



Coalition for  
Jewish Learning  
**MILWAUKEE**  
JEWISH FEDERATION

# *Salute to* **Jewish Educators**

March 3, 2019 ♦ 3-5 pm



♦ **TRIBUTE BOOK 2018-2019** ♦

The Coalition for Jewish Learning, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and the entire Jewish community congratulate **Rabbi Nachman Levine** on his selection as recipient of the **Lifetime Impact Award** and **Debbie Silberman** on her selection as **CJL Grinspoon Jewish Educator of the Year**.

## Lifetime Impact Award



### **Rabbi Nachman Levine** of Bader Hillel Academy

Rabbi Nachman Levine grew up in Toronto, Canada where he attended Eitz Chaim Day School and Ner Israel Yeshiva High School. After graduating high school Rabbi Levine studied for 2 years in Yeshivas Radin in Natanya, Israel where he received Rabbinical Ordination from the yeshiva and the Chief Rabbinate. From there he studied in Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Maryland where he also attended Loyola University and received his BA. During that time he also earned his teaching license from Torah U'Mesorah Machon program. He came to Milwaukee in 1968 to teach at Hillel Academy, at which time he also attended Marquette University and earned his MA in Educational Administration and Supervision.

While teaching at Hillel he taught at Tichon Judaica High School, Midrasha High School, East Side Hebrew School and later Beth Israel Religious School. Several summers he taught college students at Camp Moshava.

In 1986, together with the original families, Rabbi Levine founded Anshe Sfard Kehillat Torah (ASKT). Rabbi Levine served as their Rabbi for 27 years giving adult and high school education classes. He is currently Rabbi Emeritus at ASKT.

During the many years at Bader Hillel Academy Rabbi Levine has seen many changes, among them 4 generations of students, and has always been in the forefront leading the changes.

Rabbi Levine is married to his wife Leah and together they have 3 married children and are blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Former winners: Jerry Benjamin, Eve Joan Zucker, and Elaine Sanderson

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## CJL Grinspoon Jewish Educator of the Year

### **Debbie Silberman** of Gan Ami Early Childhood Center

Debbie Silberman has spent over 30 years doing what she loves dearly: helping to build a profound sense of joy, creativity, and a love of Judaism in 3, 4, and 5-year-olds.

Debbie began her career by teaching both kindergarten and the preschool staff at a private school in Chicago. She then moved back to Milwaukee where she began teaching at the JCC on Prospect for Jewish Family Children Services. After a hiatus to have a couple kids of her own, Debbie taught 4-year-olds at JCC Gan Ami/Mequon for more than 20 years. Five years ago, Debbie joined the team at JCC Gan Ami/Whitefish Bay where she happily teaches 3-year-olds.

Debbie has been married to her husband, David, for 42 years and is the proud mom of Cori and Adam, proud mother-in-law of Michael and Shoba, and the proud Grammy of Erev, Mattai, Anjali, and Lukah.





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Inspiration Award for Informal Education:

**Rachael Badt**  
 BBYO - Wisconsin Region

Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah  
 Award Winners: **Congregation Beth Israel  
 Ner Tamid and Tikkun Ha-Ir team of  
 educators: Jen Saber, Sami Stein Avner,  
 Cindy Cooper, Heidi Gould, Robyn Miller,  
 Yael Stein, and Helene Weisz**

Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT Award):  
**The Mequon Jewish Preschool Team:  
 Rivkie Spalter, Rabbi Sholom Ber Munitz,  
 Kreinie Tiefenbrun, and consultant  
 Dr. Naama Zoran**

CJL thanks the Committee that planned the Salute to Jewish Educators:

Carrie Barbakoff	Marsha Fensin	Susie Rosengarten
Roger Carp	Molly Beth Kranitz	Devorkie Shmotkin
Leon Cohen	Sherry Malmon	Karen Torem
	Monica Parkes	

