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WHY JDS?

As parents, our goal is to provide the best possible life for our children. By sending your child to the JDS, you are setting them on a path towards excellence. Your child will receive a world-class secular education as well as a superior Jewish education, giving your child the knowledge and confidence enabling valuable leadership skills crucial to a successful future. **IF PAST IS PROLOGUE TO THE FUTURE, CHECK OUT WHAT SOME OF OUR OUTSTANDING ALUMS HAVE ACHIEVED POST JDS EDUCATION, INCLUDING ATTENDANCE AT IVY LEAGUE COLLEGES AND OTHER TOP SCHOOLS, BEING LEADERS IN INDUSTRY, MEDICINE, EDUCATION, AND MORE.**

Many cite their JDS education as a major factor in their decision to lead lives as vibrant, knowledgeable, committed, confident citizens.

The structured educational program at the JDS -- with small classes; high faculty to student ratio; a warm, embracing, family atmosphere and a safe and secure environment -- is designed to ensure that each child flourishes intellectually, socially and emotionally, and that no one is left behind.

Our dual curriculum in secular and Judaic studies allows students to not only develop critical thinking skills in their core classes, but also to develop a passion for and understanding of our own Jewish People, our religion and our Culture. Our students are further pushed to reach their academic potential by immersing themselves in a third language, Spanish.

Graduates of the JDS also demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility towards the needs of the larger society. Thanks to the skills and traits developed at our school, and our emphasis on moral excellence, students leave with an unparalleled commitment to helping others and serving as leaders in their business, in their profession, and in their community.

WHAT CHARACTERISTICS DO JDS GRADUATES SHARE?

A LOVE OF LEARNING.

THE ABILITY TO THINK CRITICALLY AND CREATIVELY.

THE CAPABILITY TO WRITE A JUNIOR-LEVEL RESEARCH PAPER.

THE SKILLS TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS IN MATHEMATICS.

PREPARATION TO ENTER SPANISH I OR II IN HIGH SCHOOL.

Our graduates go on to excel in their high schools and prep schools, winning science fairs, Fulbright Awards, British Marshall Scholar, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Awards, etc. They have also gone on to top colleges, including Harvard, Brown, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Hebrew University, Duke, Swarthmore, Yeshiva University, Bryn Mawr, etc.

We invite you to check out bios of just a few of our many hundreds of JDS graduates over the past 65 years. We would be happy to put you in touch with our graduates, as well as with current students and families, so should you have any questions or concerns, you may ask them directly.

SURGEON AUTHOR

TALI LANDO ARONOFF, M.D.

Tali Lando, M.D. has enough credentials by education, and by rigorous life experience to write a book, which she has done: "Hell and Back: Wife and Mother, Dr. and Patient, Dragon Slayer", based upon her experience as a young mother, Pediatric ENT surgeon, Cornell Medical graduate, and a young survivor of advanced breast cancer. This inspirational mother of three girls, an enthusiastic scuba diver, finds the time for family, surgical practice, and uplifting others. Tali found inspiration in her JDS education, to not only cope with her rigorous academic regimen at Columbia College, with a BA in Neuroscience, followed by Cornell Medical, but to be inspired to help patients, family, and friends, with facing the stark reality of breast cancer at a young age, and to help them to understand the realities of facing this disease at a young age.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTIVIST

JORDAN BERG POWERS

Jordan Berg Powers believes in political involvement. He has a Masters in International Politics from the London School of Oriental & African Studies as well as a B.A. in International Development and a B.A. in Economics from American University.

He is currently the Executive Director at Mass Alliance, and in his eight years there, he has helped elect new leaders across Massachusetts; recruited candidates to run for office, and trained hundreds of grassroots organizers. Before working at Mass Alliance, Jordan was a campaigns organizer for Free Press which worked to fight for Net Neutrality and against further media consolidation. In 2015 Jordan was recognized for his exceptional work in politics as an inaugural inductee into the 40 under 40 Poly Award. He conducts trainings across the state on campaign strategy and management, candidate recruitment, progressive messaging and women in politics.

