel confront the major societal issues immediately, rather than waiting for an end to the Israeli-Arab conflict. Respondent and

well-known journalist Yossi Klein Halevi took issue with Gordis' position and spoke about the Jewish values he sees as helping promote peace.

As part of the special Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut program, Gordis returned to Pardes to speak about his decision to move to Israel. He challenged students to consider the costs involved in any worthwhile relationship and the importance of helping the modern State flourish despite the many, often painful, sacrifices involved.

Wendy Siegel (Year '08-'09) from Boston reflected, "When the siren sounded on Remembrance Day on Har Herzl, I found myself thinking about what Dr. Gordis had said about cost and sacrifice. There I was, surrounded by so much of the 'cost' of having this place. It really made me think."

As part of the Israel programming for 2009-10, Daniel Gordis addressed students on the theme of Jerusalem, and followed up with four workshops exploring the relationship between the modern Jewish State and the Jewish people.

THREE SPECIALTY TRACKS FOR 2009-10

Last year Pardes embarked on a new initiative to introduce specialty tracks into the regular Year Program schedule. The pilot was the **Social Justice** track directed by Dr. Meesh Hammer-Kossov, which combined text study focused on the theme with field trips, including Hiriya Park, an environmental education and recycling center, and a wheelchair accessibility tour of the local neighborhood. Guest speakers included Sari Revkin, Founding Director of YEDID, an anti-poverty organization, and Rabbi Levi Lauer, former Pardes Director, and now Founding Director of ATZUM, an organization supporting foreign workers, terror victims and righteous gentiles in Israel. Pardes also offered a **Medical Ethics** track taught by Dr. Deena Zimmerman.

Joline Price (Year '08-'09), a recent graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, said, "Participating in the track heightened my awareness about modern social justice issues in Israel and how Jewish texts address these issues. I had never appreciated the applicability of the texts before living and volunteering in Israel, a thoroughly Jewish society. The track also hugely impacted the Pardes community as a whole with our class starting new initiatives to make students and faculty more socially and environmentally aware."

As a result of these successes, this year Pardes has added two new tracks – the **Peace and Conflict Resolution** track, directed by Rabbi Daniel Roth, and the **Self, Soul and Text** track, directed by Rabbi James Jacobson-Maisels.



Pardes visit to Hiriya Park recycling center, Tel Aviv

BETTY KAPLAN Z"l REMEMBERED AT PARDES



Long time friend and benefactor, Betty Kaplan z"l (1915-2009) recently passed away, but her memory will be a part of Pardes in a very inspiring way. Betty left a generous legacy gift to Pardes that is enabling students to continue their studies and enjoy their Pardes experience.

The daughter of an immigrant Rabbi, Betty was raised in a serious Jewish

home in Michigan. Later in her life, and by chance, she sent her daughter Audrey to Camp Ramah, and was subsequently inspired to learn the texts she had seen her father toil over. Years later, her daughter (now Audrey Kaplan Scher) studied at Pardes, joined the Pardes Board

and served as Chair of the Board from 2005-2008.

Upon moving to Israel, Betty continued to study at multiple institutions, including the first Pardes "take-out" group with several women who remain very involved with Pardes. Notably, for her 90th birthday, Betty donated a Sefer Torah to Jerusalem's Tal Torah Institute, founded by Pardes alumna Rabbi Ariel Lester.

Robby Grossman, Pardes' Director of Development in Israel, remarked, "Pardes was extremely privileged to count Betty among its staunchest supporters. Her legacy includes inspired Torah study, a beloved family and an unwavering love and commitment to Klal Yisrael."

Pardes is fortunate that Betty's husband Raymond Kaplan is an ongoing supporter, and daughter Audrey continues to be an active leader on the Israel board and student in the Community Education Program at Pardes.

