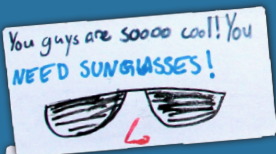
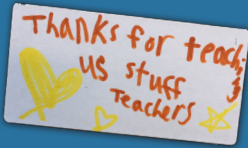




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# *Virtual salute* Jewish Educators

**August 9, 2020**  
**4-5 pm**



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## **Lifetime Impact Award** Dr. Steven Baruch

Dr. Steven Baruch and his wife Judy settled in Milwaukee in 1967 subsequent to Steven receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Steve worked in Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) serving as a middle school and high school teacher, Multicultural Curriculum Developer, and Coordinator of the MPS Leadership Academy. He received his Ph.D. in Urban Education from UWM in 1982. His dissertation was awarded first prize by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in 1983. Steve co-authored several articles and other publications about education in Milwaukee often in collaboration with Dr. Rolland Callaway.



In the 1980s Steve had become principal of the Congregation Anshai Lebowitz religious school. This volunteer position led to involvement in the Milwaukee Jewish Principals Council, MAJE (Milwaukee Association for Jewish Education), the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, and many other Jewish communal organizations.

After 32 years of service, Steve retired from MPS. He had been active in the process of creating the Coalition for Jewish Learning. Upon retirement he was appointed interim director of CJL and eventually became Director for the next 15 years. During this time his focus was on making CJL a coalition builder supporting excellence in Jewish education throughout the community.

Steve and Judy are proud parents of Laura Baruch Sherman and Charlie Sherman as well as David and Helen Baruch who have made them the grandparents of seven wonderful grandchildren. He is currently Co-President of Congregation Anshai Sfard Kehillat Torah (ASKT).

**Former winners:** Rabbi Nachman Levine, Jerry Benjamin\*, Eve Joan Zucker and Elaine Sanderson\*

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## **Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year** **Yael Gal-Ben-Yitschak**



Yael Gal-Ben-Yitschak is a native of Israel now living in Milwaukee. She has been teaching Hebrew as a foreign language to all ages for the last 16 years. She taught Hebrew and Jewish Studies at the Milwaukee Jewish Day School and local synagogues for ten years and she is currently teaching Hebrew at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and Nicolet High School.

Yael received her Bachelor of Arts in Education and English as a Foreign Language from Haifa University and Master's degree in teaching Hebrew as a second language from Middlebury College. She also has a

Master-Teacher's certificate from Hebrew College in Massachusetts.

Yael instills the love for the Hebrew language and its culture in her students, by offering them opportunities to be engaged through Hebrew club, Hebrew Honor Society, fundraising activities to support Israeli organizations such as Magen David Adom and for the first time this year, traveling to Israel as part of a language exchange program.



### **Lifetime Impact Award:**

Dr. Steven Baruch

### **Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year:**

Yael Gal-Ben-Yitschak

### **Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Education:**

Debbie Intravaia

Lisa Hiller and Sarah Frank

### **Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award**

Jodie Honigman

Sherry Miller and Tamara Miller

### **Past Educators of the Year Awardees**

1982	Ateret Cohn*	2002	George Strick
1983	Miriam Ben Shemuel*	2003	Cindy Cooper
1984	Elaine Sanderson*	2004	Marge Eiseman
1985	Merzy Eisenberg	2005-06	Leah Robbins
1986	Rabbi Nachman Levine	2006-07	Aimee Bachar
1987	Michael Fefferman	2007-08	Sharon Cohen
1988	Stisha Steigman	2008-09	Wendy Cohen
1989	Eve Joan Zucker	2009-10	Jody Margolis
1990	Laura Greene	2010-11	Samara Sofian
1991	Bess Mendelsohn*	2011-12	Dr. Sherry Blumberg
1992	Cantor Karen Berman	2012-13	Rabbi Yosef Perlman
1993	Michael Morgan	2013-14	Karen Torem & Tzipi Altman-Shafer
1994	Simon Kops*	2014-15	Sara Minash
1995	Harriet Bocksbaum	2015-16	Mishy Pittleman & Susie Rosengarten
1996	Devorah Shmotkin	2016-17	Marsha Fensin
1997	Adina Altshull	2017-18	Ellie Gettinger
1998	Tamar Loewenberg	2018-19	Debbie Silberman
1999	Dr. Larry Hurwitz*		
2000	Rabbi Shabse Werther		
2001	Rabbi Raphael Wachsman*		