ENTREPRENEUR

PAMELA DEUTSCH

Pamela Deutsch made aliyah many years ago and currently lives in Caesarea, Israel. This dynamic entrepreneur is an independent marketing consultant who specializes in advising non-profit organizations. She has served as Director of Development for the Israel Association of Community Centers, Director of Development for the Hartman Institute and as Director of Donor Affairs for the Jewish Agency. Through Shatil, the Pradler Program, Kimron and more recently Beyond Foundations and JCU, Pamela consults for and mentors a variety of non-profit organizations. She specializes in program conceptualization, organizational development and promotion, the development of strategic fundraising plans for both ongoing organizational needs and capital campaigns, budget analysis, and the creation of marketing materials. Pamela teaches both basic and advanced fundraising courses as well as leading seminars for individuals and organizations just beginning the fundraising process. She attributes much of her interest in "all things Jewish", and her ability to think critically and analytically, to the training she got at the JDS.

ENGINEER

CLAUDIA FISCHMANN

Claudia Fischmann received a civil engineering degree from Duke University. She worked for five and a half years as a structural engineer in New York City. One notable project she helped design is the Barclays Center, an arena for professional sports, concerts, and shows in Brooklyn. She now works as a sustainability consultant focusing on green building certifications such as LEED, Passivhaus, and Living Building Challenge.

EXECUTIVE MANAGING DIRECTOR CO-FOUNDER

HARVARD

ANDY GOLDFARB

Andy Goldfarb is currently the Executive Managing Director/Co-Founder of Globespan Capital Partners, one of the largest IT Venture Capital firms in the world. After his time here at the JDS, Andy went on to prep school (Phillips Exeter Academy), followed by Harvard College, earning an AB degree in East Asian Studies and Economics. Then after working in Japan for 2 years conducting all his business in Japanese, he returned, earning a Harvard MBA.

Andy has been recognized on the Forbes Midas List of Top 100 Technology Dealmakers, the AlwaysOn Venture Capital 100 list, and the AlwaysOn Venture Capital East 50 list.

One of his achievements he is most proud of is his internationally recognized very exciting, interactive, and fun website: Breakingmatzo.com, developed, out of his love for "Food, Family, and My Jewish Religion", a site originally developed for, obviously, Passover, but now, has sections for each of the 'home oriented" Jewish holidays: Chanukah, B'nai Mitzvah; Sukkot; and Shabbat. His desire to make Jewish Holidays "Magical, Meaningful, and Memorable", stems from his loving introduction to Jewish Holidays and observances at the JDS! This interactive site, which has had over 1 million hits from all over the world, features recipes, songs, family traditions, and history, for each of the Holidays. Google it!

Andy is the father of two daughters, one of whom just was graduated from Harvard College and a second daughter, currently a freshman at Harvard.

YOUTH AMBASSADOR TO INDIA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT CO-AUTHOR

SHOSHANNA GOLDIN

Shoshanna Goldin, a self starter by any measure, in several areas, as will be seen, was selected by the U.S. State Department as a Youth Ambassador to India, for which she received a full Merit Scholarship, to study Hindi in Delhi. She lived with a local family, went to local schools, spoke Hindi, which fluency allowed her to make personal connections, and learn about the culture and customs of India. Shoshanna found learning the Hindi language easier, because she found the Hindi characters reminded her of the Hebrew letters learned here at the JDS!

Multitalented Shoshanna also won the Young Epidemiology Scholars College Board and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Top Award of a $50,000 college scholarship for Teen Energy Epidemic Research. Her observation that many of her friends were drinking up to three energy drinks per day, becoming dependent on these drinks in order that they could perform their daily activities, was the stimulus to research the dangers of energy drinks.

One of the judges for the award, the Chief Scientist for the Los Angeles Department of Public Health was so impressed with her research, that he replicated her study and implemented her recommendations! Shoshanna also co-authored a bulletin with Dr. Koo, Director of Education for the CDC about the energy drink epidemic, which information distributed to elementary and middle school students.

Shoshana attributes her good study habits and heightening of her intellectual curiosity to the start she got at the JDS!

SURGEON

MARC LEVITT, M.D.

Marc Levitt, M.D. is a world renowned Professor of Pediatric Colorectal and Pelvic Reconstruction Surgery in Cincinnati, at Ohio State U. For many years he has been leading his own surgical team to Africa and to South America annually, doing reconstructive surgery on infants and young children with severe, often fatal congenital G.I. defects, for which his surgery is their only hope. Doing and teaching is his mantra.

A vibrant, dynamic, most personable, gentle, and kind human being, Marc received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Marc can be found eloquently speaking on Ted Talks.

