

The ECLC Geshher Committee: Get Involved!

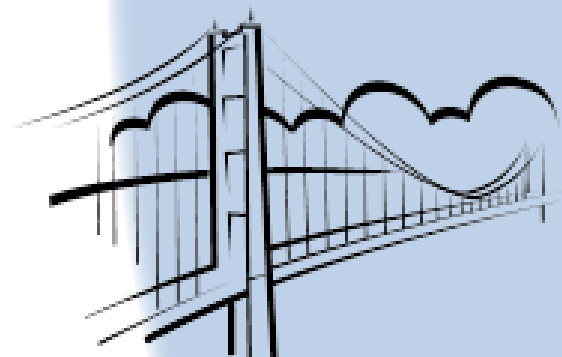
We are excited to present you with many different opportunities for parent involvement. It is our strong belief that, as a community, it is important for our parents to have a voice and lend a hand. You may choose to get involved as a room parent, through work on an ongoing committee, or by participating in the planning and implementation of one of the one-time events that enhance our children's learning experience.

After reading this brochure, please use the enclosed "Parent Participation Form" to let us know how you would like to get involved. In the spirit of building community, we would like to see every family participate in at least one thing during the course of the year. Not only will the community be enhanced by your participation, but so will your experience, and that of your child(ren) within the school!

Our Mission

The Geshher Parent Committee strives to build bridges between faculty, administration, parents and students in order to enhance the community experience and support the school's core values. In addition, we serve as a bridge connecting the school to the JCC and the broader community.

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Geshher Parent Committee Structure

**Executive Committee
Co-Chairs**

**Volunteer
Coordinator**

*Committee
Members*

**Room Parent
Coordinator**

*Committee
Members*

**Parent Ed.
Coordinator**

*Committee
Members*

**Social Action
Coordinator**

*Committee
Members*

**Mitzvah
Coordinator**

*Committee
Members*

**Teacher App.
Coordinator**

*Committee
Members*

**Titles in bold are members
of the Executive Committee.**



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**Please,
Lend a Hand!
Merage JCC Geshher
Parent Committee**

Building Bridges Between
JCC Families,
Preschool and our
Community



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Committees Lend a Hand

MITZVAH The Mitzvah Committee has two primary tasks with the overall goal of creating a caring community:

HOSPITALITY The Hospitality Committee welcomes new families to the school. Committee members contact new families to answer their questions and help match them with an existing “mentor” family. The committee also develops and runs periodic social events for new families to meet one another.

CARING COMMUNITY The Caring Community Committee helps families in our school during times of need or change. Members of the committee organize outreach efforts (cards, food delivery, school carpool, etc...) for families who have endured a loss, are suffering a prolonged illness or who have recently welcomed a new baby.

PARENT EDUCATION Members of the Parent Education Committee will work alongside the Director to plan parent social and educational nights. In addition, this committee will initiate other learning and discussion opportunities for parents.

ROOM PARENTS Each class has one or two Room Parents who work with the Room Parent Coordinator to disseminate information to families in the class. In addition, Room Parents work with teachers to assist with special programs within the classroom and coordinate family get-togethers and play dates outside of school.

SOCIAL ACTION This committee plans and coordinates projects benefiting our local and global communities. Members will organize Tzedakah projects for the children within their classrooms and for families to engage in together. Past projects will be repeated and new initiatives undertaken.

TEACHER APPRECIATION This committee will work to provide special gifts and celebrations for faculty during birthdays, Chanukah, Teacher Appreciation Week and at the end of the year.

YEARBOOK Members of this committee will work with parents from all classes to gather pictures of students throughout the year and at special events. Committee members will compile the pictures into a yearbook, as well as sell tribute ads to parents. The yearbook will then be made available for purchase at the end of the school year.

Special Events Build Memories and Celebrate Traditions

SUKKAH UNDER THE STARS Monday, Oct. 17. Volunteers will plan this community-wide dinner in the preschool sukkah as well as a fun Sukkot activity for children.

CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA Thursday, Dec. 15. The committee plans the preschool celebration. Volunteers will lead craft stations, teach children to play dreidel, and other creative and fun Chanukah activities.

DADS AND DONUTS Friday, Feb. 10. Volunteers will plan this morning event which provides an opportunity for dads to start their day by spending time with their children and with each other, within the school environment.

PURIM CELEBRATION Thursday, March 8. Planners will run the school wide parade and committee members will coordinate with teachers in each classroom to organize various games, food and crafts.

PASSOVER SEDER April 2-5. Volunteers will work with staff to organize a holiday experience that includes a model seder and other Passover activities.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT Thursday, April 26. Volunteers will work with staff to coordinate activities to celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

WALL TILES Volunteers will organize the spring fundraising effort. They will sell tiles and help the children decorate them, providing an enduring school memory.

PJ'S AND POPS (AKA MOM'S NIGHT OUT) Tuesday, May 8. Volunteers (preferably dads) will organize an evening of fun for fathers and their children with a pajama party and will include creating a gift for children to give their moms on Mother's Day. In addition, volunteers (moms or dads) will coordinate a night out for moms.

SHAVUOT EXPERIENCE Friday, May 25. Committee members will arrange multiple art experiences to teach children the importance of the holiday.

PRE-K GRADUATION Wednesday, June 6. Volunteers with children in younger classes will help plan the celebration of the Pre-K graduation, following the ceremony.

TK GRADUATION Thursday, June 7. Volunteers with children in younger classes will help plan the celebration of the TK graduation, following the ceremony.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL & END OF YEAR BARBECUE Friday, June 8. Team will plan festivities to celebrate the last day of school including a barbecue and other fun events for students and their families.

Please Choose One or More Opportunity to be a Part of Our Preschool Community