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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

Molly Beth Kranitz,  
*Chair*

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*Director*

Rabbi Jessica Barolsky

Dr. Sherry Blumberg

Roger Carp

Leon Cohen

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Shelly Jubelirer

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Susie Rosengarten

Jennifer Saber

Louise Stein

Karen Torem

Nancy Weiss-McQuide

### Past Chairs

Roger Carp

Debbie Carter Berkson\*

Leon Cohen

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*

Judy O'Hara,  
*Administrative Assistant*

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### CJL thanks the Committee that Planned the Salute to Jewish Educators

Carrie Barbakoff, Natalie Black, Roger Carp, Leon Cohen, Jodie Honigman, Batya Landes, Mark Revenson, Sandy Ruesink, Karen Torem

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## **BADER HILLEL ACADEMY**

### **Batya Landes, *Teacher Impact Award***

Batya Landes has taught in many schools throughout the world. She has brought innovation and academic diversity to our Judaic studies curriculum. She is a kind soul that truly cares for the education and growth of our students. She is a tenacious life-long learner, attending conferences all over the country and bringing those ideas back with her to fold into our curriculum.

### **Juliya Lotman, *School Support Award***

Juliya deserves this award for her non-stop devotion to our school. She has been with us for 19 years of volunteering for lunch duty, preparing mailings, handing out Chanukah gifts, special event set up, anything—she will help us. This is not to say she isn't busy with her children, grandchildren, home, business, or community, BHA just means that much to her—she means that much to us too! She's an amazing lunch helper. If anything is missing from our cafeteria she'll pick it up for us. She knows the students' likes and dislikes, she knows their families and does all of this with a smile. If that wasn't enough she's also a board member! Her youngest graduated from BHA and now he volunteers too!



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## BADER HILLEL HIGH

### **Rabbi Yehoshua Landes, *Teacher Impact Award***

For his immense scholarship, love of learning, and dedication to each of his students.

### **Pessel Jacobs, *School Support Award***

For her spirit, joy, and dedication to BHH and its students



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## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL NER TAMID SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

### **Diane Boland, *Teacher Impact Award***

For the countless ways Diane contributes to our school and our students' education including devising and implementing a full school Mitzvah Project initiative, overseeing our special needs program, mentoring young teachers, and substitute teaching at every grade level.

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

For keeping the entire school (and its director) organized and running smoothly.





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## CONGREGATION BETH EL SHEBOYGAN

### **Maria Bruss, *Teacher Impact Award***

Maria teaches our younger children Hebrew and serves as an aide and co-teacher. She works mostly on a volunteer basis in our small school. Her kindness and gentle demeanor is pleasing to the children she works with. She helps us in decision making and with feedback. Maria continuously learns herself and is a great asset to our school.

### **Britany Buechel, *School Support Award***

Britany has stepped in to help with clean-up and whatever else is needed. She is open to offer solutions and is easy to communicate with. Both parents are committed to their daughter's learning as Britany drives just over a half hour to our school every week. They make sure that their student is practicing her Hebrew and doing any homework assignments in a timely manner. She has contributed items and funds to help our school. Britany and her husband, Craig, are newer to the congregation. They consistently attend Shabbat services with their children and are involved with the Board and committees. Britany is a true asset to our school and the synagogue as a whole.



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## CONGREGATION EMANU-EL B'NE JESHURUN

### Jennifer Saber, *Teacher Impact Award*

Jennifer Saber gives 110% of herself for our students and their parents. We are so appreciative of her creating a new curriculum for her fifth graders that allows them to explore how rituals can add meaning in their lives in a fun, creative, and thought-provoking way. Jennifer has also further connected our students with Israel through the class partnering program she has spearheaded. When asked if she might want to experiment with Hebrew through Movement, Jennifer took it on with that same great enthusiasm, volunteering to be trained over the summer and then adding sign language to her process. She has deeply connected with each of her students as individuals and is always available to give them extra help during the week. Jennifer passionately goes above and beyond to accommodate any student with special needs. We are blessed to have her as part of our teaching team.

### M'Johno Foster, *School Support Award*

We at CEEBJ are so blessed to have M'Johno Foster as our Director of Security. He is there for us on Sundays and Wednesdays greeting every student and every family with a big smile and saying goodbye to them when they leave for the day. M'Johno works with our entire faculty, madrichim, office staff, and senior staff to greatly improve the safety of everyone through our safety procedures, policies, drills, and more. The way he has connected us with the entire North-shore police and fire departments is so appreciated. We hope that he will be with us for many years to come.



