Salute to Jewish Educators

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Coalition for Jewish Learning

MILWAUKEE JEWISH FEDERATION

The Coalition for Jewish Learning, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and the entire Jewish Community congratulate **Marsha Fensin** on her selection as **CJL Grinspoon Jewish Educator of the Year.**

CJL Grinspoon Jewish Educator of the Year Award:

Marsha Fensin

Marsha Fensin, a Sabra and child of Holocaust survivors, spoke Hebrew and Yiddish before learning English. She has worked for more than 40 years in various capacities as a cantorial soloist/cantor, hospital chaplain, Judaica and Hebrew teacher and B'nai Mitzvah tutor. Marsha holds a BA in English and Education from Stetson University, has studied at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, the cantorial certification program of HUC, Clinical Pastoral Education, and privately with various rabbis and cantors. She has served congregations in Milwaukee, Green Bay, Iowa, Illinois and Oklahoma. Locally, she has worked at Congregation Sinai, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, Congregation Shalom, Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid and for the past 11 years at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha, where she and her husband are active volunteers. She is a life member of Hadassah, Jewish Women International, and the Women Cantors Network. She has been married to Lee for 48 years, has two children and is the proud grandma of five. In addition to her passion for Jewish learning, she loves inter-religious work, Mah Jongg and is an avid reader and gardener.

Marsha's long and varied career demonstrates a vast commitment to Jewish education not just here in Milwaukee, but elsewhere. She has been so energetic and so creative that to see all of the different activities and displays her students make – well it has been extremely impressive! Marsha continues her own learning and continues to teach and set an example for others.

Inspiration Award for Informal Education:

Josh Richman

Joshua Richman is the second winner of our Inspiration Award for Informal Education. He is the Executive Director and founder of RUACH, and is a Milwaukee native. Josh was educated as a classical musician, with a focus on trombone, conducting, and voice. As a Whitefish Bay High School student he soloed with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. At Yale University, he was Principal Trombonist and Assistant Conductor of the Yale Symphony Orchestra. After studying for two years at Yeshiva in Jerusalem, Josh returned to Milwaukee and coordinated the Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC's "A Season of Jewish Music in Milwaukee." Josh's conception of RUACH emerged from this combination of concerts and educational programs, growing from an afterschool and extracurricular music/arts program at Yeshiva Elementary School into a nonprofit organization serving the broader Jewish and Greater Milwaukee communities.

RUACH, supported by many Jewish and community grants, emphasizes partnership with diverse underserved populations of all ages, with arts education infused with Jewish values. Drawing on Jewish tradition, RUACH pioneers innovative approaches to the arts and education. More information can be found on the RUACH website, RuachMilwaukee.org.

Former winner Lenny Kass

CJL Recognitions 2017

Marsha Fensin
CJL Grinspoon Jewish Educator of the Year
Congregation Emanu-El Waukesha

Josh Richman
Inspiration Award for Informal Education
RUACH

Rabbinic Pastor Aggie Goldenholz
Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah Award
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Past Educators of the Year Awardees

1982	Ateret Cohn*
1983	Miriam Ben Shemuel*
1984	Elaine Sanderson
1985	Merzy Eisenberg
1986	Rabbi Nachman Levine
1987	Michael Fefferman
1988	Stisha Steigman
1989	Eve Joan Zucker
1990	Laura Greene
1991	Bess Mendelsohn*
1992	Cantor Karen Berman
1993	Michael Morgan
1994	Simon Kops*
1995	Harriet Bocksenbaum
1996	Devorah Shmotkin
1997	Adina Altshull
1998	Tamar Loewenberg
1999	Dr. Larry Hurwitz*
2000	Rabbi Shabse Werther
2001	Rabbi Raphael Wachsman
2002	George Strick
2003	Cindy Cooper
2004	Marge Eiseman
2005-06	Leah Robbins
2006-07	Aimee Bachar
2007-08	Sharon Cohen
2008-09	Wendy Cohen
2009-10	Jody Margolis
2010-11	Samara Sofian
2011-12	Dr. Sherry Blumberg
2012-13	Rabbi Yosef Perlman
2013-14	Karen Torem & Tzipi Altman-Shafer
2014-15	Sara Minash
2015-16	Mishy Pittleman & Susie Rosengarten

**of blessed memory*

Coalition for Jewish Learning
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CJL Mission Statement

The Coalition for Jewish Learning promotes and advances Jewish education in the greater Milwaukee community, provides a support system for the community's institutions of Jewish learning, and forges coalitions to ensure excellence in Jewish education.