To find out how you can leave a legacy gift to Pardes, see p. 8

NEW CAMPUS UPDATE



There continues to be tremendous excitement about the new Pardes campus, which will be located on the 1.3-acre lot next to its present location. The campus

will consist of 88,000 square feet, which is vital to ensure that there is adequate space for both the increasing number of Pardes programs and the growing student body. The permitting and planning process for the new building in Jerusalem are continuing on schedule.

Moshe Werthan, Chair of the Capital Campaign, reflecting on the progress of fundraising efforts, said, "The unique financial environment in 2009 dictated that Pardes focus on its annual campaign to a larger degree than anticipated. In spite of this necessary shift, the engagement of prospective donors for the new campus continues, and many donors made meaningful gifts in 2009."

As the economy improves, Pardes expects to intensify activities related to the capital campaign during the coming year.

STUDENTS VOLUNTEER ACROSS JERUSALEM



The strong Pardes tradition of weekly student volunteering in the local Jerusalem community has continued successfully this year.

Volunteering at Yotzer Or Every Tuesday afternoon students volunteer in over 15 local projects. Veteran Pardes partners include organizations such as Yotzer Or (tutoring for economically disadvantaged children) and the Beit Reuven home for Alzheimer patients. New organizations this year include PeacePlayers International (co-existence through basketball), The Ethiopian National Project (empowerment for members of the Ethiopian community) and Activists4Asylum (support for African refugees in Israel).

Corrine Bodner, volunteer coordinator at Beit Reuven, thanked Pardes for its "very special students." She said, "When they came here and sang, it was an hour of magic for our residents. We cannot thank you enough."

M E E T T H E S T U D E N T S

Veronique & Natan Kretz, Strasbourg, France, Year Program



Newlyweds Veronique and Natan Kretz decided to begin their married life with a period of study in Israel. The couple, who met while doing their degrees at the University of Strasbourg, came from different backgrounds: Natan came from a non-traditional Jewish family and Veronique converted to Orthodox

Judaism after an arduous four-year process. For both of them, most important was to find a place to learn as adults, together. Veronique comments, "I ask many simple questions in my classes, and I feel very comfortable saying 'I don't know'. I also appreciate the many opportunities Pardes offers to acquire Jewish life skills, such as how to pray." Natan adds, "Pardes is a great place for Jews of all nationalities. Our commonality as Jews, and as young Jews who want to learn and to ask questions, is far greater than anything that might divide us."

Yoni Shear, Abington, PA Pardes Educators Program



Yoni, who has a BA in Sports Medicine from the University of Kansas, is no stranger to the world of Jewish education. He served as the USY Hagesher Regional Director (Philadelphia) for five years and for the past three years was a full-time teacher at the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School in Chicago. He is also a proud

product of Camp Ramah in the Poconos (22 summers!). Two years ago, Yoni participated in the Pardes Summer Program and always felt he wanted to return. Although already a classroom teacher, he had never had any formal teacher training, and realized the double benefit of the Pardes Educators Program – an opportunity to learn Jewish texts as well as obtain a Masters in Jewish Education. "The Educators Program is great for both those without any teaching experience and teachers like myself – we both benefit from our different perspectives. Every day, in every class, there is a new concept that I jot down and start to think, how will I teach that in my classroom?"

Yonit Lavin, Teaneck, NJ Advanced Scholars Program



Yonit's passion for Jewish learning was ignited during the year she spent at an Israeli seminary. "For the first time I connected texts with larger life questions and relevant issues. I decided to continue my Jewish learning at Pardes." A Harvard graduate with a BA in Biochemistry, Yonit learns in the Pardes Advanced

Scholars Program (Kollel) – the highest-level Jewish thought and Halakha classes. Kollel members also serve as leaders and teachers in the broader Pardes community, a role that is not unfamiliar to Yonit. At Harvard, she served as the Vice President for Education on the Hillel Board for undergraduates, facilitating discussions on how to combine Torah with academia. Yonit adds, "The diversity of the Pardes community adds so much to the learning environment. Every day I am inspired by the opportunity to see Judaism through a new set of eyes."