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## CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WAUKESHA

### Marie Loeffler, *Teacher Impact Award*

Marie makes a point of really getting to know her students and talks to them about their interests. She has patience and a gentle way of meeting her students right where they are, and thus, making them feel important and cared about. Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha is happy to have Marie on our teaching staff!

### Zackary Jauquet, *School Support Award*

Zackary could be doing anything else on a Sunday morning, like any other teenager, but he chooses to be at CEEW. He’s a mensch and his patience and perseverance in motivating a challenging student to succeed are admirable. Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha is happy to have Zackary as an aide!



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## CONGREGATION SHALOM

### **Roger Carp, *Teacher Impact Award***

We have come to expect that Roger offers his students thoughtful, meticulously planned lessons. He creates a learning environment that is safe and fun. The students learn and grow in his 5th grade class. This year, he has piloted an incredible year-long elective wherein the students are learning all about the landscape of biblical Israel through creating a model lego train set. The students are absolutely loving this in-depth, project based learning that Mr. Carp has created.

### **Linda Berlin, *School Support Award***

We know that when we call on Linda to substitute teach or to volunteer, in a variety of capacities, she will do whatever she can to say yes. In fact, often-times she will call us to see how she can help. She is a consistent, enthusiastic supporter of all of the work that we do for our students. We are so glad to be able to formally thank Linda for all of her dedication to our school, and the entire Congregation Shalom family.



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## CONGREGATION SINAI

### **Lisa Vondra, *Teacher Impact Award***

For her innovation in working with a small class and elevating her madrichim to make significant contributions in the classroom.

### **Natalie Black, *School Support Award***

For her partnership in the Sacred Partners in Jewish Education cohort and her work on our school committee.





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## GAN AMI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

### **Lauren Pollack, Teacher Impact Award**

For years of dedicated service and a deep love of children.

### **Haley Butler, Teacher Impact Award**

For her gentle creativity and kindness to children and faculty.

### **Jody Margolis, School Support Award**

For her unwavering support of Gan Ami’s faculty and children.



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## JEWISH BEGINNINGS LUBAVITCH PRESCHOOL

### **Suzanne Beck, *Teacher Impact Award***

For her hard work, patience, love, and creativity. She is always in tune with the children and draws out the best in each of them.

### **Sarah Jensen, *School Support Award***

For her positive energy, warm greetings, and positive attitude



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## MEQUON JEWISH PRESCHOOL

### **Hindy Spalter, *Teacher Impact Award***

Hindy is a dedicated educator in recognition of her tremendous dedication to Mequon Jewish Preschool and her commitment to every child. She is a champion for the rights of children to be seen as equal citizens by their strengths. Hindy brings her signature joy into everything she does.

### **Jacquelyn Bluma, *School Support Award***

Jacquelyn goes above and beyond as a dedicated parent. She is always looking for ways to give of herself. Before the school year began, Jacquelyn was with the MJP faculty, preparing our environment. For our dinner gala, she was there, leading and helping in many ways. Throughout the year, when something is needed we know we can turn to Jacquelyn.



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## MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY HEBREW SCHOOL

### **Dina Rechavel, *Teacher Impact Award***

Thank you Dina, for always finding what makes each child “tick,” and working to find things to help them overcome challenges, make a lesson more exciting, or just connect with them in a way that really makes them feel the love and excitement of Hebrew school and their Jewish heritage!

### **Avigial Saacks, *School Support Award***

For all those details, details, details! Thank you Avigial for always making sure everyone has the copies they need, all the supplies for activities, crafts and games, and making sure everything is where it needs to be so Hebrew school can run smoothly!



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## MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

### Dacy Jirovetz, *Teacher Impact Award*

Dacy is a truly amazing educator. To begin with, students love learning from and with Dacy. She holds students to high expectations as thinkers and collaborators, resulting in deep and trusting relationships year over year. Ask any current/former student of Dacy's and we guarantee they will sing her praises. Dacy's growth mindset is what all educators should aspire to. She is always seeking feedback, pushing herself to improve, and using evidence and research to drive her evolution as a learner and educator. It is never about Dacy, it is about doing better for students. This is also what makes Dacy an incredible learning partner. At MJDS, every teacher has at least one learning partner to help improve teaching/learning at our school. Dacy is trustworthy, honest, empathetic, and innovative. Colleagues love to work with her and learn from her. Dacy is what lifelong learning looks like and we are incredibly lucky to have her in our MJDS family.