Past Educators of the Year Awardees

<b>1982</b>	Ateret Cohn*	<b>2001</b>	Rabbi Raphael Wachsmann*
<b>1983</b>	Miriam Ben Shemuel*	<b>2002</b>	George Strick
<b>1984</b>	Elaine Sanderson	<b>2003</b>	Cindy Cooper
<b>1985</b>	Merzy Eisenberg	<b>2004</b>	Marge Eiseman
<b>1986</b>	Rabbi Nachman Levine	<b>2005-06</b>	Leah Robbins
<b>1987</b>	Michael Fefferman	<b>2006-07</b>	Aimee Bachar
<b>1988</b>	Stisha Steigman	<b>2007-08</b>	Sharon Cohen
<b>1989</b>	Eve Joan Zucker	<b>2008-09</b>	Wendy Cohen
<b>1990</b>	Laura Greene	<b>2009-10</b>	Jody Margolis
<b>1991</b>	Bess Mendelsohn*	<b>2010-11</b>	Samara Sofian
<b>1992</b>	Cantor Karen Berman	<b>2011-12</b>	Dr. Sherry Blumberg
<b>1993</b>	Michael Morgan	<b>2012-13</b>	Rabbi Yosef Perlman
<b>1994</b>	Simon Kops*	<b>2013-14</b>	Karen Torem & Tzipi Altman-Shafer
<b>1995</b>	Harriet Bocksbaum		
<b>1996</b>	Devorah Shmotkin	<b>2014-15</b>	Sara Minash
<b>1997</b>	Adina Altshull	<b>2015-16</b>	Mishy Pittleman & Susie Rosengarten
<b>1998</b>	Tamar Loewenberg		
<b>1999</b>	Dr. Larry Hurwitz*	<b>2016-17</b>	Marsha Fensin
<b>2000</b>	Rabbi Shabse Werther	<b>2017-18</b>	Ellie Gettinger



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## CJL Mission Statement

The Coalition for Jewish Learning (CJL), the education department of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, 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.

### CJL Advisory Board

Leon Cohen, *Chair*  
Tziporah Altman-Shafer, *Director*  
  
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Roger Carp  
Yael Gal  
Earl Karp  
Molly Beth Kranitz  
Sherry Malmon  
Dana Margolis  
Susie Rosengarten  
Jennifer Saber  
Louise Stein  
Karen Torem  
Nancy Weiss-McQuide

### Past Chairs:

Roger Carp  
Debbie Carter Berkson\*  
Eve Dicker Eiseman  
Moshe Katz  
Cindy Levy  
Susie Rosengarten  
Jennifer Saber  
Bonnie Shafrin  
Louise Stein  
Karen Torem

### CJL Staff

Tziporah Altman-Shafer,  
*Jewish Education  
Community Planner*  
  
Allison Hayden,  
*Administrative Assistant*

*\*of blessed memory*

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



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# Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2019

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**

### **Randi Kramer, *Teacher Impact Award***

For breadth and depth of her effect on children and staff in our school. She exemplifies our school philosophy of “*chanoch lanaar al pi darko*” educating each child according to their individual pathways in learning. Randi helps students, staff, and parents discover and uncover the child’s best modality of learning. Success is in every learner’s hands!

### **Ora (Laura) Gross, *School Support Award***

For her tireless devotion to all things BHA! A devoted volunteer, whatever is needed Ora is there. Selling spirit wear - Ora broke all records in total sales. She applies her creative juices to PTO and all BHA sponsored events.

## **BADER HILLEL HIGH**

### **Brian Geary, *Teacher Impact Award***

Mr. Geary’s love of learning and commitment to his students is incredible.

### **Tova Noll, *School Support Award***

Tova’s enthusiasm, joy, and dedication to each student has enriched our school and each student.

## **CONGREGATION BETH EL, SHEBOYGAN**

### **Marc Revenson, *School Support Award***

For protecting the security of the students. After the Eitz Chaim shooting in Pittsburgh, Marc took the initiative to learn about security measures in the synagogue. He watched webinars, talked with the Federation’s Director of Security Ari Friedman, and did a lot of research. He also joined a security committee at the synagogue and stays at religious school to make sure the students are safe.

# Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2019

## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL NER TAMID SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

### **Tarin Gordon, *Teacher Impact Award***

For her role as Gan Alef teacher. Tarin brings her alef game to our synagogue school every Sunday. She has elevated our early childhood program during her tenure at CBINT. Tarin transformed her class' Hebrew curriculum over the last two years into an ulpan style of Hebrew instruction. She weaves her Israeli roots into her weekly lesson plans. When you walk into her classroom, you can see Tarin reading a Hebrew children's book to her students, hear her giving directions in Hebrew, and feel the buzz of Jewish learning electrify her class. She is a dedicated teacher, working hours to craft creative and meaningful lessons.