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The Coalition for Jewish Learning is the education department of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

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Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2017

The Teacher Impact Award is given to a teacher who has made a special impact on their school community. This is not a "best teacher" award but rather recognition of a teacher who has made special contributions in an area such as mentoring, innovating, or helping others.

The School Support Award is given to a non-teacher (administrator, volunteer, high school aide) who has provided something special to their school.

The recipients of these awards were chosen by each school. The Coalition for Jewish Learning expresses its appreciation for the extraordinary support that these individuals give to Jewish education.

Bader Hillel Academy

Teri Quam, *Teacher Impact Award*

Teri Quam, school psychologist, has been integral in setting a tone of collaboration and community throughout our school among staff and students. Through Ms. Quam's leadership our teachers have incorporated mindfulness practices into their daily classrooms, bringing about better focus among students and increased social/emotional awareness, helping students be more successful learners. This year Ms. Quam has been working with our students on building grit and adopting a growth-mindset.

Dr. Jakob Loewenberg, *School Support Award*

As a retired professor, Dr. Loewenberg's value of Judaic education is evident in his commitment to his volunteer work at Bader Hillel Academy. Each week, Dr. Loewenberg gives a morning of his time to work one-on-one with students on reading and mathematics. His soothing voice can often be overheard reading expressively to a student.

Bader Hillel High

Rochel Leah Stein, *Teacher Impact Award*

Rochel Leah Stein is new this year to the Bader Hillel High staff. Her dedication to her students both in and out of school has a huge impact on our students.

Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid School of Jewish Studies

Diane Boland, *Teacher Impact Award*

Diane and her passion for Jewish education are a blessing to our school. She goes above and beyond to guide our students on their Jewish journey. Her creativity and innovative ideas make her classroom a fun, engaging and exciting place to learn.

Mindy Secunda, *School Support Award*

Our synagogue is fortunate to have Mindy as the Co-Chair of our School Committee. From rolling up her sleeves and pitching in on the front lines, to acting as a sounding board early mornings and late nights for the Education Director, to bringing her background in education to the table helping guide the direction of the school, Mindy is a wonderful asset to CBINT.

Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2017

Congregation Emanu-El B'ne

Rachel Macagon, *Teacher Impact Award*
Rachel is recognized for her efforts to empower and engage her fellow teachers and the extra time and energy she gives to special projects.

Jean Lauterbach, *School Support Award*
Jean is recognized for the many hours she contributes to our school as a volunteer. From answering phones to helping children find just the right book in our library to serving as a member of our Lifelong Learning Committee, Jean is always involved in our school.

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

Mari-Claire Zimmerman, *Teacher Impact Award*
Mari-Claire is recognized for her efforts in making certain our "twinning" program with Israel got off to a great start!

Sara Rahmes, *School Support Award*
Sara does a little of everything to support the school and she always does it with a quiet modesty so as not to call attention to the wonderful difference she makes.

Congregation Sinai

Maya Goldbaum, *Teacher Impact Award*
Maya rose quickly from being a classroom Madricha to our full-fledged music teacher, all while balancing her own high school studies, being involved in music and theater productions at school, being president of MiTY, and leading NFTY-Northern as the regional songleader. Maya has been a mentor to younger teens who want to song lead, and she has brought her own ideas to the music curriculum at Sinai so that students of all ages can develop an appreciation of Jewish music.

Andrea Bernstein, *School Support Award*
Andrea, our Youth Education Committee Co-Chair, does amazing work behind the scenes to enrich the experience of our Youth Education families. She has been instrumental in the success of our High Holiday Youth Programming, our Purim Carnival, and our End of the Year Picnic, mobilizing volunteers to make sure that all of these events run seamlessly.

Congregation Shalom

Julie Shlensky, *Teacher Impact Award*
We recognize Julie for her long standing contribution as a Jewish educator. In addition to teaching at Congregation Shalom for many, many years, she does amazing work for the community as the Posner Chair for intergenerational programing at the Jewish Home and Care Center.

Lisa and Michael Cook, *School Support Award*
We recognize Lisa and Michael for their wonderful gift of volunteering for school programs. They can always be counted on to help us!

Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2017

Gan Ami Early Childhood Education Program

Molly Beth Kranitz, *Teacher Impact Award*
We recognize Molly Beth for mentoring teachers in their Jewish Journeys and supporting Judaic classroom work. In addition to her work with the children, she is deeply committed to her own professional growth and learning.

Robin Arenzon, *School Support Award*
We are grateful to Robin for providing staff celebrations, keeping staff files, and organizing work spaces.

Jewish Beginnings Lubavitch Preschool

Rivkie Wilschanski, *Teacher Impact Award*
Rivkie, our school's music teacher, interacts with most of our classes on a weekly basis. Rivkie is always effervescent, positive and bouncy and has something uplifting to say to all whom she meets; her smile is ever-present and real. She is a ray of sunshine that enters our whole school's life every week.

Linda Jacobson, *School Support Award*
Linda, a devoted volunteer to our infants and toddlers, comes on a weekly basis, is always available to assist with the children and shares in their triumphs and milestones of growth and development. She is blessed with a calm demeanor and positive attitude. Her love of Judaism and all it encompasses is evident in her work.

Kulanu

Helene Weisz, *Teacher Impact Award*
Helene brings her "A Game" to each Kulanu session. Her ability to craft and deliver engaging lessons, to connect to her students and to build community among the teens make her an asset to the Kulanu program.

Mequon Jewish Preschool

Allyson Swernoff, *Teacher Impact Award*
Allyson's innovative ways of integrating technology into the K4 classroom is such an asset to the school. Allyson works with our children to explore a variety of methods of communication, enhancing and deepening our school and home connection.

Jerry Becker, *School Support Award*
Jerry collaborates with our children and staff on the K4 legacy gift each year. We are grateful for his time and generosity.

Milwaukee Community Hebrew School

Chava Edelman, *Teacher Impact Award*
Chava is new this year to the Milwaukee Community Hebrew School. We are grateful for her hard work and creativity. She has a kind and gentle way with both children and adults.

Nathan Bojan, *School Support Award*
We are grateful to Nathan for always being there to help out. No matter what is asked of him, Nathan always comes through.

Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2017

Milwaukee Jewish Day School

Nancy Dowling, *Teacher Impact Award*

Anyone who's been in Nancy's classroom knows that it is a special place. Year after year, new themes surround the room and help set the tone for the year ahead. Nancy is creative, innovative and always looking to put that extra spark into her teaching. She makes learning fun for her students, and helps to motivate her colleagues to continue to make our school the best place it can be.

Dan Weston, *School Support Award*

It is easy to recognize those who are seen each day at school, but sometimes it is those behind the scenes who truly shine and are often not noticed. Dan is one of those people. Dan is the man behind the server room door making sure everything "tech" related is working daily. We are so fortunate to have him and so greatly appreciate his expertise.

Peltz Hebrew School

Rachel Schutkin, *Teacher Impact Award*

Peltz Hebrew School recognizes Rachel for her dedication and commitment to her students and our school.

Nathalie Tick, *School Support Award*

We are so grateful for Nathalie's dedication to Jewish education.

Torah Academy of Milwaukee

Sara Perlman, *Teacher Impact Award*

Mrs. Perlman is only a part time teacher at TAM. However, she is known to always be willing to go the extra mile and accept additional projects. With her "do-er" personality and creativity, she takes a project from start to finish with a flair.

Miriam Saltzman, *School Support Award*

Miriam is a TAM alumnus and former staff member. Her move to New York three years ago has not prevented her from working on almost every project from auction to play to report cards. With her computer expertise and her unsurpassed chesed, Miriam continues to be a strong resource for our school.

Yeshiva Elementary School

Laura Fischer, *Teacher Impact Award*

Mrs. Fischer is a dedicated and successful teacher who is willing to take on any challenge with a positive attitude.

Larry Phenis, *School Support Award*

We recognize Mr. Larry for 23 years of dedicated building maintenance. He comes in on weekends and early mornings as well to make sure that the school is ready to receive its students.

Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2017

Yeshiva Ohr Yechzkel Wisconsin Insitute for Torah Study

Rabbi Avrohom Kramer, *Teacher Impact Award*
We recognize Rabbi Kramer for his new and exciting dedication to the new freshman class.