### David Atias, *School Support Award*

David began his role as building engineer 3 years ago and since day one, he has been a huge value add. David is consistently calm, solutions-oriented and always willing to help. David follows through on everything we ask of him, in addition to overseeing dozens of other daily responsibilities that keep our building and grounds safe, clean, and in excellent working order. David is kind and empathetic to all he engages with, offering support and a smile on a daily basis. We are so fortunate to have a professional and human of David's caliber on our team. Thank you, David, for your never-ending help and expertise. You are simply amazing!





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## PELZ HEBREW SCHOOL

### **Mushkie Rapoport, *Teacher Impact Award***

Mushkie is a dedicated and thoughtful teacher who brings a tremendous amount of joy and excitement to her class and her students look forward to her lessons.

### **Moussie Feller, *School Support Award***

Moussie is dedicated and committed to helping out at our Hebrew school; she plans and prepares wonderful programs that our students truly enjoy!



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## TORAH ACADEMY OF MILWAUKEE

### Michele Merens, *Teacher Impact Award*

Michele Merens, English teacher, has more than a dozen years of experience teaching at TAM. She has taught at Cardinal Stritch University and Concordia University as well. She has a Master’s Degree in Journalism from Northwestern University and a Bachelor’s degree (senior scholar) from Barnard College. She is a member of the Dramatist’s Guild and a published playwright and author. Michele cares about every individual student and dedicates additional time to assisting the students who have more special needs.

### Elisheva Appel, *School Support Award*

Elisheva Appel has been a committed volunteer at Torah Academy. From her position as Treasurer of the Board of Directors, to her days of work on the annual auction and countless hours managing the middle school chorus of the school performance, Elisheva has proven what it means to truly be dedicated to a cause.



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## YESHIVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### **Cori Aronow, Teacher Impact Award**

“Teaching students is my passion!” Cori grins when discussing the lessons she has in store for her classes. Cori demonstrates her passion through immense enthusiasm which is contagious to all around her. The girls enjoy the incredible activities Mrs. Aronow plans. They have explored, experienced and expressed their learning in great variety because of Mrs. Aronow’s reflection and dedication to personalizing each class. The classrooms are joyful, dynamic, and inspiring for anyone who enters and the work engages all learners.

### **Rabbi Hersh Hiller, School Support Award**

Rabbi Hiller helps us stay on the cutting edge of technology. From spending countless hours installing and maintaining our computer lab to fixing a “broken” computer by plugging in the power-cord, Rabbi Hiller is the IT guru who makes it happen. Supporting teachers and creating Tech Tuesday to help teachers learn new skills has also been very impactful on our school. His latest success has been a coding class for students that takes place after school. Rabbi Hiller is the answer to the famous question: “Who you gonna call?”



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## WISCONSIN INSTITUTE FOR TORAH STUDY

### Earl Lebokken, *Teacher Impact Award*

WITS is proud of its reputation for providing an advanced and challenging general studies program. Earl, our General Studies Principal, oversees the curriculum, faculty supervision, and day to day operations. What makes him especially effective is the manner in which he guides each student with devotion, concern, sensitivity, and foresight. He is universally admired for his professionalism, personal modesty, and teamwork.

### Denise Metzger, *School Support Award*

Mrs. Metzger has served WITS students and its faculty for twelve years as the high school administrative assistant. She single-handedly oversees every aspect of the administrative side of the high school operation. Her concern for each student's well being and her professionalism in carrying out her duties has earned her the respect and admiration of all members of the WITS family.



# Chai AWARDS

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

## **Chai Award**

Hagit Aslack  
Kati Ellis  
Rachel Macagon  
Beth Meister  
Sandy Ruesink

## **Double Chai Award**

Batya Landes





# BINAH Graduates



**BINAH (Building an Inquiry-based Network as Hevruta)** is a professional development cohort that strengthens the skills of Jewish educators. It is open to teachers at local Jewish schools. It is a one year program that meets monthly for: hevruta text study, video observation, analysis of student work, and analysis of curriculum. CJL is proud to recognize the first graduating cohort of the BINAH program.