### **Erika Billings, *School Support Award***

For her role as school office assistant. Behind the scenes and in front of them Erika is what makes the school tick. She brings a level of professionalism to the school office that is motivational for the teaching staff. Her strong organizational skills and attention to detail lead to much deserved accolades from the synagogue leadership. Erika is always there to lend a helping hand during school. From a reassuring smile for a teacher, to a quick problem solve session with the Education Director, to a kind word for a student, she intuitively knows the right move to make at the right time.

## CONGREGATION EMANU-EL B'NE JESHURUN

### **Beth Rapaport, *Teacher Impact Award***

For taking every opportunity to do her best, to put in the extra effort and for raising the standard of what we do, from writing the absolute best parent emails each week, to creatively engaging students each week, to signing up for every extra class, and learning opportunity available. Her work with our kindergarten class is often a first experience for new families to our congregation and her excellence draws them in and helps to inspire them about Jewish learning.

### **Tiffani Zahradnik, *School Support Award***

Her loyalty, and commitment to our school, her willingness to put in extra when needed, to think ahead and make sure students, parents, and teachers have what they need for school each week, as well as her friendliness and overall loving demeanor.

## CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WAUKESHA

### **Ann Meyers, *Teacher Impact Award***

For mentoring and teaching our confirmation class with new curriculum materials (Hot Topics and Comparative Religion).

### **Joe Dailey, *School Support Award***

For bringing in his own materials and teaching our confirmation class about ethics.

# Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2019

## CONGREGATION SHALOM

### **Amber Franklin, *Teacher Impact Award***

Amber is an outstanding teacher in our congregation. Her creativity, integration of technology, dedication, and care for the students are just some of the reasons that we are grateful to have Amber teaching our children. We are blessed to call her ours.

### **Ari Glasstein, *School Support Award***

Ari has been a stellar madrich in our school for the past five years. Our congregation benefits from his quiet strength and integrity of character. We will miss his dedication, sense of humor, and menschlichkeit as he continues his studies at UW Madison in the fall.

## CONGREGATION SINAI

### **Shlomit Germanski, *Teacher Impact Award***

For her outstanding flexibility, care for her students, and openness to change.

### **Josh Parkes, *School Support Award***

For being the consummate volunteer for everything from High Holy Days to Youth Group to Purim and more.

## GAN AMI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

### **Jenny Paredes, *Teacher Impact Award***

For her documentation of children's learning.

### **Ronna Ruffin, *Teacher Impact Award***

For making science and inquiry come alive in Jewish early childhood.

### **Susie Hayes, *School Support Award***

For her dedication and detail-driven work as she serves our entire school.

## JEWISH BEGINNINGS LUBAVITCH PRESCHOOL

### **Kaitlyn Clemens, *Teacher Impact Award***

She is always positive and ready to help.

### **Gladys Shukur, *School Support Award***

For being a wonderful volunteer.

## MEQUON JEWISH PRESCHOOL

### **Marybeth Studelska, *Teacher Impact Award***

For her commitment to professional growth. She cares deeply for every child.



# Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2019

## **Andi Rabenn, School Support Award**

Andi is creative, thinks outside the box and supports learning in the classroom. She is guardian of our Art Atelier and works to make every event at MJP unique and beautiful.

## **MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY HEBREW SCHOOL**

### **Sara Abrams, Teacher Impact Award**

For her amazing work at directing energetic tween boys to focus and get excited about learning.

### **Harry and Sadie Edelstein, School Support Award**

For their positive attitude, thoughtful attention to detail, and intuitiveness towards all the students.

## **MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL**

### **Mara Kleiman, Teacher Impact Award**

Mara impacts Jewish life and learning across almost every grade at MJDS. She is an integral driver of Jewish life both in our school and across our community. Mara leads Jewish and Hebrew learning in our elementary grades, facilitates our glee club, tefilah, plans and implements celebrations and life cycle events throughout the year, and is an incredible advocate for our school and community.

