

About our Governors & Trustees

Jacqueline Benjamin (Governor of the Local Governing Body & Chair of the Admissions Committee – Girls)

I am the Co-Founder and Director of Xexec.com. I was previously an associate at Goldman Sachs in the Investment banking division.

Steven Blumgart (Vice Chair of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board & Chair of the Local Governing Body – Girls)

I am a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Financial Analyst. I am also Chairman of OurCrowd and was formerly Co-Director of Alumina/Aluminium at Glencore International plc.

Katherine Brice (Headteacher of Hasmonean High School for Girls & Governor of the Local Governing Body - Girls)

I took up my position as Head of Girls' School in January 2019. I have an MA (Hons) in History and a PGCE from the University of Cambridge. I worked as a History teacher at Aylesbury High School and at The Haberdashers' Aske's School. In 1992 I joined City of London School for Girls and have occupied the roles of Assistant Head of Senior School, Head of History, Head of Lower School and Deputy Head Pastoral.

Jon Cohen (Cover Supervisor & Staff Governor of the Local Governing Body - Girls)

In my day-to-day role in the school as the Cover Supervisor I am in contact with all members of staff, teaching staff and administrative staff. Being in the classroom at both schools and across all the year groups gives me the unique knowledge of the day to day running of the school. I also have previous experience of being a Staff Governor before the school amalgamated into a MAT. Before joining the staff at Hasmonean I founded and ran an international vehicle import and export business for over 20 years before retiring in 2010.

Sima Fine (Student Services Officer & Staff Governor of the Local Governing Body -Boys)

I emigrated from Israel to England in 1989 after completing my service in the IDF. I am married with two grown-up children. I joined Hasmonean High School for Boys in February 2011 as the Student Services Officer. During this time, I have had the privilege of looking after the welfare of over 600 Hasmonean students. I am a member of the Pastoral Team and I work closely with all of the Year Leaders and Mr Kalley, Assistant Headteacher, to ensure that the boys' mental and physical health is a high priority. I look forward to working with the school, students and parents, and I hope to make a positive contribution in my new role.

Joseph Goldberg (Governor of the Local Governing Body – Boys)

I am a former student (1995-2002) of the school and now a parent on both the Girls' and Boys' Schools. I work in finance, previously as a banker but now in property development.

Daniel Green (Trustee of the JSSM & Trustee of Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board)

I am a serial entrepreneur and philanthropist. I am also a Crown Representative to the Cabinet Office, and hold multiple trusteeships.

Yossi Halberstadt (Trustee of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board & Chair of the Local Governing Body – Boys)

I am the Head of FX and Derivatives Markets, SWIFT, the global provider of secure financial messaging. I have previously worked at CLS Services, the global FX settlement bank and Logica, an IT consultancy.

Maurice Klajman (Governor of the Local Governing Body – Boys)

I am an Equity Corporate Derivatives Trader at Credit Suisse and a board member of the Hendon Adath Shul.

Debbie Lebrecht (Headteacher of Hasmonean High School for Boys & Governor of the Local Governing Body)

I was appointed Head of Hasmonean School for Boys in January 2016, prior to this I was Acting Headteacher. I have also held positions as Deputy Headteacher and Head of English in Menorah High School for five years, as well as Head of English in Tiferes High School for seven years. I teach English at Hasmonean to Key Stages Four and Five and I am passionate about supporting teachers to achieve excellence in the classroom.

Professor David Latchman CBE (Trustee of JSSM & Trustee of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board)

I am Master (CEO) and Professor of Genetics at Birkbeck University of London, a post I have held since 2003. I am Chairman and Trustee of the Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation. I was awarded a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's Birthday's Honours of 2010 for services to Higher Education.

Anushka Levey (nee Rosen) (Co-opted Trustee of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board & Governor of the Local Governing Body - Boys)

I am a Qualified Barrister in Commercial Law. I have been a Chair of Governors of a primary school for 7 years, and have held various advisory and voluntary roles in local charities. I also am a Magistrate in the Adult Criminal Court since 2009.

Daniel Lyons (Trustee of the JSSM & Member of Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust)

I have been involved in varied marketing and business management from Technology to Offender Education.

Esther Maurer (Subject Leader Psychology and Sociology & Governor of the Local Governing Body – Girls)

I have been a teacher of Psychology at Hasmonean High School for 16 years, and appointed as Subject Leader in 2013. I am the parent of three Hasmonean students, both past and present, and am a member of the school's Wellbeing Change Team. I am an active member of the local community, running children's services at Magen Avot shul.