Ilan Glazer, Boulder, CO Year Program



From a young age Ilan planned to follow his father's footsteps into the rabbinate. Deciding where to pursue his rabbinical studies, however, was a more difficult decision. "I don't really fit anywhere specific on the Jewish spectrum of observance. I'm a progressive, egalitarian environmentalist who doesn't learn so well in the

traditional classroom setting and who is seeking inspiration and spirituality." Ilan eventually found Aleph - the Alliance for Jewish Renewal's rabbinic ordination program. Wanting to continue his studies in Israel, Ilan was recommended to Pardes by a friend and is now taking an advanced course load, excited to participate in two specialty tracks in the spring: Peace and Conflict Resolution and Self, Soul & Text. "The courses at Pardes make Jewish texts come alive and provide meaning in so many realms of life — and there is a phenomenal energy among the student body. It is a transformative environment which will impact me and my future congregants for a long time to come."

ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

Investing in Green Technologies



Glen Schwaber (Year '91-'92) is the Co-founder and General Partner of Israel Cleantech Ventures, the leading venture capital fund focused on Israel's emerging clean technology companies. Glen graduated from Harvard College and holds a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Today, he is on the Israel board of Natan, an organization inspiring young philanthropists to engage in Jewish giving, and is also on the Advisory Board of Tmura, a charity encouraging corporate social responsibility among Israel's high-tech sector. Glen lives in Jerusalem, with his wife Heather (Year '92-'94) and their four children.

Creating Dialogue, Building Communities



Malka Melanie Landau (Kollel '02-'03), is a lecturer at the Australia Centre for Jewish Civilisation, Monash University, who also facilitates personal transformation and life-cycle companioning. As well as developing a program in Jewish Communal Service and Leadership, Malka is involved in inter-faith dialogue in Australia and Asia. She has just completed her PhD on a feminist critique of traditional Jewish marriage. Malka has recently started planning a new, long-term reconciliation project, based on video testimonies of Jewish and Palestinian life stories. Malka was a Jerusalem Fellow at the Mandel School for Educational and Social Leadership in Jerusalem. She lives in Melbourne, Australia with her partner Michael Fagenblatt and their two children.

Life's a Laugh in Israel



Lisa Margolin (née Gold) (Year '02-'03) is an International Relations professional at the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Jerusalem. She graduated from Manchester University and made aliyah in 1995 from the UK. Lisa completed her graduate studies in Public Health at Hebrew University. While working, she created Flathunting.com, a resource for those looking for apartment rentals in Jerusalem. In her post-Pardes years she appeared as a stand-up comedienne and then, in search for real comedy, married her husband Alex and became a mother to her son, Shalom.

Making Time for Torah



Juan Mesa-Freydell (Executive Seminar '04-'05, '07-'09) is the Managing Director of JP Morgan Private Bank, covering international clients. Juan has also been active with the American Jewish Committee, developing friendships and dialogue with consuls and UN ambassadors to advocate on behalf of Israel. Juan was a Wexner Heritage Scholar, and was introduced to Pardes through Rabbi Landes, a veteran faculty member for the Wexner Heritage Foundation. "Pardes is a place where I go every year to learn. I think of things different from work and am so excited to get close to text." Juan lives in New York, NY, with his wife Catherine Stoll and their two children.

Inspiring Adult Learning



Leon Morris (Summer '92-'93, Year '95-'96) is the Executive Director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning in New York. He helped to create the program 10 years ago, and has been involved in every aspect, from teaching to development, shaping the educational vision, and choosing courses. Leon holds a Masters Degree and Rabbinical Ordination from Hebrew Union College. He was a Wexner Graduate Fellow, and is currently part of the Hartman Institute's North American Scholars' Circle. Leon was recently appointed the full-time rabbi for Temple Adas Israel, in Sag Harbor, NY. Leon currently lives in New York, NY, with his wife, Dasee Berkowitz (Year '94-'95) and their son, Tamir Micah.

