

Salute to Jewish Educators



2022 TRIBUTE BOOK



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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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2022 AWARDS

CJL Lifetime Impact Award **Doris Shneidman**

Founding director of Milwaukee
Jewish Day School

Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Jewish Education **Dalilah Bernier**

Hillel Milwaukee

Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year **Rivkie Spalter**

Mequon Jewish Preschool

Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award **Roger Carp**

Congregation Shalom

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*	2020-21	Yael Gal-Ben-Yitzchak
2000	Rabbi Shabse Werther		
2001	Rabbi Raphael Wachsmann*		

**of blessed memory*



PROGRAM



Salute to Jewish Educators

The Coalition for Jewish Learning takes great pride in the participation of ALL Milwaukee area Jewish schools in today's program. Special thanks are due to the educational directors of these 17 schools as their cooperation was essential and greatly appreciated.

AGUDAS ACHIM-CHABAD
PELZ HEBREW SCHOOL

BADER HILLEL ACADEMY
(THE ACADEMY)

BADER HILLEL HIGH

BETH EL CONGREGATION
(SHEBOYGAN)

BETH ISRAEL NER TAMID
SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

EMANU-EL B'NE JESHURUN
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

EMANU-EL OF WAUKESHA
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

GAN AMI EARLY EDUCATION
PROGRAMS (WHITEFISH
BAY & MEQUON)

JEWISH BEGINNINGS

MEQUON JEWISH PRESCHOOL

MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY
HEBREW SCHOOL

MILWAUKEE JEWISH
DAY SCHOOL

SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

SINAI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

TORAH ACADEMY OF
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YESHIVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

YESHIVAS OHR YECHESKEL
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Special thanks to the Synagogue Educators Council and the Salute to
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RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION

WELCOME	Miryam Rosenzweig, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Federation, President and CEO</i> Molly Beth Kranitz, <i>Coalition for Jewish Learning Advisory Board Chair</i> Sherry Malmon, <i>Coalition for Jewish Learning Advisory Board Chair-Elect</i> Tzipi Altman-Shafer, <i>Jewish Education Community Planner</i>
D'VAR TORAH	Beata Abraham, <i>Director of Congregational Learning and Programming at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid</i>

VIDEO

LIFETIME IMPACT AWARD	Doris Shneidman
TEACHER IMPACT & SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARDS	Supplementary Schools; Preschools; Day Schools
GILL INCENTIVE FOR TEACHERS (GIFT) AWARD	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>
JERRY BENJAMIN INSPIRATION AWARD FOR INFORMAL JEWISH EDUCATION	Dalilah Bernier, <i>Hillel Milwaukee</i>

VIDEO

BINAH COHORT	Natalie Black, <i>Congregation Sinai</i> Amber Franklin, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> Shlomit Germanski, <i>Congregation Sinai</i> Abby Levine, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> Rachel Norwood, <i>Gan Ami Early Childhood Education Center</i> Linda Weber, <i>Gan Ami Early Childhood Education Center</i> Zachary Williams, <i>Yeshiva Elementary School</i>
LEVY FAMILY CJL JEWISH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR	Rivkie Spalter, <i>Mequon Jewish Preschool</i>
CLOSING PRAYER	Rabbi Poslosky, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>



LEVY FAMILY CJL JEWISH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

ABOUT THE AWARD

Our community is blessed with superb Jewish educators and CJL wishes to highlight their contributions and thereby elevate the status of Jewish educators in Milwaukee. This annual award enables our community to show gratitude for all the time, effort and care our best educators give to their students.

The award recognizes nominees who:

1. Have been engaged in Jewish education for a minimum of five years in Milwaukee.
2. Demonstrate leadership within the field of Jewish education.
3. Inspire students with a love for Jewish learning.
4. Personify the Jewish ideals of love of learning and search for knowledge.
5. Have contributed to the elevation of the status of Jewish educators within the Jewish community.
6. Engaged in the delivery of Jewish content on an ongoing basis.

This award is sponsored by Mark and Cindy Levy, who have been dedicated to Jewish education for many years. Cindy was a long-time member of the CJL advisory board. Mark and Cindy are very involved at their synagogue, Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha. As supporters of Jewish education in Milwaukee, they wanted to elevate the status of our high-quality educators in Milwaukee by funding this Jewish Educator of the Year Award. The Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year Award comes with a \$1,000 cash gift.

The Coalition for Jewish Learning, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, and the entire Jewish community congratulate Dr. Doris Shneidman on her selection as recipient of the Lifetime Impact Award and Rivkie Spalter on her selection as Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year.



