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 Loyala 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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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:

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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.

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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.
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.
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.
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!
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
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

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

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 Yacob Gil, Hillel Academy, Carol Ross, Congregation Shalom; and Liza Wiemer, Congregation Beth Israel – 1996
Roger Carp, Congregation Shalom – 1997
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
Bader Hillel Academy Teachers – 2016
Diane Boland, Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid, Yonina Schlussel, Torah Academy of Milwaukee – 2017
Leah Emmer & Chaya Mann, Bader Hillel Academy, and Yael Stein Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid – 2018
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
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.
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.
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
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
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
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.
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
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

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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

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Rabbi Nachman Levine
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.

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
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
Mazal 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.

Love your JWRP sisters

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

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.

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**Mara Kleiman,** our sweet girl. We never fail being proud of what you accomplish!

We love you,

Mom & Dad

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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 Federation.
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)

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

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!

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

With Pride,
The Eiseman/Marks Families & Linda Leshin

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.
Mazel Tov
Debbie Silberman!
Your dedication is truly inspirational and this honor is so deserved.

Much love from the Ladies of BLAB

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

Susan & Richard Strait

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

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’hazlacha 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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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.
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.

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