## **BINAH Graduates**

Roger Carp  
Debbie Intravaia  
Molly Beth Kranitz  
Marie Loeffler  
Richard Paler

Beth Rapoport  
Lexie Sittsamer  
Karen Torem  
Lisa Vondra



## 2020 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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## Jodie Honigman World Zionist Congress

Students in 6th and 7th grade at Milwaukee Jewish Day School learned about the Jewish Question and the history of antisemitism. They were engaged in deep learning that led up to the First World Zionist Congress in 1897. They learned about Jewish communities around the world, and worked as teams to develop their ideas about Zionism from the perspective of their country. They chose and cooked food that represented the Jews in their country (knafeh, strudel, matzah ball soup, rugelach, hummus) and came to the presentation dressed up as the real representatives of the Congress. Students facilitated the Congress themselves and engaged in high level discussion about the future of the Jewish people. After the Congress, students reflected and came to their own personal conclusions about how Zionism plays a role in the Jewish future.



# 2020 Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award

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## Sherry Miller and Tamara Miller Madrachim Training Program

The goal of the Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun Madrich Training Project was two-fold: 1) to offer the students information, encouragement, and support and 2) to increase the breadth and depth of the madrichim the religious school teachers rely on. Achieving these goals led to the 8th through 12th graders remaining engaged at religious school.



The madrich training took place the last 40 minutes of Sunday School during the 2018-19 school year at CEEBJ. This time slot usually coincided with the time when the younger students were in Tefillah or in library time. Moreover, this time slot was convenient for the parents who also had younger children attending religious school. This was the solution to the potentially opposing concerns about maximizing the time the madrichim spent in the classroom and scheduling the class at a time convenient to the madrichim and their parents. Holding the madrich training during regularly scheduled religious school didn't require parents to make another trip back to synagogue or to wait around after religious school ended. And the teachers, although they could use the madrichim every moment, were only missing their madrichim during class times when other adult assistance was available if it was needed.



# 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 Beaulieu, 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**, 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

**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

The Mequon Jewish Preschool Team: **Rivkie Spalter, Rabbi Sholom Ber Munitz, Kreinie Tiefenbrun**, and consultant **Dr. Naama Zoran** —2018-19

\*Of blessed memory.

# Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Education

Each year at the Salute to Jewish Educators the Coalition for Jewish Learning honors educators from local schools. CJL recognizes that important Jewish education also happens in INFORMAL settings. Informal education includes camps, youth groups, art programs, environmental education, Jewish travel programs, and all other types of Jewish education happening outside of a classroom environment. Past winners of this award are Lenny Kass, Rabbi Avremi Schapiro, Joshua Richman, and Rachael Badt.

## Debbie Intravaia

Throughout the years, Debbie has realized that challenges are actually learning opportunities. After moving to Sheboygan and joining Congregation Beth El, she became a Board member and President of the local Haddassah chapter. She took on Secretary of the Sheboygan Hebrew Cemetery, Girl Scout leader of two troops, obtained a small business, and helped in a home office. She became a Religious School teacher at Beth El Ner Tamid, eventually becoming the Education Director for 5 years. She loved being creative and thinking outside the box. After the merger of Congregation Beth El Ner Tamid with Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid, she was hired as the Youth Director at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid. It is rewarding for her to mentor children, watch them grow and have fun...and allows her to be silly. She also volunteers and is a past Sisterhood President. After hearing there were some young families in the Sheboygan area, she started a small religious school of which she is very proud of. She is extremely thankful for the support of her family, colleagues and school/youth group parents.





# Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Education

## **Lisa Hiller and Sarah Frank**

Lisa Hiller holds the distinction of Bader Philanthropies' first employee. As the Vice President for Administration, Lisa is responsible for managing Bader Philanthropies' communications, human resources, fiscal oversight, legal compliance, and governance due diligence of the Foundation's grant and impact investing processes in the



U.S., Israel, and Europe. Lisa serves on the board of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Northwestern University, and is a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist Fellow of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

In 2002, Lisa rediscovered her performance arts skills learned in high school, joining Sarah Frank, Robi Borsuk, and Torah Academy of Milwaukee (TAM) students in producing a unique musical theater production performed by women for women audiences. It was the first of 15 full "Broadway style" musicals. It has been a rewarding and humbling experience, with the help of many volunteers, along the way, watching in wonder as TAM students develop their creative spirit, expand their imagination, design new channels of communication, and build organizational skills, setting the stage for their many future achievements in our Jewish communities across the globe.