Torah Values in Medicine



Dr. Elyse Lackie (Elul '05), is an Obstetrician and Gynecologist and lecturer at the University of Toronto. Elyse came to Pardes as part of a sabbatical from her medical practice and feels the experience "continues to enrich both my professional and Jewish life." Elyse is also a Governor of North York General Hospital Foundation where she is actively involved in fundraising and is on the Board of Directors of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater Toronto where she helps with philanthropic development, Israel advocacy and invigorating Jewish community in Toronto. Elyse lives in Toronto, Canada.

SUBVERSIVE SEQUELS BY JUDY KLITSNER



In her new book, *Subversive Sequels in the Bible: How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other* (Jewish Publication Society, 2009), Judy Klitsner explores how biblical stories act as sequels to one another: interpreting, continuing, and frequently subverting and undermining one another's assumptions and conclusions.

In a fresh, original voice, Judy Klitsner illustrates the dynamic nature of biblical attitudes regarding issues of ongoing relevance, such as the self, gender relations, and relations between Jews and non-Jews. In this excerpt from her book, Klitsner presents the narrative of Deborah and Jael, which in many ways acts as a “subversive sequel” to the fertility-centered stories of the early matriarchs of Genesis.

Even after our best efforts to decode the Bible's sometimes difficult language and familiarize ourselves with its style, we may find ourselves distanced and at times offended by its ethos. For instance, how is a modern sensibility to relate to a text that has God proclaiming to woman, “to your husband is your desire and he shall rule over you?” How are we to understand man's naming woman “the mother of all the living,” that seems to limit her definition to childbearing alone?

I propose a particular method of reading, which I refer to as the Bible's “subversive sequels.” The Bible engages in a lively interaction between its passages that allows for a widening of perspective and a sense of dynamic development. If certain gnawing theological or philosophical questions remain after studying one narrative, a later passage may revisit those

questions, subjecting them to a complex process of inquiry, revision, and examination of alternative possibilities. Like all sequels, the subversive sequel often undermines the very assumptions upon which the earlier stories were built as well as the conclusions these stories have reached.

To return to the example of the Bible's women: the tent-dwelling matriarchs of Genesis seem to follow in Eve's footsteps. They are almost exclusively focused on childbearing, and they are dependent on their husbands – their only conduits to God – for redemption. When they are unable to conceive, the matriarchs question their very worth as human beings, as in Rachel's anguished cry to her husband, “Give me children or I shall die.”

In a radical revisiting of these narratives – a “subversive sequel” – the book of Judges presents a story of two women, in which there is no mention at all of infertility, childbirth, or spousal relations. Instead, we meet Deborah, religious and martial leader of Israel and Jael, political assassin.

Deborah is introduced as a woman of Lappidoth – literally, of torches. Barak, her general, has a name that means lightning. Their combined luminescence would extinguish the mighty Sisera, who had “oppressed Israel ruthlessly for twenty years” (Judg. 4:3). But sparks of irony find their way into the story as one of the flames is reluctant to shine: Barak agrees only to go to battle on condition that Deborah go with him. In this tale of reversals, the spiritual positions of man and woman are completely transposed; man will not even take steps toward fulfilling God's word without a reassuring feminine buffer.

After the battle is won, a new heroine ascends the stage.

The story of Jael, wife of Heber the Kenite, takes place in the tent, formerly the protected, interior space of the biblical matriarch. The Book of Judges now takes aim at the primary now takes aim at the primary symbol of woman's narrow definition



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now takes aim at the primary symbol of woman's narrow definition, the tent.

