

# Jess Schwartz College Prep The Jewish Community's High School

“I just want to take the opportunity to write while it is all still fresh in my mind. The day schools did the performance of "Hearts to the East," and each school sang part of it, and they sang parts together. This performance was literally and metaphorically the embodiment of our hopes for the Jewish community. Each day school has their own way of expressing their love for Israel and they did. But the fact that they could sing individually and together, standing side by side, about a topic that every Jew cares about (no matter what background or affiliation) was a monumental tribute to Todd, his vision, his own commitments, and his ability to bring out the best in everyone, children and adults, alike.

It is the rare person who can really build bridges. We talk so much and yearn so much for peace, and for understanding. Todd, in a small but critically important way, on Sunday, April 6, 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona, made it happen. He is a community treasure and we are lucky for everything he has given to our kids.”

*~Rabbi Elana Kanter, Director of Curriculum for Jess Schwartz College Prep*