### **Tommy Rice, School Support Award**

For over thirty years Tommy has provided incredible customer service to our school community and facility. Tommy knows the name and story of every child, parent, and staff person who has walked through the doors of MJDS. He is selfless, humble, hard-working, friendly, positive, and simply an amazing human being.

## **PELZ HEBREW SCHOOL**

### **Miriam Spalter, Teacher Impact Award**

For her dedication to her students and our school!

### **Saraleah Lakritz, School Support Award**

For all of her help at our Hebrew School!

## **TORAH ACADEMY OF MILWAUKEE**

### **Eva Zussman, Teacher Impact Award**

Mrs. Zussman has been teaching at Torah Academy of Milwaukee since 2014. Mrs. Zussman is known to be extremely creative and innovative in finding modalities in which to teach the student the higher mathematics in a way that will be received and appeal to each individual. She is strong on advancing her education and methodology and is consistently taking classes and attending seminars to advance and change her approaches. Students know that they will achieve in Mrs. Zussman's class and they know that they will be heard and understood!

# Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2019

## **Robi Borsuk, School Support Award**

Robi Borsuk is a seamstress par excellence. She has dazzled the audiences of TAM's performances with costumes that bespeak the character portrayed and the time period, to perfection. The audience always raves about the costumes but they have no idea how much research and energy Robi expends!

## **YESHIVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **Emily Lohr, Teacher Impact Award**

For an incredible year of working to reach each student in her class, making accommodations, modifications, and individual expectations. Mrs. Lohr is also implementing a new program in her class, Foundations, which has been very impactful on her students' success.

### **Kathy Phenis, School Support Award**

For keeping our school building clean and willing to do the jobs nobody else wants to do, and doing it with a smile!

## **WISCONSIN INSTITUTE FOR TORAH STUDY**

### **Amelia Schmidt, School Support Award**

For always going above and beyond the call of duty.

## Chai AWARDS

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

**Irina Brekman**

**Shlomit Germanski**

**Mari-Claire Zimmerman**



# 2019 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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## **The Mequon Jewish Preschool Team: Rivkie Spalter, Rabbi Sholom Ber Munitz, Kreinie Tiefenbrun, and consultant Dr. Naama Zoran**



### **Friendship, Shavuot And Clay: Children Using Clay For Narrating Shavuot**

This project was about using the language of clay to bring a deep awareness to children about Shavuot. Every class chose one idea that connects to the *Matan Torah* (the giving of the Torah), and after learning about it,

represented it using a material. The clay was chosen to represent the idea of protection Hashem gave the Jewish people during their journey in the desert. The project was two months long. It started with getting to know clay as a creative material, moving to learning about the holiday, focusing on the idea of protection, and then planning the work with the clay towards the representation of what we have learned. The work was deep and they invested in creating the mountain itself and how friendship is an expression of guarding each other. In our world today with the events taking place, strengthening their compass for caring for others, with the Torah as our guide is the best preparation for our future.

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

**Roger Carp**, Congregation Shalom – 1997

**Terri Beauleau, Harriet Bocksbaum  
& 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**, Congrega-  
tions 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

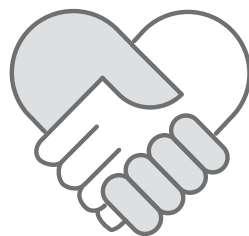
Bader Hillel Academy Teachers – 2016

**Diane Boland**, Congregation Beth Israel Ner  
Tamid, **Yonina Schluskel**, Torah Academy of  
Milwaukee – 2017

**Leah Emmer & Chaya Mann**,  
Bader Hillel Academy, and Yael Stein  
Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid – 2018

# 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

**Dr. Reuven Robbins** Congregation Beth Israel – 1992  
**Diane Hahn** Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun – 1993  
**Nadine Siegman** Congregation Shalom – 1994  
**David Wolfson** Congregation Shalom – 1995  
**Stisha Steigman** Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 1996  
**Marcia Schulman, *Director*** Jewish Community Center  
Early Childhood Department – 1997  
**Nadine Siegman, *Teacher*** Congregation Shalom – 1998  
**Cindy Cooper & Marge Eiseman, *Teachers*** and  
**Birgit Anderson, *Educator*** Congregation Sinai – 1999  
**Max Beckert** Congregation Shalom (First Place) – 2000  
**Jeffrey Hansher** Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue;  
**Aliza Pekier/Sora Rauch** Torah Academy of Milwaukee and  
**Ilana Alezra** Torah Academy of Milwaukee – 2001  
**Nadine Siegman** Congregation Beth Israel – 2006  
**Brian King** Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2009-10  
**Cindy Cooper** Congregation Beth Israel and Congregation Sinai  
and **Nadine Siegman** – 2010-11  
**Ann Becker** Mequon Jewish Preschool and  
Congregation Shalom, 2011-12  
**Rabbi Moishe Steigmann** Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2013-2014  
**Jody Lansing** Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2016  
**Aggie Goldenholz, Mara Kleiman, Phil Musickant** – 2017  
**Rona Wolfe**, Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2017-18

# Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifschutz MITZVAH AWARD



## The Hunger Project

**Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid School of Jewish Studies** partnered with **Tikkun Ha-Ir** for a year of learning with its middle school and high school students. During the 2017-2018 school year, a four part series engaged students in Jewish learning followed by a connected hands-on experience in the Milwaukee community. The theme for the year was “hunger”. At the first session, Sami Stein Avner, Executive Director of Tikkun Ha-Ir, led the students in a study session using relevant Jewish texts related to hunger. Following the discussion, students volunteered at The Crop Walk collecting fresh produce for the Hunger Task Force.

During the next two sessions, students studied relevant Jewish texts related to hunger. Following the discussion, students worked together to create a permanent piece of art (a mural) to donate which they then presented to the Jewish Food Pantry and toured the facility. During the last session, in connection with the CBINT School of Jewish Studies annual fundraiser walk, students assembled toiletry kits to donate to Tikkun Ha-Ir’s Glean Machine Project. This project was open to all students and their families who attended the walk.

Through the program, students were able to explain the connection between Judaism and hunger, make a connection with Milwaukee secular and Jewish organizations related to the topic of hunger and observe firsthand what hunger looks like in the greater Milwaukee community.



# Inspiration Award for Informal Education

## Rachael Badt of BBYO

**Rachael Badt** is in her 14th year of being the Senior Regional Director of BBYO - Wisconsin Region. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Rachael found Informal Jewish Education as a second career. After 10 years working in radio, she was convinced to apply for the BBYO job and it changed her life. BBYO allows Rachael to combine her skills and passions with her Jewish identity. She isn't just helping teens have fun, she is helping them gain confidence, characters and commitment as the Jewish leaders of tomorrow. When not hanging out with teenagers, you will find Rachael with her husband Marty and their three-year-old daughter, Millie.



Former winners: Rabbi Avremi Schapiro, Joshua Richman, and Lenny Kass

**Mazel Tov**  
to this year's award recipients!

Thanks to all of our teachers and to past and present leaders of the Coalition for Jewish Learning. Your efforts have provided enriched, quality Jewish education to our community.

*Louise Stein*



On behalf of all the teens, staff, advisors,  
stakeholders and alumni, BBYO salutes  
Rachael Badt on her well-deserved honor as the  
Milwaukee Jewish Federation's 2019 Inspiration  
Award for Informal Education winner.

Rachael - thank you for your commitment and  
dedication to our Jewish community and all that  
you do to strengthen Jewish life for our teens  
and beyond.





# **Rachael Badt**

BBYO - Wisconsin Region

## **Inspiration Award for Informal Education**

We are bursting with pride  
for all that you do for our region.

**Wisconsin Region BBYO**  
excels because of your visionary leadership  
and belief in teens for the past 13 years.

Thank you for the work that you do to  
strengthen our region.





**Gan Ami  
Early Childhood  
Education**

**Mazel Tov to Debbie Silberman**  
**Grinspoon CJL Jewish Educator of the Year**

**Todah Rabah,**  
**for your dedication to the children  
and families of our community**



**Harry & Rose Samson Family  
Jewish Community Center**  
[jccmilwaukee.org](http://jccmilwaukee.org)

# **Mazel Tov** to **Heidi Gould**

Jewish Community Pantry Advocacy Coordinator, with her partners at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid and Tikkun Ha-Ir

## **Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah Award**

### **Mazel Tov** to **Gan Ami Early Childhood Education**

**Jenny Paredes** - Teacher Impact Award

**Ronna Ruffin** - Teacher Impact Award

**Susie Hayes** - School Support Award

## **Kol HaKavod,** **The Harry and Rose Samson Family** **JCC Board of Directors & Staff**



**Harry & Rose Samson Family  
Jewish Community Center**  
[jccmilwaukee.org](http://jccmilwaukee.org)



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The JCC is a partner in serving the community with the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and is a beneficiary agency of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County.



