

2009-10 Committee Sign-Up

Please join us in helping make the organization stronger. If you would like to be a member of any of the following committees, you can either email the Executive Administrator at ecerj@comcast.net or contact the committee chair directly. The email address of all committee chairs is included below along with a description of the committee.

THE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The committee will:

- (1) ...educate congregational decision makers about the value of Jewish Early Childhood Education as a profession and the integral role it should hold among the senior staff;
- (2) ...promote ways to build, maintain and encourage the self-respect and professional growth among individual members of the Jewish early childhood community; and
- (3) ...distribute current educational and professional information and resources.

Please contact the committee chair:

Ellen Dietrick, Charlottesville, VA preschool@cbicville.org

THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The committee will be the guiding force for keeping members informed and connected with each other and the many processes of the committees of the organization by:

- (1) ...submitting articles for *Ganeinu*;
- (2) ...creating web postings;
- (3) ...providing e-mail bulletins; and
- (4) ...sending birthday and other appropriate greetings in conjunction with the Corresponding Secretary.

Please contact the committee chair:

Dana Rosenbloom, New York City, NY danaskids@hotmail.com

THE FAMILY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The committee will:

- (1) ...create and maintain a data base of outstanding Jewish Family Education programs geared to Early Childhood; and
- (2) ...encourage the integration of Jewish education between the synagogue and the home
- (3) ...keep the membership informed about ongoing trends in Jewish Family Education throughout the world.

Please contact the committee chair:

Lori Kowitz, Beachwood, OH lkowitz@TTTI.org

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee will focus on systematic methods of recruiting, welcoming, integrating, and retaining members in addition to working with the various committees in the creation of marketing vehicles.

Please contact the committee chair:

Robin Adelman, Los Gatos, CA robin@shirhadash.org

THE MENTORING COMMITTEE

The committee will:

- (1) ...develop a permanent and ongoing mentoring program for the purposes of supporting new programs and new and less experienced directors. This may be accomplished by pairing experienced directors with less experienced directors of similar demographics. It may also be accomplished by providing resources on specific topics (ie accreditation); and
- (2) ...oversee the organization of Conference Buddies (i.e. the pairing of a first time conference attendee with a volunteer who has attended other conferences in order to ease the new attendee into the workings of a conference).

Please contact the committee chair:

Karen Goldstein, New Brunswick, NJ KarenGZKidz@aol.com

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The committee will:

- (1) ...develop communication systems for sharing resources for interfaith families throughout our URJ Early Childhood Schools;
- (2) ... interface with non-Jewish directors and teachers within our organization;
- (3) ...develop ways for families to feel comfortable within our early childhood settings; and
- (4) ...help new schools become started within our movement.

Please contact the committee chair:

Barbara Smead, San Jose, CA Barbara@templesanjose.org

THE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The committee will:

- (1) ...work in partnership with the Reform Pension Board to educate eligible members about the benefits of participation;
- (2) ... work to educate institutions about the value of providing benefits for their early childhood professionals; and
- (3) ... work with the Advocacy Committee in publicizing the importance of raising the standards in our profession.

Please contact the committee chair:

Nancy Bossov, Cherry Hill, NJ nancybossov@gmail.com

THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

The committee will:

- (1) ...assure that Reform Jewish ritual practice is incorporated in the culture of the organization's activities;
- (2) ... make recommendations for the adoption of rituals affecting the board and the organization in general; and
- (3) ... be a part of the conference committee in order to make sure these rituals are effectively incorporated into each ECE-RJ conference.

Please contact the committee chair:

Didi Kerler, Bloomington, IN didikerler@hotmail.com



THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The committee's mission will be to

- (1) ...implement the programmatic goals identified by the Vice-President;
- (2) ... distribute the programs in meaningful ways to the membership;
- (3) ... develop, maintain and update a social action resource file appropriate to Early Childhood; and
- (4) ... work closely with the delegates to the URJ Commission on Social Action (CSA) to assure that programmatic initiatives are shared.

Please contact the committee chair:

Ruth Rubin, Hollywood, FL rfrubin@fdn.com