LEVY FAMILY CJL JEWISH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year

Rivkie Spalter

Mequon Jewish Preschool

Rivkie Spalter,
Director of
Mequon Jewish
Preschool, began

her first years of life in London, England. Her parents are Chabad emissaries who eventually moved to Mequon. She grew up in Brooklyn, Houston, and finally Milwaukee where her parents trailblazed a path of seeing everybody as an integral role in the greater community.

Rivkie opened Mequon Jewish Preschool, a core part of the Peltz Center for Jewish Life, in 1999 with the collaboration and determination of Dr. Robert and Sharon Kliegman. The school began with five children in her parents' home that generated Chabad of Mequon.

As a Chabad Shlucha (emissary) of Lubavitch of Wisconsin, she knew that her desire was to integrate the school's Jewish identity with progressive educational approaches. She chose the

Reggio Emilia approach because of their recognition of the potential and competence in every child from birth.

For that integration, organizational changes were required including creating a Judaic team, studying core aspects of our Judaism through Chassidic teachings and Kabbalah, with weaving ideas from the Reggio Emilia approach with Dr. Naama Zoran (since 2008) through today.

The school grew to be a compass to other schools too by creating learning opportunities for schools across the Milwaukee community and collaborates with parents, grandparents, educators, children, preschool alumni, and community.

Rivkie and her husband Rabbi Motty Spalter live in Mequon. They are filled with gratitude for their 10 children, some of whom are currently educators at Mequon Jewish preschool, and many grandchildren.



2022 CJL LIFETIME IMPACT AWARD

ABOUT THE AWARD

Five times before, the Coalition for Jewish Learning has recognized a member of the Milwaukee Jewish Community with a Lifetime Impact Award. This award is given to someone who has dedicated his or her life to improving Jewish education. People receiving this award have contributed to Jewish education throughout many decades of work.



CJL Lifetime Impact Award

Doris Shneidman

Founding director of Milwaukee Jewish Day School

Doris Shneidman grew up in Chicago where her family were founding members of Beth Emet Synagogue in Evanston. She enjoyed some summers at OSRUI and was an active member of NFTY.

Doris received her B.S. from UW-Madison where she met and married Dan Shneidman, z'l. They moved to Milwaukee, and she began teaching at Atwater School. While raising their four children, Doris studied remedial reading techniques at UWM, earning a master's degree and certification as a reading specialist. She taught graduate courses and supervised

reading tutors at the clinics at UWM and Marquette University. In 1981, she earned a Ph.D in Educational Administration at Marquette. Rabbi Silberg approached Doris to consider heading up a new pluralistic community Jewish Day School. After five other rabbis, ten families, and two teachers agreed to "found" the school, MJDS opened in 1981.

Doris says, "My years working with such an incredible staff, devoted families, and a supportive Federation were a dream come true for a Jewish educator." Since retiring, Doris spends her time enjoying her family and friends, especially her former coworkers.

Former CJL Lifetime Impact Award winners: Dr. Steve Baruch, Rabbi Nachman Levine
Jerry Benjamin*, Eve Joan Zucker and Elaine Sanderson*

**of blessed memory*



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PROGRAMS OF THE COALITION FOR JEWISH LEARNING

LOMED (Learning Opportunities for Milwaukee Educators)

Professional development classes for teachers in all our Jewish schools. Teachers can earn a \$300 stipend each year for participation.

BINAH (Building Inquiry-based Network through Hevruta)

a yearlong intensive cohort learning program for teachers, currently in its third cohort.

Kesher Inclusion Project

Supporting teachers in our synagogue schools in teaching students with disabilities.

Teen Philanthropy

Inclusion and disabilities support is available free of charge for all synagogue schools in the Milwaukee area.

School Census

Annual school census to track the population getting a Jewish education in Milwaukee.

Salute to Jewish Educators

Annual event to celebrate all our local educators.

Camp Scholarships and One Happy Camper

Supporting children from Milwaukee at Jewish overnight camps nationwide. (Funded by the Jewish Community Foundation)

Monthly Newsletter

Providing Jewish and educational resources for the community.



TEACHER IMPACT & SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARDS 2022

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

Catherine Ellis **Teacher Impact Award**

Catherine Ellis proves time and time again that her flexibility, compassion, and vast trove of educational knowledge is invaluable to our students and we are lucky to have her. She steps in whenever and wherever she is needed. Her ability and desire to relate to our students and foster a safe space in which they can be themselves and better themselves exemplifies our mission of enabling our students to be knowledgeable, conscientious, and committed Jews. Catherine's attitude towards her work consistently sets her students and colleagues up for success while modeling sincere love for and engagement with education, pride in yourself, and respect for others.