Jael, like Sarah, is in her tent. But in a brazen rejection of earlier role delineations, Jael grabs hold of the tent's very foundation, the tent pin as weapon, striking not only at Sisera's temple, but at the very notion of matriarchal limitation to the confines of the tent. With her action, Jael delivers a crushing blow both to the mighty general and to our stereotypes regarding biblical woman

Together, Deborah and Jael expose a new and seemingly limitless gamut of women's capabilities, which rings out in Deborah's song of triumph:

"In the days of Jael pathways ceased; And wayfarers went by roundabout paths. Deliverance ceased... Till I Deborah arose... a mother in Israel!" (Judg. 5:6-7).

An oblique reference to Sarah, the woman of the tent, infuses Deborah's poem with ironically seditious intent. The Hebrew words *h-d-l orah*, which literally mean a pathway that ceases, occur in only two verses in the Bible: in Deborah's poem and in reference to Sarah's infertility. The text of Genesis informs us that:

"Abraham and Sarah were old... Sarah had ceased the menstrual periods," literally "the pathway, of women, "hadal lihyot le-Sarah orah ka-nashim" (Gen. 18:11).

As a result, Sarah had scoffed at her own value (Gen. 18:12). Deborah uses the language of Sarah's hopeless infertility, *h-d-l orah*, in an ironic manner, to refer to the Israelites. With her choice of words Deborah strongly hints that even when traditional "pathways" are closed off to both the Israelites and to women, there are new paths – unorthodox, unexpected, and previously unimagined – to pursue.

In the story of Deborah and Jael, the female protagonists do not merely speak of new paths; they embark on them as well. Despite the absence of children in the biblical record of her life, Deborah calls herself a "mother in Israel" (Judg. 5:7). She nurtures

her people by prophesying, judging, and leading them to military victory. Jael, too, is a mother of sorts, using her tent to tend to the physical needs of others. But, like Deborah, she breaks all maternal molds, as Jael kills a man in order to save many others.

In this satirically subversive sequel to the early matriarchal stories, with their focus on tents and on childbearing, Deborah and Jael define motherhood in radically new ways. In the words of Deborah the prophetess:

"Most blessed of women be Jael, wife of Heber the Kenite, more blessed than women in tents." (Judg. 5:24).

The story of Deborah and Jael provides an ironic, and extreme, counterweight to the narratives of the matriarchs of Genesis and hint at a multitude of possibilities of feminine potential that lies between.

What emerges from a study of the Bible's subversive sequels is that the Bible repeatedly sets up its paradigms and then takes artful aim at them. In the expansive gamut of her occupations and preoccupations, biblical woman is both righteous and wicked; she is martial leader and she is chattel; she is both a victim of rape and violence and a perpetrator of sexual harassment and violence. Woman is prophet and prostitute; midwife and murderer; maidservant and monarch. And when she so chooses and when she is able, she is, blessedly, the mother of all the living.

Judy Klitsner has been teaching Bible and biblical exegesis at Pardes for nearly two decades. Many of her students, now teachers and heads of Jewish institutions, apply her methods in educating a new generation of Bible students. Klitsner lectures widely and broadly, combining methodology and meaning, to diverse audiences in Israel, the US, and the UK.

***Subversive Sequels in the Bible: How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other* (Jewish Publication Society, 2009) is available online from Amazon and JPS.**

Visit www.judyklitsner.com for her book tour details.



STAFF, FACULTY & BOARD NEWS

APF WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT



The American Pardes Foundation Board recently elected **Thomas K. Barad** (Executive Seminar '09) as President and **Deborah Shapira** (Year '96-'98) as Vice President. **Neil Schechter** (Executive Seminar '04-'09) will continue as Treasurer.

Pardes thanks outgoing Board President **Michael Rosenzweig** (Executive Seminar '07-'09) for his outstanding leadership over the last year. Michael stepped down to become President and CEO of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, but is staying on as Secretary.