Amelia Schmidt, *School Support Award*
We are grateful to Amelia for her selfless dedication to WITS and all its students. She is selflessly dedicated to bringing out the best of every project we do.

Chai and Double Chai AWARDS

Each year we recognize the educators in our community who have been teaching for 18 (chai) and 36 (double chai) years. We thank you for your continuing dedication to our community's children.

Chai Awards

Laura Fischer
Tamar Heifetz
Rabbi Dovid Kossowsky
Earl Lebakken
Mrs. Kathy Marks
Rabbi Avi Pekier
Mrs. Kelly Poulakos
Gilah Saltzman
Helene Weisz

Double Chai Awards

Rabbi Yehudah Cheplowitz
Rabbi Yechiel Pinsky
Rabbi Refoel Wachsman

2017 Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award

The Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) is an award designed to stimulate and encourage teachers to translate their unique educational ideas and initiatives into effective classroom projects. This award is for a project completed during the current school year in one of these areas:

- school/classroom environment
- teaching/learning materials
- enrichment activities, including special one-time class/school projects

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Diane Boland

Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid Intergenerational Family Hagadah Program

The overall focus of Diane's activity was to bring families together in order to create Kehillah (community) while designing family Hagadot. While the families were working on the project, they were making connections with the other families, building community. Since the program was intergenerational it was very special to see so many different ages work together, brainstorm, share ideas, and collaborate too. The more Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid reaches out to families, the more congregants will feel more comfortable at the synagogue and make it their home away from home. The program lent itself to parents sharing their favorite childhood Pesach memory, so they were able to share as a whole group and then throughout the program a lot of families talked more about some of their favorite childhood memories. The program allowed our children to grow and carry on traditions while creating special memories with their families, L'dor V dor (from generation to generation).

Most children love to teach and learn with their parents and this is what took place throughout the program from T'fillah, to making the Hagadot, sampling Pesach foods, singing, and dancing. When a Kehillah collaborates, shares, and learns about their past and creates their future, we as educators have started our journey.

2017 Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award

Yonina Schlussel

Torah Academy of Milwaukee
Parsha Inspiration Art Journals

Torah Inspiration Art Journals are a creative way to help students see the relevance of and to connect more deeply with the information they are learning in class. This idea can easily be adapted to other topics in Judaic education.

For this project, students are asked to reflect on the material they are being taught and/or texts they read, and to highlight lessons, quotes, images, etc. that they personally find inspiring. They then use those ideas to create their own inspirational art journal pages. The project empowers students to pay more attention to what they are learning and to find its relevance to them. It is also especially helpful for the students who are weaker in academics to have an opportunity to use their creativity and talents to excel in the school environment.

The rubric provided guidelines for the students as to the quantity, voice/values, and content expectations for the project. The PowerPoint is a great finale as it helps the students share their efforts and bring inspiration to family and friends.

Members of the Advisory Board of the Coalition for Jewish Learning salute the many teachers and volunteers

who have in so many different ways devoted time and energy to uplifting and instructing Jewish students in our community.Your powerful belief in the value of Jewish education and tireless determination to meet the needs of diverse students serve as a foundation for all the work done by CJL and its leadership.

Past Gill Incentive For Teachers (GIFT) AWARDEES

Monica Cohen & Deb Hacker, Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha, and **Henri Zvi Deutsch,** Congregation Anshai Lebowitz –1991

Laura Greene & Bonnie Shafrin, Congregation Shalom and **Simon Kops,** Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun – 1992

Rabbi David Brusin, Milwaukee Jewish Day School; **Susan Conn,** Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue; & **Susan Atlas,** Congregation Emanu–El of Waukesha -1993

Sheryl Selby, Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Department, **Nadine Siegman,** Congregation Shalom, **and Rivkie Spalter,** Hillel Academy –1994

Laura Greene, Congregation Shalom and **Nina Taus,** Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 1995

Rabbi Yacob Gil, Hillel Academy, **Carol Ross,** Congregation Shalom; and **Liza Wiemer,** Congregation Beth Israel – 1996

Roger Carp, Congregation Shalom – 1997

Terri Beauleau, Harriet Bocksenbaum & Judith Ross, Jewish Family Services Child Development Center and **Nadine Siegman,** Congregation Shalom – 1998

Kate Mann, Congregation Sinai – 1997

Cindy Cooper, Congregation Sinai – 1999

Liza Wiemer, Congregation Beth Israel and **Yoel Turgeman,** Hillel Academy – 2000