*Mazal Tov*

**Rabbi Levine**

on your well deserved

**Lifetime Achievement Award!**

In appreciation of your outstanding dedication,  
devotion and commitment to the  
Milwaukee Jewish community  
for over 50 years.

In appreciation of your scholarship, guidance,  
hard work, and authenticity.

In appreciation of your energetic,  
enthusiastic, and caring support.

We are delighted that you are receiving  
this well deserved recognition.



*Friends of  
Rabbi Nachman Levine*

To Our Beloved Master Teacher

RABBI

NACHMAN LEVINE

*Mazel Tov*

on this Very Well Deserved Honor

Thank you for being the Model Teacher

For Us, For our Children and  
For our Grandchildren

Anshe Sfard Kehillat Torah

Rabbi: Wes Kalmar

Co-Presidents: Steve Baruch and Ben Karan

CEEBJ CONGRATULATES ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR  
CONGREGATION WHO WON AWARDS TODAY:

Rachael Badt  
Jen Saber  
Yael Stein  
Beth Rapaport

THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO  
MILWAUKEE'S  
JEWISH COMMUNITY

*Congrats!*

TIFFANI ZAHRADNICK  
AND  
BETH RAPAPORT

**You are such stars of CEEBJ's  
Religious School team.  
Thanks for all you do.**



Congregation  
**Emanu-El**  
**B'ne Jeshurun**

*Mazal Tov*

**Debbie Silberman**  
**2019 Educator of the Year**

A well deserved honor

**You are our teacher of the year  
every year!**

*Marilyn & Bradley Shovers*

*Sari & Michael Vineburg*

*Daniel Shovers*



**Mazel Tov to all those being acknowledged for  
their dedication to Jewish Education**

*Mazel Tov:*

**Debbie Silberman** - *Educator of the Year*

**Rachel Badt** - *Inspiration Award for Informal Education*

**Yasher Koach to Tziporah Altman-Shafer**  
for her leadership at CJL

**Rabbi Nachman Levine**

Nachman,

It has been an incredible journey together as you have educated generations of Jewish children. We have watched people learn, grow, and pave their paths as members of Klal Yisroel. May Hashem continue to bless us with nachas from each other, our children, and all of your students.

*Leah*

Abba,

Thank you for allowing us to plant our roots in Milwaukee and branch out as we began our own families. We are so proud of your exceptional accomplishments and hope to follow in the path you and Ima have paved for us.

*Lance & Tema, Yaakov &  
Orah, Reuven & Rochele*

Zadie,

Teaching for many years is amazing.  
We are so lucky that we get to hear  
stories and learn from the best.

We love you!

*Your Grandchildren*





*Teach a young person the way s/he  
ought to go; s/he will not swerve from it  
even in old age. – Proverbs 22:6*

**Congregation Shalom wishes a  
Mazel Tov to:**

**Sami Avner**

**Amber Franklin**

**Ari Glasstein**

**Heidi Gould**

**Ronna Ruffin**

**Debbie Silberman**

**& all of the educators honored today!**

**We are proud of each of you,  
and grateful for the sacred  
work that you do!**



*Congratulations*

**Sami Stein Avner and Cindy Cooper**

and all 2019 recipients.

Thank you for your inspiration and hard work.

**Tikkun Ha-Ir  
Board of Directors**



**Mazel Tov to Rabbi Levine** for teaching multiple generations and helping shape our Jewish community.

**Mazel Tov to Debbie Silberman** for touching the lives of our youngest community members.

**Mazel Tov to Rachael Badt** for being a bridge to Jewish adulthood for the teens of our community.

**To all the award winners:** we appreciate all that you do. Your enthusiasm and passion transform Milwaukee.

B'kavod,

*Dan and Linda Bader*

# MAZAL TOV

Jewish Beginnings Staff on your achievements!