Sean Peterson **Teacher Impact Award**

Sean Peterson's presence at Bader Hillel Academy is a significant part of what keeps this school going! He provides a consistent, positive source of support to both students and staff. Perhaps most admirable is his ability to approach each task throughout his day with a fresh perspective; Sean



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makes sure not to burden students with the stressors of the moment and give them his full and undivided support. He excels at communicating nuances with families and setting healthy boundaries for families and students as to support his colleagues and foster a continued healthy school environment. We are so grateful for his work and commitment to assisting our students in becoming ethical, moral, and beneficial leaders in society.

Robin Tunkel **School Support Award**

Robin Tunkel, a former BHA parent who works as a Cloud Infrastructure Engineer, volunteered to help us give our students skills in 3D printing. When the process began, Mr. Tunkel brought in his own printer weekly to be used by our middle school. This evolved into his guiding us in the purchase of a few 3D printers! Even though his children have graduated and moved on, he still comes weekly to work with our students on a volunteer basis. His quiet, yet knowledgeable manner has earned the respect of our students and they clamor to work with him. We are truly honored to have him share his expertise with us.

BADER HILLEL HIGH

Avner Tarica-Lechter **Teacher Impact Award**

His commitment to finding innovative ways of teaching and bringing out the best in his students.

Shmuel Leib Polter **School Support Award**

Shmuel provides consistent, high energy, enthusiasm to programming in and out of school. His energy draws students to participate in celebrating their Jewish heritage and connection to Torah and Mitzvos.



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CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL NER TAMID SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

Kate Schlotman **Teacher Impact Award**

This award is for your skill in engaging, wrangling, and motivating the elusive teen demographic at CBINT.

Tyler Borkin **School Support Award**

This award is for donating your time, skills and extra sleep time to brave the elements and lead a team in assembling the outdoor playset for the Religious School.

CONGREGATION EMANU EL B'NE JESHURUN

Anastasia Esther **Teacher Impact Award**

Across her work in multiple grades, Anastasia demonstrates innovative teaching. She is creative, dedicated, and empathetic. She brings all of herself to the classroom – her skills, and her many sides – sharing her passions for Jewish learning, social action, and film. Anastasia is a team player who has built strong relationships with the learners as well as with other teachers. Last year, CEEBJ initiated the Chugim (Elective) Program, in which learners in Grades 2-7th could select five chugim during the 2020-2021 learning year. Introduction to Animation, Rebels in the Tanach, and Alive: Grow Anything Anywhere were some of the creative topics Anastasia presented.



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Bob Brazner **School Support Award**

Bob Brazner is most deserving of the School Support Award for his essential and instrumental role during the pandemic as CEEBJ's Webmaster and Technology Chair. Bob has worked tirelessly, as a volunteer, to enable our Lifelong Learning programs to pivot from in-person to online. He enabled us to use Zoom for youth and adult learning programs. Bob's technology skills were essential as we created our new online learning page for adult learners, including a special section of family learning activities. Bob designed the web pages and trained our director of lifelong learning to use the parent resource and faculty resource templates to create learning opportunities for people of all ages. Along with the director of lifelong learning, Bob trained the CEEBJ teaching staff, tutors, and madrichim to effectively manage classes and one-to-one tutoring all on Zoom.

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WAUKESHA

Ann Meyers **Teacher Impact Award**

This award is for Ann's devotion to the continuation of Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha's youth's Jewish identity beyond their bar / bat mitzvah into their young adult lives.

Mark Levy **School Support Award**

This award is for Mark's devotion to the betterment of Congregation Emanu-El's technology. Without him we would not have a hybrid school or synagogue.



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CONGREGATION SHALOM

Cindi Hammel **Teacher Impact Award**

This award is in recognition of outstanding flexibility and dedication to engaging her students, both in the classroom and at home.

Laura Witkov **School Support Award**

This award is in recognition of outstanding support and guidance as we navigated opening and running our school through the pandemic.

CONGREGATION SINAI

Rabbi Jay Brickman *(of blessed memory)* **Teacher Impact Award**

Rabbi Jay Brickman was the founding Rabbi of Congregation Sinai in 1955. From that moment on, Rabbi Brickman made youth and adult education a primary focus. Brickman led sixty-seven years of unbroken study of Tanach, Talmud and many other sacred texts. He was still teaching up until two weeks before he died at the age of 97, and like Moses at the age of 120, "his vision had not dimmed nor had his vigor abated." In addition to his primary focus on education, Rabbi Brickman brought Jungian thought, dream interpretation and counseling to his sacred work.