NATIONAL FINANCE DIRECTOR FOUNDER

ARI MITTLEMAN

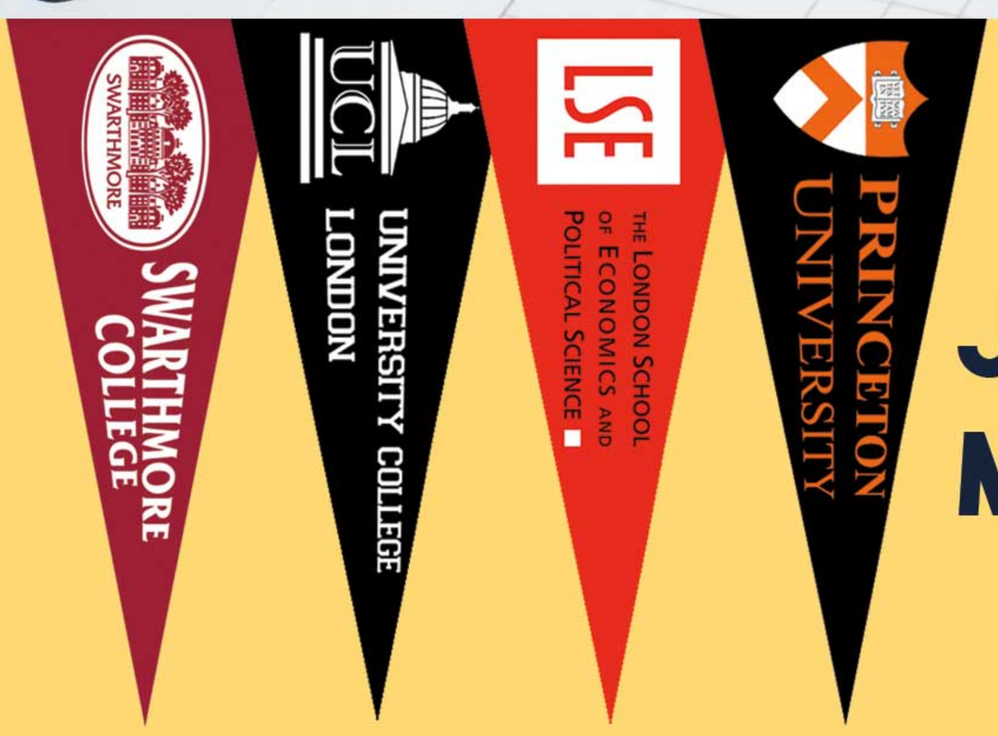
Ari Mittleman, over the course of more than eight years, has held various senior roles with Pennsylvania's highly respected, senior Senator Bob Casey, Jr. Upon Ari's departure from this position, Senator Casey stated, "From day one, Ari was a critical member of my 2006 election team."

Using skills perfected on the American campaign trail, JDS graduate, Ari now assists international clients with best practices for engaging key American stakeholders to run the most effective campaigns. Congressional foreign policy leaders and international reporters regularly seek his counsel. Ari has built deep personal and professional relationships with business, government and community leaders across the United States.

Ari is self taught and conversant in Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian. He has a deep understanding of the Balkan reconstruction and reconciliation process having lived and worked in the region. Ari credits the JDS for developing his facility with language skills.

He graduated Cum Laude, with Honors from the George Washington University, subsequently obtaining a Masters in Public Administration from the Fels Institute of Government of the University of Pennsylvania. He was founding Board Chairman of the award winning St. Bernard Project in Chalmette, Louisiana, a non-profit disaster relief organization.

SOCIOLOGIST
SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHER



JOEL MITTLEMAN

Joel Mittleman, a sociologist and socialdemographer, a Truman Scholar, and also a British Marshall Scholar received his undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College. As a British Marshall Scholar Joel received a Master's degree from the London School of Economics in Philosophy, and also a Master's degree in Education from University College London. Joel is currently completing his PhD at Princeton University in the Department of Sociology where he is focusing on inequality in the evaluation and treatment of stigmatized children.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