Therese Dorfman, Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha – 2001

Roger Carp, Congregation Shalom – 2002

Tzipi Altman-Shafer, Milwaukee Jewish Day School and **Chavah Kintis,** Congregation Shalom – 2003

Nadine Siegman, Congregation Shalom and **Judy Slyper,** Hillel Academy – 2004

Robin Boroda, Hillel Academy and **Mary Beaumont-Wishne,** Yeshiva Elementary School – 2005-06

Beth Goldstein, Congregation Sinai and **Martin Gutnik,** Hillel Academy–2006-07

Beth Goldstein, Congregation Sinai (First Place) and **Jennifer Saber,** JCC Parenting Center (Second Place)–2007-08

Dr. Sherry Blumberg, Congregation Sinai and **Nadine Siegman** Congregation Sinai & Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun and **Jennifer Saber,** Congregations Shalom & Sinai – 2008-09

Roger Carp, Congregation Shalom (First Place) and **Laura Greene,** Congregation Shalom (Second Place) – 2009-10

Tzipi Altman-Shafer, Milwaukee Jewish Day School and **Cantor Marsha Fensin,** Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha – 2010-11

Lori Fisher, Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha- 2011-12

Jennifer Saber, Congregation Shalom – 2012-13

Roger Carp, Congregation Shalom – 2013-2014

Rabbi Shari Shamah, Gan Ami – 2014-15

Gilah Saltzman, Ahuva Jarcaig, Karen Torem, Miriam Leff, Rabbi Hersch Hiller, Yeshiva Elementary School – 2016

Bader Hillel Academy Teachers – 2016

Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifschutz MITZVAH AWARD

This award recognizes acts/projects of Gemilut Chesed and should exemplify *mitzvot bein adam l'chavero* (between people). The projects may be within a class or school-wide, and they can be one-time or extended through the school year.

Past Recipients

Congregation Beth Israel: Dr. Reuven Robbins – 1992

Diane Hahn, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun – 1993

Nadine Siegman, Congregation Shalom – 1994

David Wolfson, Congregation Shalom – 1995

Milwaukee Jewish Day School: Stisha Steigman – 1996

Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Department: Marcia Schulman, Director – 1997

Congregation Shalom: Nadine Siegman, Teacher – 1998

Congregation Sinai: Cindy Cooper & Marge Eiseman, Teachers; Birgit Anderson, Educator – 1999

Max Beckert, Congregation Shalom, (First Place) – 2000

Jeffrey Hansher, Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue;
Aliza Pekier/Sora Rauch, Torah Academy of Milwaukee;
Ilana Alezra, Torah Academy of Milwaukee – 2001

Nadine Siegman, Congregation Beth Israel – 2006

Brian King, Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2009-10

Cindy Cooper, Congregations Beth Israel and Sinai;
Nadine Siegman – 2010-11

Ann Becker, Mequon Jewish Preschool and Congregation Shalom, 2011-12

Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2013-2014

Jody Lansing, Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2016

Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifschutz MITZVAH AWARD 2017 WINNERS

Rabbinic Pastor Aggie Goldenholz

Congregation Sinai
Bikkur Cholim Project

The class took time to learn about mitzvah of Bikkur Cholim (visiting the sick). The students were instantly engaged since each of them knew of someone who has been sick and/or has been hospitalized. When they came to terms with the fact that they would not be able go to visit the sick in the hospital, they decided to create "get well" cards that will be so infused with love and healing energy that it will not matter if they are not delivered personally. Each of the students absolutely expressed the opinion that they can make a difference and help sick patients by giving them hope and offering them a prayer in the cards they will create. Using old cards (for cutting apart) and other art supplies the students began to create the most beautiful and uplifting cards. Each week, Aggie took the healing cards to Aurora Sinai Medical Center and gave them to patients.

The students came to realize that despite their young age, they have the power to make a difference in this world. They learned that their kindness and good wishes transforms brokenness. They discovered that their particular efforts and kindness is needed in this world now and that they don't have to wait to grow up to make a positive change in the world. The student learned that they have the ability to add goodness to the world and affect strangers who they will probably never meet. And that still felt good.