Teacher Impact Award

Kaitlyn Clemens

School Support Award

Gladys Shukur

Chai Award

Irina Brekman

♥ *To our amazing staff - we would not be able to do it without you.* ♥

*Thank you!!!*



***Our Children. Our Community. Our Future.***

**Congratulations** to our **Teacher Impact Awardee, Mrs. Emily Lohr**, for the multiple programs you are implementing this year in your class, both on an individual level and on a class-wide level. Thank you for your creativity and bringing your love of animals to our school, including hatching chicks and experiencing the life cycle of butterflies!

**Congratulations** to our **School Support Awardee, Mrs. Kathy**, for all that you do for our school. Our building shines because of your constant diligence. Not only are you there for all of our students, you do everything with a smile on your face.

**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**



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

**Mazel Tov to our CBINT Family Honorees  
and to all Milwaukee Jewish Educators. We are very proud of you!**

**Rabbi Emanuel and Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah Award**

*Jennifer Saber, Cindy Cooper, Robyn Miller, Gael Stein,  
and Helene Weisz, in partnership with Tikkun Ha-Jr*

**Inspiration Award for Informal Education**

*Rachael Badt, Wisconsin Region BBYO*

*Tarin Gordon, CBINT Teacher Impact Award*

*Erika Billings, CBINT School Support Award*

*Gladys Shukur, Lubavitch Preschool Support Award*

*Hara Kleiman, MJDS Teacher Impact Award*



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NER TAMID

**From Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid  
and our CBINT School of Jewish Studies**

**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 **Rabbi Nachman Levine** and **Debbie Silberman** for leading our community from strength to greater strength.

*Roger Carp & Debbie Recht*



## Mazel Tov Yael Stein!

We are so proud of you and your commitment to Jewish education.



**Kol Hakaved  
from your  
Sinai Family**



### To Our Sinai Honorees

**Shlomit Germanski**

Teacher Impact Award

**Joshua Parkes**

School Support Award

### To Our Sinai Member and Teachers for their work in the community

**Sami Stein Avner** – Executive Director, Tikkun Ha-Ir and  
Congregation Sinai Member

Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah Award

**Cindy Cooper** – Congregation Sinai Art Teacher

Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz Mitzvah Award

**Mara Kleiman** – Congregation Sinai B'nai Mitzvah Tutor

MJDS Teacher Impact Award

*Mazal Tov to*

**Harry & Sadie Edelstein**

**Yael Stein**

*from MJDS*

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SCHOOL

*Mazal Tov to MJDS Staff!*



**Mara Kleiman**  
Teacher Impact Award



**Tommy Rice**  
School Support Award



**Mazel Tov  
Grammy/Mommy!**

**“Jewish Educator of the  
Year”**

**For creating  
a lifetime of love,  
learning,  
and joy for so many  
families, including ours.**

**We love you!**

**Olive Juice,  
Cori, Michael and Erev  
(Little Doe, Big Buck and  
Little Peanut)**

## **Mazel Tov Rabbi Levine!**

You have done a wonderful job teaching so  
many of the community's children.

We are grateful for your impassioned work.

May you go from strength to strength.

*Louise Stein*



Mazel Tov to Rachael Badt  
on winning the Inspiration  
Award and to the CBINT  
and Tikkun Ha-Ir team for  
winning the Mitzvah  
Award.



**Mara Kleiman,**  
our sweet girl.

We never fail being  
proud of what  
you accomplish!

We love you,  
*Mom & Dad*



**Find yourself a teacher and create a new friend.**

*(Pirkei Avot)*

On behalf of the directors and staff of the Milwaukee Jewish  
Federation, we congratulate all of the educators being honored.

Thank you for shaping the future of our Jewish world  
by teaching our children.

Moshe Katz, *Board Chair*  
Miryam Rosenzweig, *President/CEO*



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The Coalition for Jewish Learning is a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federa-  
tion.