Sarah Frank, raised in the Midwest, is proud to call Milwaukee home for the past 34 years. She is a Clinical Dietitian by profession, but her favorite "job" has been her volunteer position as Musical Director for the annual musical productions at TAM. Since 2002, together with producer Lisa Hiller and master costumer Robi Borsuk, has been arranging, creating, and working with the students at TAM to produce a wide variety of theatrical productions. Sarah states that she doesn't have any music degrees, just a love for writing music lyrics, singing, and a very high level of enthusiasm! She shares that with the students, and they learn many life lessons along the way. Her other favorite activities revolve around spending time with her husband (Jay) and married kids, and being a "Bubby" to her many grandchildren.



To our teacher & friend, Dr. Steven Baruch,  
upon receiving the Lifetime Impact Award.

May you go from strength to strength.

And to our members, teachers, and staff who will be  
honored at the CJL Salute to Jewish Educators.

GIFT Award: Sherry Miller and Tamara Miller

Teacher Impact Award: Lisa Vondra

Teacher Impact Award: Jennifer Saber

School Support Award: M'Johno Foster

Binah Graduate: Beth Rapaport

Chai Award: Rachel Macagon

Chai Award: Sandy Ruesink

And to all of the honorees for all you do to advance Jewish education.



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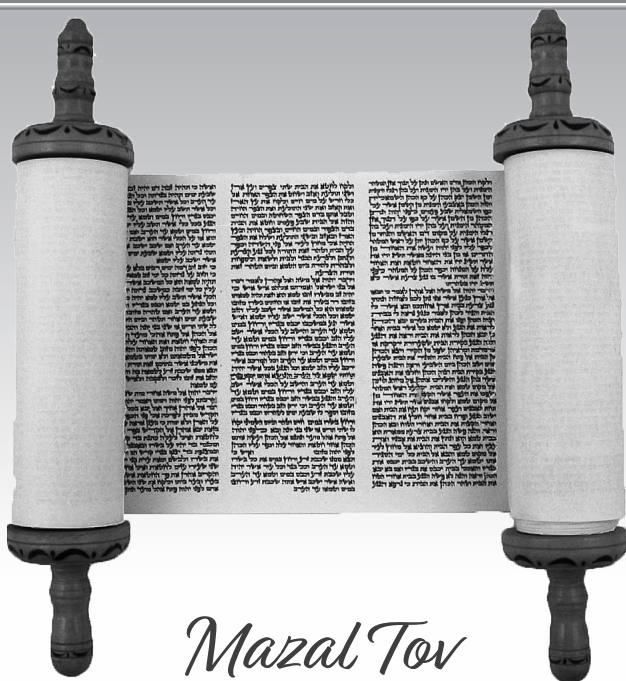
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Vice President, Lifelong Learning

And the entire Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun Family





# Mazel Tov

on a well-deserved honor  
to the most caring person  
and devoted educator we know

Love Always,

The Baruch, Sherman,  
and Spivek Families

*Judy, Bernice, Paul  
Laura, Charlie, David, Helen  
Michael, Gabe, Asher, Malka,  
Amelia, Sara, & Chaim Dovid*

# Mazal Tov!



**Jodie Honigman**

Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT Award)



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# Mazal Tov to MJDS Staff!



**Dacy Jirovetz**  
Teacher Impact Award



**David Afias**  
School Support Award



**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.

Dear Yael,

Thank you for all you do to connect the youth of our community to Israel. You give them the key to the language, a love of the country, relationships with their Israeli peers through the new high school exchange, and the opportunity to be leaders through Teen Israelfest. We are so proud of you and treasure the work we do together!

With gratitude and affection,

**The Milwaukee Jewish Federation Israel Center –**

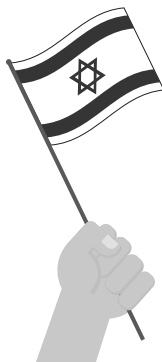
*Uria, Susie, Allison, Elana,  
and Rabbi Hannah*



*To Yael:*

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and your tireless efforts in creating generation after generation of torchbearers connected to the Hebrew language and our beloved homeland of Israel.

With love, pride and admiration,  
*the family*



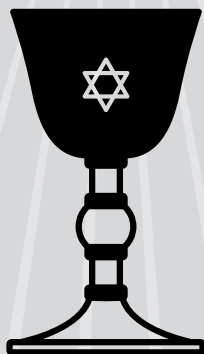
*Congratulations to  
Dr. Steve Baruch*

for his years of service  
to the community.

Your teaching, your love of Torah,  
the Jewish people, and all  
of humanity is an inspiration  
to those who know you.