Mara Kleiman

Milwaukee Jewish Day School
Kehillat Kasuku Project

During Milwaukee Jewish Day School's Folk Fair, an immersive study of countries, Mara's second grade's focus was on Kenya. In conjunction with their learning about Kenya, Mara's class reached out to find Jewish communities in Kenya to see what Jewish life is like there. During this exploration, they found a self-taught Jewish community in Kenya, the Kasuku Community, led by 26 year-old Yehudah Kimani. Through Skype, the students were able to meet his students multiple times. During the first Skype session, each student group shared a song with the other. The Kenyan kids taught the American kids Al Kol Eleh – it was beautiful. There was another Skype session before Pesach, and they all sang the 4 questions together, followed by Dayeinu. It was an unforgettable experience.

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Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifschutz MITZVAH AWARD 2017 WINNERS

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Yehudah was sponsored on a US tour last spring, enabling him to come visit Milwaukee Jewish Day School and meet the students. The second graders organized a Shabbat dinner to welcome Yehudah and honor his community. They also created handmade Mezuzot to donate to the community. The second graders wrote a letter to the great Milwaukee Jewish community to raise funds to buy Mezuzot scrolls for the Kasuku Jewish community. Not only did they raise enough funds to donate ten mezuzot scrolls and cases, but they raised an additional $1,300 to donate to the community's project of building a new synagogue. The project continues this year as our students are now in third grade. They just sent Chanukah cards over to Kenya with gelt. The class hopes this connection continues to flourish and we can continue to help the Kasuku Jewish community thrive. The students not only learned about Jewish life in Kenya, but virtually met children who live a completely different life than them, children who have to fight to be Jewish. This community isn't ordinary, they are self-taught, and I'm glad the MJDS students had a chance to see people working so hard to practice Judaism and learn about different types of Jewish communities.

Phil Musickant

Congregation Emanu-El Waukesha Make-A-Difference Day

The 6th-8th grade students and class aides and their teachers and parents rake leaves, sweep and clean up around three mobile homes in a mobile home park near the synagogue in Waukesha. This is done through the Interfaith Senior Program of Waukesha. All of the residents of these mobile homes lack mobility or have significant health problems. The residents apply to the Interfaith Senior Program seeking assistance and then IFSP contacts the synagogue seeking volunteers to help with those addresses. The main outcome was that people in need received help. The students got outside and did physical labor and knew they were doing this to help someone else. They were tired from their labor, which is good, given our digital world.

Mazel Tov to
ALL Milwaukee Jewish EDUCATORS.

You make a huge difference every day. Thanks for all you do. **Special congratulations to all the AWARD WINNERS.** We are so glad to have the opportunity to recognize you today. Thank you to all the SCHOOLS for welcoming me into your communities. I love working with all of you.

Tziporah Altman-Shafer,
Joel, Shoshi, Yoni, and Golan

Kol Hakavod from your Sinai Family

CONGREGATION SINAI

Rabbinic Pastor Aggie Goldenholz
Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah Award

Maya Goldbaum
Teacher Impact Award

Andrea Bernstein
School Support Award

"Rav Shimon ben Elazar said:
Act while you can, while you have the chance,
the means, and the strength."

–Talmud Bavli, Shabbat 151b

Honoring our amazing **Racheli,**
as a distinguished teacher and leader,
whose dedicated work has made
this world a better place.

We are so very proud of you.
You will remain our teacher always.

Hazak Hazak V'Tit'haz'ki

Ziona and Ron, Dan, Michal and Kerem,
Eyton and Meg Zelazo
Maya, Leigh, David and Leia Wannan
Shoshanah Macagon

Mazel Tov, **Diane**

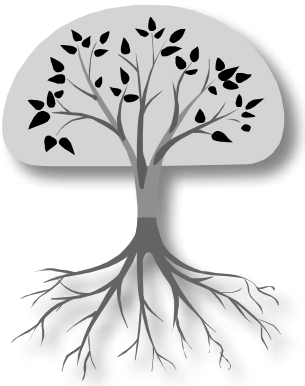
on receiving two well-deserved awards:
Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award
and CBINT Teacher Impact Award

We are so proud of you and CBINT is lucky to have you.

With love, *Your Chavurah*

The Goldstein Family
The Paley Family
The Kleiner Family

The Wales Family
The Packman Family
The Winkelman Family



Mazel Tov to all the Awardees.

Thank you for being our teachers!