**Mazal 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, & Golan**

**Congratulations  
Ms. Ronna!**

**We love you!**

**Love, Auggie, Ellie,  
Estella, Eyal, Leven,  
Maddie, Max,  
Millie, Noah B.,  
Noah P., and Thea,  
(and their thankful  
parents)**



**Yasher Koach  
to all our educators—  
we are blessed  
to have you  
in our community.**

*Nancy & Jim  
Barnett*



**Debbie,  
Thank you for all of the  
teachable moments!**

*Love, Anaheim*

**2015-2016...  
now in kindergarten!**



**Mazel Tov**  
**Harry and Sadie!**  
Thank you for all  
your hard work!



**Mazel Tov Sara!**  
Thank you for  
all your hard work!



**Mazel Tov MJP!**  
May you continue to  
grow and flourish as  
you reach for the stars!

With Pride,  
*The EisemanMarks*  
*Families &*  
*Linda Leshin*



A hearty **Mazel Tov**  
to all honorees,  
especially **Ann Meyers,**  
**Joe Dailey, Mari-Claire**  
**Zimmerman, Yael**  
**Stein, Jen Saber and**  
**Cindy Cooper**

*Marsha and Lee*  
*Fensin*



**Mazel Tov  
to all you wonderful  
Jewish educators.**

We are blessed to  
have you teaching our  
future generations.

*Eileen & Glenn  
Graves*



**Thank you,  
Rabbi Levine,**

for inspiring my  
grandchildren at Hillel  
and all of us at ASKT.

*Deborah Kalmar*



**Mazel Tov Rabbi  
Nachman Levine!**

Thank you for being  
a teacher and  
role model to so many.

*Steve Cohen &  
Debbie Mendeloff*



Congregation Shalom's  
Women of Shalom wish  
a mazel tov to our very  
own **Sami Stein Avner,  
Amber Franklin, Ari  
Glasstein, Heidi Gould,  
Ronna Ruffin, Debbie  
Silberman** and  
**all the educators**  
being honored today.

W O M E N  
— of —  
**Shalom** 

**Mazel Tov**

**Debbie Silberman!**

Your dedication is truly  
inspirational and this  
honor is so deserved.

Much love from the  
**Ladies of BLAB**



**Mazal Tov**

**CJL**

**Andi Rabenn**

**Marybeth Studelska**

**Rabbi Sholom Ber Munitz**

**Kreinie Tiefenbrun**

**Dr. Naama Zoran**

May you go from  
strength to strength!

Love,

**Mequon Jewish  
Preschool**



Yasher Koach to our  
wonderful teachers.  
Thank You for making  
learning fun!

*Susan & Richard  
Strait*



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

**Geveret Kleiman:**

Todah for our love of  
learning. MAZEL TOV!

**MJDS Senior K**

Sara, another reason  
to be proud of you.  
Mazel Tov.

*Nana*

Mazel Tov from  
Congregation Emanu-El of  
Waukesha to confirmation  
teachers.

**Ann Meyers  
& Joel Dailey**



B'hatzlacha To Our  
Teachers, Award Winners,  
and Learners of Torah.

*Dr. Sherry Blumberg*

**Tommy,** Your smile has  
brightened generations!

Mazel tov,

*Mark, Barbara, Aaron,  
Daniel & Josh Glazer*

**Marc Revenson -**

Thank you from  
Congregation Beth El,  
Sheboygan,  
for your support!

Kol HaKavod to all  
of this year's nominees  
and winners!

*Phil Musickant*

Mazel Tov

**R'Nachman Levine**

This award is deserved;  
absolutely foreseen!

*Portnoy Family*

Mazel Tov  
**Jennifer Saber.**

Love, *Mom & Dad*

Mazel Tov  
to our partners and  
other award winners!

*Sami Avner*

Congratulations to  
**Ann Meyers, Joe Dailey,  
and Mari-Claire  
Zimmerman.**

*Mark & Cindy Levy*

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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.



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## Thank you Rabbi Nachman Levine

On the occasion of your JUBILEE YEAR of shining and inspiring teaching of Torah and being an exemplary Mechanach-educator.

On behalf of the thousands of students who you have touched, thank you. Best wishes to you and Rebbetzin Levine, for continued good health, nachas and fulfillment of all your heart's desires.

From your many students whose lives you have touched in Milwaukee and the world, and your admiring families, colleagues and administration of Bader Hillel Academy.

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Congratulations to **Randi Kramer**, our learning coordinator, for receiving the Teacher Impact Award for all her hard work supporting our students learning needs.

Congratulations to **Ora (Laura) Gross**, School Support Award for the many hours of dedication to our school.

*a warm Jewish education balanced for today's world.*



Bader Hillel Academy