DR. JOSEPH RINGEL

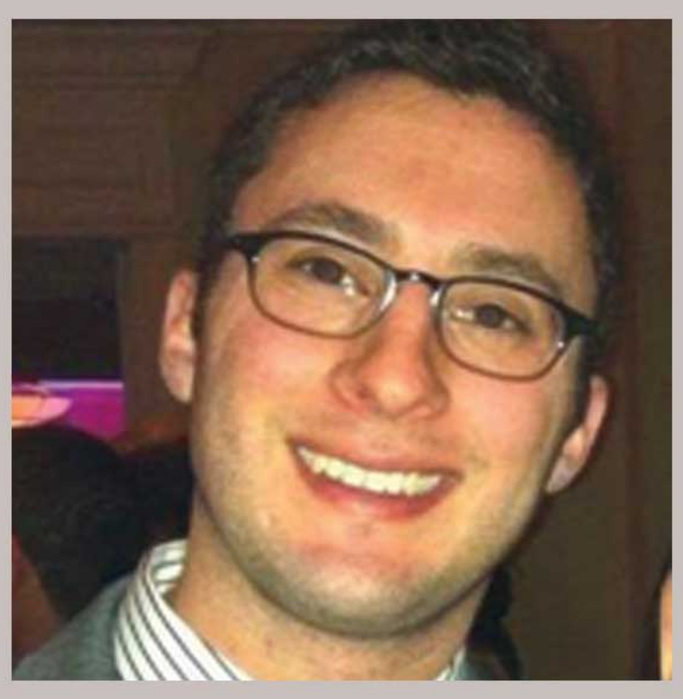
Joseph Ringer, Fulbright Scholar, pursued study of history and rabbinics at Yeshiva University where he received his BA and MA. He then earned his PhD in Middle Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, following which he won a Fulbright Fellowship in Jewish education in Israel. He was then a Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor at Northwestern University. Joseph has now returned home to be the Judaics instructor for elementary and middle school at his alma mater, the JDS, while he works on writing his book on Sephardic Religious Identity in Israel.

GOOGLE AREA 120 PARTNER

JASON TOFF

Jason Toff began his professional career at Twitter and is now a Google Area 120 partner, a startup accelerator inside Google. He received his BA at the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Economics, minoring in Music. Jason, an eclectic individual, attributes his breadth of interest to his stimulating start at the JDS.

ANESTHESIOLOGIST



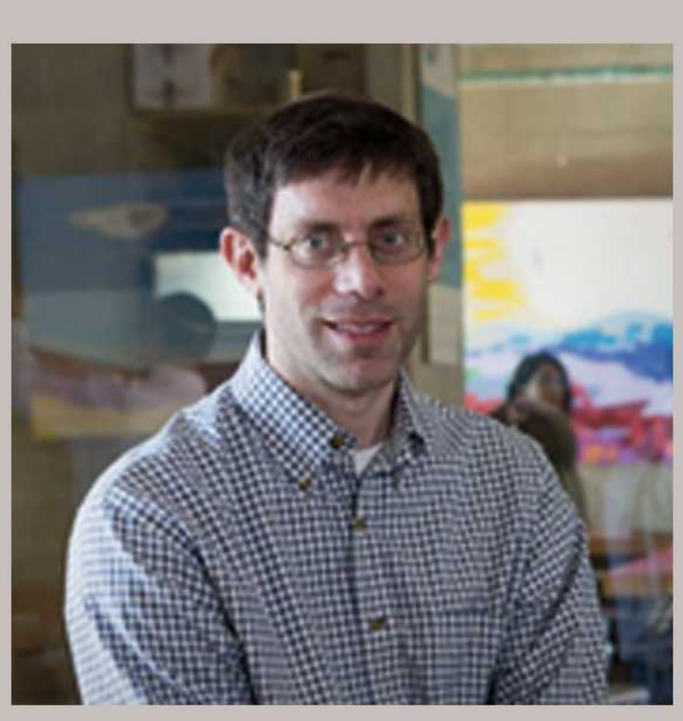
MATT UFBERG M.D.

Matt Ufberg received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine. He is now an anesthesiologist working in Obstetric Anesthesiology at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. He previously spent a year training in Obstetric Anesthesiology at the University of California, San Francisco.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

ROBBY WAX

Robby Wax, from JDS to being one of the top Officers of a 1+ $ Billion Health Care Network, has served his community both religiously and secularly. Robby, now, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for St. Luke's University Health Network, had previously worked for a large, multinational law firm based in Philadelphia. He also had spent three years as an adjunct professor at the Temple Law School. Robby and his family, with Day School educated children, have been great benefactors of our local Jewish Community.



BEN WIENER

Ben Wiener, rabbi, lawyer, Supreme Court of Israel clerkship, multi-city marathoner, is truly a man for all seasons! After JDS, Ben followed his studies at Yeshiva High School for Boys in Manhattan, then Yeshiva University, and Columbia Law School. Somewhere in between, he found the time to receive his Rabbinic Ordination from Yeshiva U.

Ben is a Managing Partner of Jumpseed Ventures which is dedicated to investing in early-stage startups that originate within the resurgent Jerusalem startup ecosystem. Jumpseed addresses the mismatch of supply and demand for early-stage capital in the Capital of the Startup Nation.

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