Nancy & Jim Barnett

Mazel Tov Helene Weisz!

BBYO staff, advisors and Eden BBG

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Revere your teacher as you would heaven
(Avot 4:12)

Mazel Tov to our CBINT Family Honorees:
Diane Boland, Mindy Secunda, Helene Weisz, Molly Beth Kranitz, Mara Kleiman

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL NER TAMID

From Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid Clergy, Staff, Board of Directors and Students

CONGREGATION Shalom

We join our Milwaukee Jewish community in recognizing the wonderful contribution our educators bring to our community! Mazel Tov to **Mrs. Julie Shlensky** who is being recognized with Congregation Shalom's Teacher Impact Award and Mazel Tov to **Lisa** and **Mike Cook** who are our wonderful School Support winners.

Kol Hakavod and Todah Rabbah.

Rabbi Noah Chertkoff, Rabbi Rachel Kaplan Marks, Cantor Karen Berman, Rabbi Marcey Rosenbaum, Executive Director Linda Hollifield and Director of Synagogue Relations Abby Habush Schroeder

The faculty of Congregation Shalom is so proud of our wonderful colleague **Julie Shlensky** and our amazing volunteers **Lisa** and **Mike Cook** for their contributions to our students and our school.

Susie Rosengarten, Ann Becker, Wendy Pawlak, Amber Franklin, Marilyn Franklin, Kari Altman, Carrie Barbakoff, Joel Berenbaum, Laura Greene, Danielle Romain, Denelle Carriger, Roger Carp, Felice Bruskin, Charna Miller, Terry Salpeter, Nicole Boico, Mandy Wienke, Joyce Gutzke, Wendy Cohen, Tzvia Heifetz, Josh Breslow

CONGREGATION Shalom

Congratulations to our Teacher Impact Awardee, **Mrs. Laura Fisher**, and our School Support Awardee, **Mr. Larry**. Thank you for your unique contributions to the education and well-being of our students! Congratulations to our staff members and parents who are being recognized today: **Mr. Josh Richman, Mr. Phil Musickant, Mrs. Yoni Schlussel, Mrs. Sara Perlman, Rabbi Avrohom Kramer** and **Mrs. Amelia Schmidt**. Thank you to all of the teachers, staff members, and volunteers that invest so much in the Milwaukee Jewish Community. We salute all of you!

Yeshiva Elementary School, Rabbi Dovid Kossowsky, *Principal*, Rabbi Aryeh Borsuk, *Director of Development*, Rabbi Yosef Schlussel, *President*, The Board of Directors

Mazel tov to all the dedicated educators and volunteers being recognized by CJL. We applaud your hard work, creativity, and commitment to instilling in generations of Jewish students a deep knowledge of our heritage and faith.

Thanks especially to **Marsha Fensin** for leading our community from strength to greater strength.

Roger Carp & Debbie Recht

Salute to our educators,
Rivkie Wilschanski, Linda Jacobson
and all those who work tirelessly
in the field of Jewish education.

Jewish **Beginnings**
LUBAVITCH PRESCHOOL

RUACH salutes its
Founder and Executive Director,

Josh Richman,

for receiving the CJL Inspiration Award,
recognizing his twelve years of work
with RUACH to enrich and educate
Greater Milwaukee with creative arts
programming, rooted in Jewish values.

RUACH
A Jewish Arts & Music Organization

Mazel Tov!

Jean Lauterbach
School Support Award
for countless hours and
boundless energy.

Rachel Macagon
Teacher Impact Award for
excellent teaching and
unlimited enthusiasm

From the CEEBJ Clergy,
Board, Staff & Students

Congregation
Emanu-El
B'ne Jeshurun

CONGREGATION Shalom

Congratulations to
Julie Shlensky
and to
Mike and **Lisa Cook**

From Congregation
Shalom's Board of Directors

As always,
Marsha Fensin's family
is very proud
of her.

Mazel Tov
Molly Beth!
We Love you!

Ben, Maddie, Avital,
Carol, Jeff, Stacey,
Ari, Ivy, Charlie,
and Zachary

Mazel Tov
Julie Shlensky!
Your impact is felt
across generations!

Michael Shlensky
and Family

Congregation
Shalom's
WOMEN —of— Shalom
wish a mazel tov
to our very own
Julie Shlensky,
Jerry Becker,
Lisa Cook and
Michael Cook

Mazel Tov
Marsha,
Mari-Claire,
Sara, Phil and
all 2017 Honorees.

