

# **BERNARD ZELL PTC INVOLVED**

## **PTC 2018-2019 Committees Description**

*Our PTC committees are focused on: building community, supporting school initiatives, living Jewish values, and fundraising.*

### **Book Fairs**

This committee works with the librarians to organize and administer two book fairs, one during the week of the Hanukkah music festival, and the other during Special Friends' Day week in May.

### **Booster Club**

Born of a desire to infuse spirit, show our love for our school and support our student athletes, this committee helps organize volunteers/grades to attend specific games and cheer on our athletes, creates spirit during the games at other times, and assists the coaches with the end-of-year Athletic Banquet.

### **Challah**

This committee works with our vendors to order challah each week and organizes parent and/or student volunteers for Friday challah delivery. At the onset of the school year, parents will be offered the opportunity to buy their weekly challah, which also serves as a major fundraiser for the PTC.

### **Chesed (Community Support)**

This committee provides support to school community members in their times of joy or sadness by distributing information as desired and sending congratulations or condolences.

### **Friends of JEFF (Jewish Experiences for Families)**

JEFF is a school initiative, led by Jewish Studies teacher Hagit Lewis, to bring Jewish experiences to families. This committee works closely with JEFF offering inclusive opportunities for students, parents and families to connect within and across grades through programs focused on celebrating traditions and rituals, socializing in a Jewish context and exploring spirituality.

### **BZ Shopping Festival**

This committee assembles dozens of vendors to sell goods and services, coordinates parent volunteers for staffing, and promotes the event to the community. This is one of PTC's greatest grossing fundraisers, as 20% of all purchases go to support the PTC Teacher Innovation Initiative fund.

### **Lunchroom Volunteers**

The chairs of this committee recruit 3--5 daily lunchroom volunteers to assist Sage, our lunchroom vendor, with extra pairs of loving hands during lunchtime! They also promote healthy eating and food choices. Parents can volunteer once in a while... or once a week.

## **Annual Fundraiser**

This event is our major fundraiser of the year, the proceeds of which are an additional source of revenue for the school. The committee plans, promotes and carries out this event and is a great way to get involved in a variety of different ways. Watch for committee meeting announcements!

## **PALS Program**

This committee works closely with the admissions office to facilitate connections with new families, and to help ensure they feel welcomed and supported as they prepare to have their children start their new school. In addition, committee members will help with parent-to-parent mentoring during the school year.

## **Parent Education**

This committee plans programs and invites speakers to school to address a range of topics surrounding relevant issues relating to personal, professional and parenting life.

## **Parking Lot Volunteers**

This committee organizes two parent volunteers to be stationed each morning at the drop off line to ensure the safety of our students as they exit their cars.

## **Special Friends' Day (May 10, 2019)**

This committee plans one of the largest school events, a day during which we welcome grandparents and special friends to the school for a morning visit and special programming. There are many volunteer opportunities on the day of the event and the days preceding.

## **Fundraising and Retail**

This committee helps with the marketing, sales and distribution of various retail merchandise, including but not limited to spirit gear, Label Daddy, locker organizers and the Bernard Zell cookbook.

## **Room and Grade Coordinator Program**

Room and Grade Coordinators are the link between class parents and the PTC, as well as between parents and teachers or parents and administrators. They meet several times throughout the year and assist with distributing information, organizing gatherings, coordinating volunteers for classroom activities, events or field trips, and collecting grade funds used for teacher gifts and Chesed.

## **Teacher Appreciation and Gift Card Program**

This committee plans events to recognize and thank our teachers, administrators and staff at different times throughout the year and during a designated Teacher Appreciation Week. In addition, this committee coordinates the semi-annual teacher gift card program.

## **Yad B'Yad (Social Action/Community Service)**

This committee organizes volunteer work and service projects in the community where parents and children can participate together. Watch for scheduling announcements throughout the year!

## **Young Families Winter Event**

This committee plans programs to build community among families with younger children.