



Executive Director Renee Delafranconi

Renee Delafranconi has been working as Temple Emanu El's Executive Director since 1997. As a member of the senior professional staff, she functions as the Chief Operating Officer.

As a trained social worker, she was the Senior Associate Regional Director for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), Ohio Northern Region, for 8 ½ years. She received her master's degree of Social Science Administration from Case Western Reserve University and bachelor's degree at The Ohio State University. Renee is a past member of the Board of Directors for the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA). She is also the Immediate Past President of the Cleveland Area Synagogue and Temple Administrators (CASTA). In addition, Renee has facilitated sessions on leadership development throughout North America.

Renee is the mother of Temple Emanu El graduate, Codie, who lives and works in New York and lives with her husband, Pierre, on a small farm in Burton where they make award-winning organic maple syrup and confections.

Education Director Eileen Sadowsky

Eileen Sadowsky has been the Education Director at Temple Emanu El since 2019. Eileen coaches and supervises teachers, develops curriculum, and spends time in the classroom teaching. She is always learning and reflecting on feedback, trying to provide quality education to the children and families at TEE. Eileen is passionate about Jewish education that meets the needs of all students and has been piloting an inclusive one-room schoolhouse model for after-school supplemental Hebrew education.

Eileen holds master's degrees in Religious Education from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) and in Human Services Management from Brandeis University. She also holds a certificate in Jewish Educational Leadership from the Mandel Teacher Educator Institute and HUC-JIR.

Eileen worked previously as an Occupational Therapist in the public schools for 15 years. She lives in Shaker Heights with her husband, David Klapholz.

Early Childhood Education Director Eleanor Gulling

Eleanor Gulling became the Early Childhood Education Director in 2021 although her association with TEE began in 2017 as part time support in classrooms while completing her post-secondary education. She obtained a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree of Social Science Administration from Case Western Reserve University. As a Licensed Social Worker, Eleanor previously worked with Hospice of the Western Reserve as a home care case manager.

In her role as ECE Director, Ellie oversees the developmentally appropriate early childhood education experience for children ages 6 weeks through pre-Kindergarten with the goal of creating an engaging and nurturing environment.

Eleanor and her husband, Jonathan Hogan, dedicate their free time to creating the best possible life for their fur baby, Audrey.

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