From **Congregation**
Emanu-El
of Waukesha

Mazel Tov
Marsha,
Mari-Claire,
Sara and all
2017 Honorees.

Phil Musickant

Mazel Tov to
Rochel Leah Stein,
Chava Edelman,
and
Nathan Bojan.

Avremi & Shaindy
Schapiro

Congratulations to
Milwaukee's amazing
Jewish educators.

From **Bader Hillel**
Academy

To **Jerry Becker** & **Allyson Swernoff**
for your commitment to education.

Mequon Jewish Preschool

Mazel Tov
Mrs. Leah Stein!
Your dedication to your students is inspiring.

Bader Hillel High

Mazel Tov!
Educating – Important work!

Eileen Graves

Mazel Tov to
CEEW educators.

Cantor Deborah Martin

Gloria Krasno
Barry Levine

Sherry Malmon
Ann Yurkowitz

Keep up to date on CJL. **Text CJL to 51555**
to get text messages about upcoming classes & events.

Thank you
for years of
guidance and
inspiration
Mrs. Fischer!

Amy Joannes

Thanks
Mr. Larry Phenis
for your hard work
and dedication!

Sandi Harrison

Molly Beth Kranitz:
Your passion
for Judaism shines
through in
your teaching.

GanAmi

For
Robin Arenzon:
Your dedication
to our school
does not
go unnoticed.

GanAmi

Congratulations to colleagues and friends!

Felice & Barry Bruskin

Mara Kleiman –
SO PROUD!!

Love, Mom and Dad

Our thanks to
Jewish Educators.

Steve and Judy Baruch

You're the BEST
Mrs. Fischer!

Sandi Harrison

Mazel Tov,
CBINT Family!

Jennifer Saber

We applaud you
Mr. Larry!

Amy Joannes

Mazel tov
Diane, Helene
and **Mindy!**

Sharon Tedderly

Kudos to all
Jewish educators!

Mari-Claire Zimmerman

We love
our **Mara!**

Stu & Judy Dolnick

Congratulations
Mara Kleiman!

Love, Uncle Jed &
Aunt Ellen Dolnick

We're so proud of you,
Linda Jacobson!

Love, Your Girls

Mazel Tov
Auntie Linda!

Love Risa, Riz,
Sidra and Nina

On behalf of the
Milwaukee Jewish Federation staff
and Board of Directors,
we congratulate all of the
educators who help ensure
a strong Jewish community
through education.

MILWAUKEE
JEWISH FEDERATION

The Coalition for Jewish Learning is the
education program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Andrea Schneider
Board Chair

Hannah Rosenthal
CEO/President

MJDS
MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Mara Kleiman &
2015-16 Second Grade Class
Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah Award for Kenya Jewish Community Project

Dan Weston
MJDS School Support Award

Nancy Dowling
MJDS Teacher Impact Award

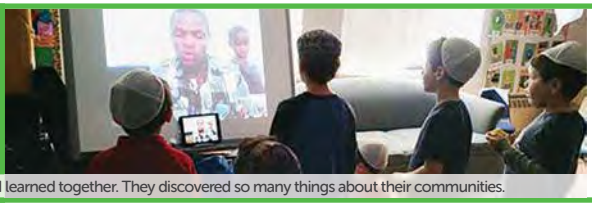
WE ARE SO PROUD!

KENYA JEWISH COMMUNITY PROJECT

"Our donations made a huge difference in helping these Jewish families make their dream a reality. We now know we can help build a Jewish community and we now know we gave HOPE to children on the other side of the world. THAT is the most amazing feeling!"
- 2015-16 MJDS Second Grade Class

Second grade students welcomed Yehudah Kimani, leader of Jewish Community Kehillat Kasuku in Kenya, at the Star Door when he came to MJDS.

The Jewish Community Kehillat Kasuku in the highlands of Kenya.


During the Skyping sessions, children sang together and learned together. They discovered so many things about their communities.

Your dedication to academic excellence and Jewish values prepares children for a lifetime of success, leadership and engagement with the world.

Members of the

Advisory Board

of the **Coalition**

for **Jewish Learning**

salute the many teachers and volunteers who have in so many different ways devoted time and energy to uplifting and instructing Jewish students in our community.