Andrew McClusky (CEO & Trustee of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board)

I was appointed Executive Headteacher of Hasmonean High School in June 2015 and I am now CEO of Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust. Prior to this, I was Headteacher for five years, enabling the school to gain Outstanding Ofsted and Pikuach judgements in all of the areas inspected. I joined the school in 2003, and have held positions as Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher and Director of English. I have supported a number of schools in challenging circumstances.

Jonathan Miller (Trustee of the JSSM, Trustee of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board, Chair of the Finance & Premises Committee & Governor of the Local Governing Body – Girls)

I am a Chartered Accountant and Finance Director. I was the previous Chair of Governors at Hasmonean Primary School for many years and have held a range of other communal positions.

Roisy Nevies (Governor of the Local Governing Body – Boys)

I am a Qualified Barrister. Currently, I am an Informal Adult Educator in Torah studies and Practice Manager of North London Osteopaths, as well as a Teacher of Music and Movement in Kisharon day school.

Chaya Posen (Governor of the Local Governing body – Girls)

Currently, I am the Headteacher at Noam Primary School. I previously held the post of the Deputy Headteacher of Torah Temimah Primary School, and also had previous teaching posts at Beis Yaakov Primary School, Pardes House Primary School and Beish Chinuch Lebonos. I was previously a Moderator for the London Borough of Barnet and Governor at Beis Yaakov Primary School.

Martin Richman (Trustee of the JSSM)

I am the CEO and Managing Director of a family business specialising in the establishment and distribution of food brands throughout West Africa. I hold a number of trusteeships covering a range of different charities servicing the London community.

Ben Shooter (Trustee of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board)

I am a Currency Derivative Broker at JB Drax Honore. I formerly worked as Managing Director and Global Head of Currencies and Emerging Markets Sales at Credit Suisse (2000 – 2012). I have also worked working within the Foreign Exchange division in various roles as producer and sales manager in previous firms, including SBC Warburg (1995 – 1997) and Lehman Brothers (1997 – 2000).

Shanni Solomon (Co-opted Trustee of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Governor of the Local Governing Body - Girls)

I am a Parenting Trainer and Lecturer and hold a Diploma in the foundations of Counselling, a BSN in Nursing, and a Masters in Psychology. I work as an Innate Health Practitioner and Emotional Wellbeing consultant for schools in North and North West London. I am currently studying towards a Doctorate in Counselling Psychology, focusing on developing resilience in teenagers and its impact on school-wide antisocial.

Gary Swabel (Chair of the Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust Board)

I am the Managing Director of a company that specialises in Education Technology and School Transformation.

Michael Tutty (Head of Physical Education and the Coordinator for Activities Week and Enrichment & Staff Governor of the Local Governing Body -Boys)

I began teaching at Hasmonean Multi-Academy Trust in 2008. I graduated from the University of Queensland Australia with a BA in Physical Education and Primary Health Care. During my time at Hasmonean, I have held several positions, including Assistant Director of Learning for Creative Arts and Acting Director of Learning for Creative Arts. I am currently the Head of Physical Education and the Co-ordinator for Activities Week and Enrichment. Working in the Physical Education Department enables me to work with students from all year groups, and across both schools. It gives me immense pleasure to watch the students improve and develop year after year. My passion for sport extends outside of Hasmonean. I am also a qualified rugby referee and have refereed elite level rugby in England and Australia for the last 15 years. I currently sit on the Rugby Football Union (RFU) Judiciary Panel and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) National Panel Referee Selection Panel. Alongside those roles, I am the Chairman of both the Eastern Counties Referees Society and the Hertfordshire Referees Society.

Eytan Weisz

Governor of the Local Governing Body – Boys’ School

“I am a qualified solicitor; a partner in the real estate team at Teacher Stern LLP.”

Maxine Zeltser (Governor of the Local Governing Body - Girls)

I qualified as a Solicitor specialising in Commercial Property. Since having children, I have helped run a family property company and have been involved in school affairs at primary and secondary levels for over ten years. I have served on Barnet Safeguarding Children Board as a Community Representative for three years. I have volunteered as a telephone adviser for Coram Child Law Advice Service. Currently, I am Compliance Manager at Mill Hill School.

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