We are proud of you and proud of you  
as a President of ASKT.

*Anshe Sfard Kehillat Torah*



*Mazel Tov Steve!*

Thank you for your stewardship and partnership as we developed a strong vision and program for professional development in Milwaukee. The impact of your lifetime of service continues today.

May you go from strength to strength.

*Louise Stein*

*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*

Congratulations to our Teacher Impact Awardee, **Mrs. Cori Aronow**, for all the amazing effort she puts into inspiring her students: exciting lessons and projects, class trips, and even after-school projects! Mrs. Aronow puts all of her energy into everything she does. Thank you, Mrs. Aronow!

Congratulations to our School Support Awardee, **Rabbi Hersh Hiller**, for spending countless hours working on our technology. From installing and maintaining our computer lab to fixing broken computers to leading the project to install phones throughout the building, Rabbi Hiller is the IT guru who makes it all happen. Thank you, Rabbi Hiller!

***Thank you to all of the teachers, staff members, and volunteers who invest so much in the Milwaukee Jewish Community. We salute all of you!***



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Educators are the  
greatest wealth of  
our community.

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*Mazal tov*

Dr. Steve Baruch     Jacquelyn Bluma  
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...and to all the educators receiving awards.

For turning every moment to a lifetime  
that makes a difference.

FROM RIVKIE SPALTER AND  
ALL THE EDUCATORS AT





**Mazel Tov to Steve Baruch on the Lifetime Impact Award.** Thank you for the huge impact you had on elevating the profession of teaching in Milwaukee Jewish schools.

**Mazel Tov to Yael Gal Ben-Yitschak on the Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year Award.** Thank you for teaching Hebrew to so many children and adults in Milwaukee.

**Mazel Tov to Lisa Hiller, Sarah Frank, and Debbie Intravaia** for winning the **Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Jewish Education.** Thank you for the countless hours you give to educate and inspire young Jews in Milwaukee.

**To all the award recipients:** Thank you for all of your energy and effort to educate and inspire the children in our Jewish Community.

B'kavod,

*The Bader Family*



Mazel Tov to  
CEEW's Marie  
Loeffler and Zack  
Jauquet, GIFT  
Award winners  
Sherry and Tamara  
Miller and all  
honorees.

*Marsha and Lee  
Fensin*



In honor of  
Milwaukee's  
Jewish  
Educators

*Steve and Judy  
Baruch*



*Mazal tov* to Debbie Intravaia, Erika Billings,  
and Diane Boland on your awards.

*Mazal tov* Molly Beth Kranitz and Debbie Intra-  
vaia on graduating from BINAH.

From  
*Congregation Beth  
Israel Ner Tamid  
Sisterhood*



CONGREGATION  
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Mazel Tov, Steve. You have really helped so much with the original Jewish Museum Milwaukee docent learning programs. In addition we want to thank you for chauffeuring our grandsons to and from ASKT when they are visiting.

*Robin and Bernie  
Cohen*

Congregation Shalom's Women of Shalom wish a mazel tov to our very own Linda Berlin, Roger Carp, Michele Merens, Rick Paler, and all the educators being honored today.

W O M E N  
— of —  
**Shalom** 

Thank you Steven, Jodie, Lisa and Sarah for all you do for our community and our family!

From the  
*Kalmar Family*



Mazel tov to  
Lisa Atkin Vondra!

We are so proud  
of your hard work  
and dedication!

All our love,  
*Mom & Dad*

**Mazel Tov** to  
**Lauren Pollack, Haley Butler,  
and Jody Margolis**  
for their dedication and passion for  
**Jewish Education.**

**Kol HaKavod,**  
**The Harry and Rose Samson Family  
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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.



To Steve Baruch.  
With gratitude for your  
kindness, wisdom, and  
passion. Mazel tov!

*Cantor Rebecca Robbins*

Jen, we are  
so proud of you!

*Love,  
Mom & Dad*

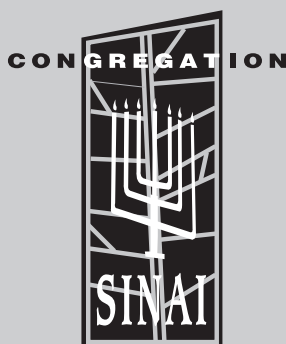
Mazel Tov! Debbie  
Intravaia, Maria Bruss,  
Britany Buechel

—Congregation Beth El,  
Sheboygan

Mazel Tov to the  
honorees!

