



Beit Shvidler Governor Biographies 2018-19

Geoff Abrahams

Geoff is retired. He was previously the Chief Operating Officer for the London School of Jewish Studies. Prior to joining LSJS he was deputy director of the Community Development Department of the United Synagogue. He is a qualified Electrical Engineer and is also NEBOSH qualified in Health and Safety. He has over 35 year experience working on various committees and boards of management in the Jewish community and has also served as a governor on a primary school.

Paul Baker

Paul is a qualified chartered accountant with experience of charity accounting and audit, and significant experience in financial markets risk management and control assessment.

Rachel Barbanel

Rachel is a staff governor and was elected by the staff in January 2018. She has been a primary school teacher for over 12 years and is currently the School Improvement Leader and a member of the SLT in Beit Shvidler. Day to day she teaches different groups in the school, leads Maths as a subject and coaches/ mentors the KS2 chol teaching staff. She is passionate about 'Teaching and Learning' as well as many other aspects of education and strives to make Beit Shvidler the very best school it can be.

Belinda Gabriel

Belinda has a background in Speech and Language therapy, with a PhD in 'Developmental Speech Disorders'. She also has an OCR Level 5 diploma in dyslexia. With over 22 years of experience in special needs - both clinically and academically - she is passionate about standards of education, as well as issues related to SEN. Belinda's contribution to the school began when her eldest of two boys first started at BSPS. After serving on both the parent council and PTA, she was appointed as a Foundation Governor in 2014, with specific responsibility for SEN.

Brian Gordon

Brian is a qualified Senior Project Manager who has worked in various areas of consultancy, government and private industry. Brian's background is based in technology where he started working writing and developing software. In recent years, Brian has developed a passion for sharing knowledge and has worked to teach and coach a variety of ages in sports and technology.

Daniela Grossman

Daniela has been a primary school teacher for over 10 years with a strong passion for education and in particular SEN. She is currently a qualified SENCO and also has a strong background in Maths having trained as a Numbers Count teacher. She enjoys mentoring peers and has extensive experience in teacher training. Contributing to the development of the school is extremely important to her and she has served on both the PTA and Parent Council. Daniela is a Foundation Governor, appointed to the governing body in April 2016. Daniela currently has 2 children in the school.

Colin Richman

Colin is a long-standing member of EAYC, and professionally, is a Senior Partner and Head of Real Estate and Banking Litigation at a Central London law firm. Colin has previous experience as a Parent Governor and legal advisor for other schools.

Jonathan Spector

Rabbi Spector joined the school as Head Teacher in April 2017. Prior to joining Beit Shvidler, He has had senior positions at other Jewish primary schools and has also taught at secondary schools. Rabbi Spector is a Pikuach inspector and conducts Jewish studies inspections in other schools.

Anthony Steinberg

Anthony is currently a partner in a financial advisory firm, having previously been a consultant in an executive search and leadership consulting firm. In that capacity, Anthony helped in making assessments of managers based on qualitative analysis and data obtained from psychometric testing. Anthony also provided mentoring and coaching to individuals on career development and problem solving as well as managing themselves in complex organisations with multiple stakeholders. Anthony is a parent of three children at BSPS, giving him experience of some of the day to day issues which arise in the school. Anthony is currently Co Vice-Chair of Governors.

Daniel Wynne

Daniel had a background in consulting before pursuing a career in Banking, holding a number of senior trader positions. Daniel is currently consulting at a regulatory reporting firm whilst working on a private venture in his spare time. Daniel was appointed as a Foundation Governor in 2016, is currently Chair of Governors and has three children who attend BSPS.