

## **BEIT SHVIDLER PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR BIOGRAPHIES 2021**

### **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.

Geoff has over 35 years of experience working on various committees and Management Boards in the Jewish community and he has also served as a Governor on a Primary School Governing Body.

### **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.

### **Belinda Gabriel**

Belinda has a background in Speech and Language Therapy, with a PhD in 'Developmental Speech Disorders'. Belinda also has an OCR Level 5 Diploma in Dyslexia. With over 25 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. Belinda was recently appointed as Co-Vice Chair of Governors as well.

### **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. Daniela enjoys mentoring peers and has extensive experience in teacher training. Contributing to the development of the school is extremely important to Daniela 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.

### **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.

### **Jenny Wilks**

Jenny has been in education for 20 years and has a passion for teaching and learning, school leadership and SEN. Jenny has previously been a middle leader at a large Jewish secondary school and is now a Deputy Headteacher at a Jewish primary school in Brent.

### **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 Co-Vice-Chair of Governors and has four children, three of whom attend BSPS.

### **Leah Glick**

Leah has been in Primary education for over 25 years. Leah has taught in all Key stages, gaining a range of experiences and insights of how the child's educational journey progress and the impact that the Early Years' experience has on the child's view of themselves as a learner. Leah has also mentored teachers helping them find their feet in the classroom as well as guiding them on building a range of teaching repertoires into their practice. Leah has a keen interest in integrating the use of IT within lessons to further enhance learning and connection to the topic. As Head of Kodesh, she has led her team to aim for high standards in the classroom, setting a demanding yet thrilling curriculum as well as promoting an excitement for Torah and Mitzvos with in the school's corridors.

Leah was appointed Staff Governor in November 2020.

### **Jacob Palmer**

Jacob is Director of Consulting for a cyber-insurance start-up. He has previously worked in strategy consulting for Boston Consulting Group and is a qualified Actuary. Jacob was appointed as a Partnership Governor in 2019 and has three children, two of whom attend BSPS.

### **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.

### **Jonathan Spector**

Jonathan has been the Headteacher of Beit Shvidler Primary School since April 2017. He has worked in schools for 20 years and is also a Pikuach Inspector.

### **Ali Kosiner**

Ali Kosiner has a teaching background as a secondary school English teacher and has been involved in education for over 15 years. More recently she specialised in one-to-one work with vulnerable adolescents and is passionate about the emotional and mental health issues surrounding children and young people. Ali is in her final year of a Masters in Child and Adolescent Mental Health and will qualify as a (child and adolescent) psychotherapist this year. Ali has served on the PTA as a committee member and Chair for two years, and was appointed Parent Governor in 2018. She is involved in fundraising, admissions and PR.

## **Adam Katz**

After starting his career in the 'Not For Profit' sector, Adam moved into Human Resource Management Consulting, where he spent 5 years between PwC and Ernst & Young (EY) supporting Global and National organisations from multiple sectors through large scale change programmes, as well as designing their organisations and functions around strategic priorities. Since 2016 Adam has been working at Whitbread Plc (Premier Inn) working on Strategy Implementation across multiple areas of the business. Adam is also involved in other communal activities, managing a junior Sunday League football team, and also providing ad hoc pro-bono support to other Jewish organisations. Since 2020, Adam has helped thousands of job seekers with their job search through LinkedIn. Adam has a BSc in Psychology and an MA in Human Resource Management. Adam became a Governor in March 2019, and Chair of Governors in September 2020.