



TRSNS PARENT COMMITTEE

What is the TRSNS Parent Committee?

The Temple Rodef Shalom Nursery School Parent Committee (PC) provides guidance and support to the Nursery School and fosters a sense of community among Nursery School families. The PC strives to enhance the Nursery School experience and to build a nurturing community through open communication, inclusive processes, and cooperation between parents and Nursery School administrators.

Throughout the school year, the PC sponsors social and parent education activities and raises funds to directly benefit the Nursery School and its charitable projects. In addition, the PC performs acts of *tikkun olam* (translated as "healing the world") for members of the Nursery School community and our broader local community through its Caring and Mitzvah subcommittees.

How Can I Become Involved with the TRSNS Parent Committee?

VOLUNTEER! The PC is open to all parents and we welcome your involvement. PC stands for Parent Committee but it might as well be parent *community*. It is made up of parents, serves parents, and has a meaningful impact on the Nursery School community and the learning experience of our children. Contact PC Co-Chairs Courtney Storm (Courtney.storm@gmail.com) or Christine Brooks (csentner@hotmail.com) to volunteer today!

What Subcommittees and Positions Comprise the TRSNS Parent Committee?

SOCIAL: Organizes social gatherings for the Nursery School community. Past events include shopping nights at local toy stores, school-wide play dates and dinners, and much-anticipated Parents' Nights Out.

EDUCATION: Responsible for parent education seminars and events. Past events focused on child development issues including kindergarten readiness, potty training, and clergy-led discussions on topics like Bringing Shabbat into the Home and Raising a Jewish Child in a Non-Jewish World.

MITZVAH: Organizes charitable initiatives to serve our greater community, particularly local children in need. Past beneficiaries have included Bright Beginnings, DC Diaper Bank and Kid Stretch. Recent events include packing weekend meal packs for local elementary children eligible for free lunch, and participating in a sing-a-long at a nearby assisted living residence for seniors.

CARING: Organizes community efforts (meal trains, child care, etc.) for Nursery School families in need.

FUNDRAISING: Organizes fundraising efforts to enhance the Nursery School program and the classroom experience. Funds raised by this subcommittee helped create the STEAM lab ("Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math"), outfitted the playroom with new toys, and provided enhancements to Bunny's Place and the Meditation Garden. A variety of initiatives raise funds, including Supermarket Partners, Original Works, Mabel's Labels, and our Paving the Future campaign. In Fall 2012, the

Fundraising Subcommittee launched the hugely successful Rodef Rewards Card program. The card offers discounts at many local businesses and is available for purchase through the PC.

ROOM PARENTS: Liaison between the PC and Nursery School room parents. The subcommittee communicates PC information to the room parents for dissemination to the wider parent community, and works with room parents to support class events.

TEACHER APPRECIATION: Organizes, prepares, and decorates 3-4 Teacher Appreciation Luncheons each school year to honor the Nursery School staff and all that they do for our children.

COMMUNICATION: Works to ensure that the Nursery School community is up to date on PC and community-wide events and news. This subcommittee is also in charge of taking notes at the monthly PC meetings and updating the Nursery School's social media (e.g., its Facebook page) with information about upcoming events and school closings.

TREASURER: Works as a liaison between the PC and the Nursery School office to monitor PC funds and update the Committee.

How Does the TRSNS Parent Committee Work?

The PC holds monthly meetings to which all parents are invited. All Subcommittee Chairs should plan to attend each meeting. Agenda items often include updates from each subcommittee, as well as discussions about school-wide activities and funding priorities. Decisions by the PC are generally made by a majority vote of the PC members present at the time of the vote.