Tom Barad, a successful film producer, is deeply involved in the Jewish community. He published *On One Foot* – a pocket-sized book with facts and figures designed to help students respond to frequently heard accusations about Israel – and helped develop *Project Communicate*, run by the entertainment industry, connecting unaffiliated Jewish college students to Israel and their Jewish identity. He also sits on the board of The American Jewish University.

Tom said, "I am honored to continue my association with Pardes as President of the APF Board. I am looking forward to joining the impressive and visionary leadership of the institution."

ISRAEL BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Elstein, originally from New Jersey, is a global market analyst for IBM. Previously, she was responsible for innovation and international multi-disciplinary service development for Ernst & Young. She made aliyah with her family in 2008.

Fred Worms OBE, was born in Germany in 1920 and then moved to the UK where he enjoyed a successful career in the motor industry. He has made an enormous contribution to the UK Jewish community and to Israel, including as Chairman of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Director of Bank Leumi (UK), President of Maccabi World Union and Vice-President of the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce. Fred is a Governor and Fellow of the Hebrew University, the Israel Museum, and Council of the Tel Aviv Museum. He and his wife Della have three daughters and eleven grandchildren.

ZVI WOLFF RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS



Rabbi Zvi (Denny) Wolff was honored this past spring, as he completed 35 years of teaching at Pardes. Zvi has been an influential presence for several generations of Pardes students. At the festive goodbye luncheon, Rabbi Danny Landes said, "In his classes Zvi has set the state-of-the-art standard for teaching

Halakha in a compelling, dramatic, exhaustive fashion, mixed with the driest of wit."

NEW SCHOOL IN ZUR HADASSA



Senior faculty member **Rabbi Levi Cooper** and his wife Sarah opened a new primary school in September to serve Zur Hadassa and the surrounding area. The school opened with 30 students in first and second grade, with plans to add a new class each year. While the school is part of the National Religious school

system of Israel, it caters to a varied religious, traditional and secular population and aims to raise a generation of young Zionist leaders by breaking down the walls between different segments of society. "We strive to provide a safe environment in which we can share our common history, as well as our common destiny," says Sarah, who is serving as the principal. The school joins the other institutions recently established by the Coopers and their community in Zur Hadassa.

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR APF



Jenna Corman joined the American Pardes Foundation team in June as Assistant Director. Jenna graduated from New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service in May with a Master of Public Administration in Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy. Jenna grew up outside of Boston and was very active in the

Boston Jewish Community. She worked at the National Yiddish Book Center throughout her time as an undergraduate at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and went on to work at JESNA and The Curriculum Initiative.



2010 AT PARDES...

Dec 27, 2009 - Jan 1, 2010

Winter Learning Seminar

A taste of Pardes' unique combination of deep text learning and contemporary relevance. Program includes classes, social and volunteering activities, hike and Friday night dinner.

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January 11 - March 17

Community Education Winter Semester

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April 26 - May 13

Community Education Omer Program

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May 18

Tikun Leil Shavuot

Join the Pardes community for a meaningful and inspiring night of learning. Details to follow.

June 1 - 22

June 30 - July 21

July 25 - August 12

Summer Program

Spend three weeks (or more) in Israel learning Jewish texts and tackling contemporary issues with our renowned faculty. Includes ulpan.

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July 4 - 8

Executive Learning Seminar

Geared to professionals and community leaders, this five-day seminar combines visiting Israel with intense Jewish text study. This year's theme is Rabbi Akiva: Romance, Repentance, Revolt, Mysticism & Martyrdom.

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July 7 - 22

Summer Curriculum Workshop

Aimed at novice Judaic Studies teachers of grades 4-12 in North American day schools, the program combines professional development with Judaic learning and touring in Jerusalem. Free of charge, due to the generosity of the Mandell L. and Madeleine H. Berman Foundation and The Jim Joseph Foundation.

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Tisha B'Av Program

Last year over 500 people attended classes with some of the best teachers on the Jerusalem scene. Don't miss out this year. Details to follow.

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