

CJP Thrives Through Partnership

By Elka Bernstein, Director

I have always been taught that we are partners with God. God created this beautiful world. It is our job to work with God to maintain and continue God's beautiful work. From the very beginning, we are taught the strength of partnerships. The Charlotte Jewish Preschool uses the strength of partnership to provide a school with an exceptional early childhood education program. As most people know, CJP is a partnership of Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, and the Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Murray Ezring, Rabbi Judy Schindler, Rabbi Jonathan Frierich, and Rabbi Noam Raucher provide strong guidance, creative programming, training, and daily interaction with our students to ensure that the Judaic curriculum is fully immersed into the classroom curriculum. Phil Berman's strong team at the LJCC provides professional support to the administration and teachers of CJP, as well as excellent enrichment programming for our students.

The founding members strive with CJP each year to create a quality program for our young Jewish families. Our founding members are represented by the participation in our school, as well as representation on CJP's Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors works hard to provide the school strong leadership and direction. Leading our Board of Di-

rectors this year are:

Brian Bernhardt, President
 Brando Levine, VP Administration & Secretary
 Susanna Goldberg, VP Finance & Scholarship & Treasurer
 Jennifer Collman, VP Fund Development

In addition to the executive committee, we are thankful to all our board members: Barry Bobrow, John Box, Andrea Davids, Ken Golder, Matt Goldstein, Jodi Greenwald, Jack Levinson, Staci Mond, Tamar Raucher, Joe Steiner, Eric Wisotsky, Debby Weiss, Raegan Wright, and Julie Rizzo, Immediate Past President.

However, the support does not end here. CJP is infused with parents dedicated to providing their children with a loving, nurturing and educational environment. CJP's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an internal partner making sure the needs of our students are met. CJP's PTO is not just a group of moms that get together every once and a while to plan book sales, but play a vital and influential role in the success of CJP.

Our PTO is driven to provide social connections for our preschool community, as well as financial support. Thanks to the PTO, the teachers have continued to receive classroom supplies and materials to enhance the quality of classroom instruction. The PTO's contribution also continues to allow CJP to have a minimum of two teachers per classroom; a lead

teacher and an assistant teacher. For example, the state ratio of teacher to students in a two year old classroom is 1:10. Imagine one teacher managing to teach 10 two year olds. At CJP, PTO's continued support allows CJP to maintain to provides three teachers to a classroom with 15 two year olds; a 1:5 ratio. Quality is what drives our fabulous Parent Teacher Organization. Leading the PTO this year are:

Jodi Greenwald – President
 Liz Greenhagen – Vice President

Mae Philpott – Treasurer
 Jessica Demeter - Secretary
 When walking through our halls, you can see the PTO committees and chairpersons hard at work. Some of the faces you will see are:

Art By Me, Karen Spiegler
 Book Fair, Jen Kiel & Ilyssa Rubenstein
 Challah, Stephanie Ward
 Citipass Fundraiser, Michelle Saltzman
 Goodie Getters, Scott Browder
 Grandparents Day, Tammy Hawa
 Graduation, Marisa Jackson & Bonnie Kunkel
 Green Team, Jessi Harris
 Joined in Education, Andrea Davids
 Prospective Parent Open House, Debby Weiss
 Purim Carnival, Marcie Jacobs
 Social Committee, Megan Gefsky & Candace Serbin
 Sunshine Committee, Jenny



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ish Preschool students experience an open-door environment that revolves around a "whole child/whole family" approach to educational, personal and family growth.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool welcomes you to join our partnership. At our school, you will discover the beauty of our CJP family, the quality of our teachers, magnificent facilities and a secular and Jewish education that connects preschoolers to the community and prepares them for the future.

For more information about attending our school or enrolling your child in the current year, please contact Alyson Kalik, CJP registrar, at 704-944-6777 or alik@shalomcharlotte.org. ✨

Tucker

Teacher Appreciation, Katie Berman & Andy Taylor
 Yearbook, Andy Tucker

The leadership represented in the above list is supported by an additional 176 families all in pursuit of the same goal; to provide students with a foundation in the Jewish faith within a safe, nurturing, educational environment. By design, parents of Charlotte Jew-

Do not think that you will escape the fate of all the Jews by being in the king's palace. For if you will remain silent at this time, relief and salvation will come to the Jews from another source, and you and the house of your father will be lost. And who knows if it was not for such a time that you reached this royal position?"

—Megillat Esther, 4:13, 14

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