*Mendel and  
Elisheva Appel*

**Kol Hakavod  
from your  
Sinai Family**



**Lisa Vondra**  
Teacher Impact Award



**Natalie Black**  
School Support Award

Mazel Tov on CJL's  
impactful work  
and to the amazing  
award recipients  
who enrich our  
youth and plant  
seeds for the future.

*Eileen and Glen  
Graves*



Mazel Tov to Marie  
Loeffler and Zack  
Jauquet

from *CEEW's  
Religious School*

THANKYOU for being  
the best MORAHs  
in the world!  
LOVE,  
JB



***Todah Rabah***  
to all of  
our Educators,  
Support Staff,  
and Parents who  
create enduring  
communities.

*Susan & Richard  
Strait*



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, Shoshl, Yoni, & Golan*

Mazel Tov to all our  
dedicated educators!  
Thank you for being  
our teachers!

*Nancy & Jim  
Barnett*



*Congratulations*

Steven on a  
well-deserved  
honor!

*Cindy and  
Michael Katzoff*



*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 specially to Steve Baruch and  
Yael Gal for leading our community  
from strength to greater strength.

*Roger Carp and Debbie Recht*



## *Mazel Tov!*

Dina Rechavel

Teacher Impact Award

Avigial Saacks

School Support Award



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## *Mazel Tov!*

Hagit Aslack

Chai Award

Juliya Lotman

School Support Award  
Bader Hillel Academy

Thank you for your contributions to  
the Jewish Community and Jewish Education!



## *Mazel Tov to Jodie Honigman!*

You inspire us every day with your  
commitment to your students and to the  
Jewish future. We are so proud of you!

*Love Mom, Dad, Reva, Joe,  
Dan, Ruthie, and Dahlia*





Dear Lisa and Sarah,  
it is an honor and joy  
to work alongside you  
on the TAM musical.  
Congrats on your well-  
deserved CJL award.

*Nancy Weiss-McQuide*

Steven and Judy:  
Great neighbors and  
friends to us all.

Neighbors.  
*Deborah Kalmar*

Congratulations  
Ima Hagit!

*Love, Eytan, Maya,  
Aaron, Bill, and  
Cindy Arbiture*

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Felice and Barry Bruskin

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Brittany Hager McNeely

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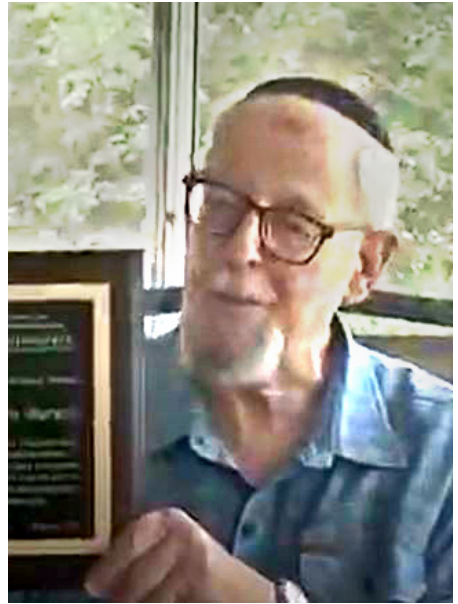
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**Yael Gal Ben-Yitschak**  
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**Sarah Frank**  
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**for Informal Education**

# ***Mazel Tov***

To all Milwaukee Jewish Educators  
and to our Congregation  
Beth Israel Ner Tamid family for the  
well-deserved recognition.

**Erika Billings  
Diane Boland  
Jodie Honigman  
Deborah Intravaia  
Molly Beth Kranitz  
Jennifer Saber**

May your valuable contributions to  
our community continue, multiply,  
and reap even more rewards!



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**"Torah is not education, it's transformation."**

*—Rebbitzin Dena Weinberg*

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We are infinitely grateful to Bader Philanthropies, Inc. for their gift of \$10 million to create the Helen Daniels Bader Jewish Education Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. This permanent endowment, which was built over ten years and completed in January, now holds \$12 million.

Thanks to Bader Philanthropies' vision and generosity, this fund will provide much-needed annual support in perpetuity to Bader Hillel Academy, Bader Hillel High, Milwaukee Jewish Day School, Torah Academy of Milwaukee, Yeshiva Elementary School, and Wisconsin Institute for Torah Study.

You have our deepest gratitude for creating a vibrant Jewish future in Milwaukee and beyond.

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