Cece Parkes, Lydia and Nason Lancina **School Support Award**

Cece Parkes, Lydia and Nason Lancina, are high school seniors who have devoted their Sundays to serving as Madrichim at Congregation Sinai's youth education program. Cece has worked with our youngest



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students and provided them a loving guide and extraordinary role model; Lydia has served as a floating Hebrew teacher, doing intervention with students who need extra reinforcement and Nason has worked with our oldest students and has shared his musical talents with students, as well as providing intervention with students with particular needs. They are everything we would want our graduating seniors to be and are inspiring those who follow in our madrichim program.

GAN AMI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Jennifer Walker **Teacher Impact Award**

Thank you for your commitment and flexibility to our program throughout the years.

Andres Hernandez **Teacher Impact Award**

Andres Hernandez is an outstanding art specialist. He teaches art to all ages; birth to one hundred at the JCC. Andres is innovative, creative, flexible, and kind. He gives tirelessly of his time and talents to make the JCC shine inside and out. We appreciate everything that Andres does each day to bring life and beauty to our community. Kol Hakavod!

Michelle Hoffman **School Support Award**

Thank you for everything you do for both Gan Ami Mequon and Whitefish Bay children, staff and families.



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JEWISH BEGINNINGS LUBAVITCH PRESCHOOL

Amy Gelfman **Teacher Impact Award**

Morah Amy guides the children in a fun and creative, out of the box way to have appreciation and love for art.

Aya Sasson **School Support Award**

Aya is devoted and committed to our school for over 15 years.

MEQUON JEWISH PRESCHOOL

Kreinie Tiefenbrun **Teacher Impact Award**

Kreinie's educational vision is based on systemic thinking. For her, her class is part of the whole school, and learning with the school and from the school is her way to deepen the learning processes done by the children in her class. She initiates relations of support and collaboration between her class and other classes, and between her and her colleagues. Her special talent is the language of art and she offers opportunities to her colleagues to deepen their experiences with their children and the arts.

Robyn Eiseman **School Support Award**

Robyn rejoined MJP in 2021, in a special role as the Director of Outreach and Engagement. Robyn's loyalty and commitment to MJP



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is remarkable. She always comes up with ideas that would create visibility for MJP, and that would strengthen us from the inside. In her new role she reconnects with MJP alumni, developing and nurturing their leadership and connecting to MJP as they give back to our school. This year, she initiated our Grandparents Chavurah, creating a place for MJP grandparents to connect and learn together. In addition to all the above, she gives a hand and support to all of us when it is needed. She brings light and joy wherever she is.

MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY HEBREW SCHOOL

Berel Yanover **Teacher Impact Award**

Thank you Berel for your amazing dedication to the students – spending hours setting up activities that require so much preparation, with every detail seen to – all to ensure the most exciting and engaging program to bring Judaism alive. Your patience, love, and enthusiasm for your students brings to life all the ideals we hope to imbue in our students for a life-long love of Torah, Hashem, and their heritage!!

Danny Bykhovsky **School Support Award**

Thank you, Danny, for helping out every Sunday, happily serving breakfast and helping with Hebrew reading! Our students love watching you put on tefillin every Sunday morning, and you set a wonderful example!



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MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Jodi Fox **Teacher Impact Award**

Jodi Fox is always continuing her education to be the best reading specialist she can be. She cares so deeply about the students who she works with, and will do anything she needs to advocate for them. She forms close connections with all of her families and is willing to help in any way possible.

Jaymi Holland **School Support Award**

Jaymi Holland works tirelessly to keep staff and students safe on an average day and has gone above and beyond throughout the pandemic. She navigates the latest COVID updates from the CDC; coordinated vaccination clinics for adults and students; and oversees regular, in-school PCR testing. This is in addition to managing student medication, diagnosing injuries and ailments, and teaching health classes.

PELZ HEBREW SCHOOL

Margalite Fakiro **Teacher Impact Award**

This award is for your dedication to our Hebrew school!

Gita Dubov **School Support Award**

This award is for your dedication to our Hebrew school!



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TORAH ACADEMY OF MILWAUKEE

Chava Israel **Teacher Impact Award**

Chava Israel's dedication to the needs of every student is quite evident every day of the school year. She works hard to make sure every student succeeds academically. Additionally, she is part of TAM's mentoring program, assisting the students with personal challenges. If that is not enough, she also is the senior's yearbook advisor.

Aidel Ganeles **School Support Award**

Miss Ganeles serves in so many roles at TAM, with a constant smile. She blends her full-time office position together with teaching, tutoring and student activity coordination, all seamlessly. She is beloved by staff and students alike. The FAQ at TAM is "where's Aidel?" due to her many roles around the school.

YESHIVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rabbi Yechiel Pinsky **Teacher Impact Award**

Yeshiva Elementary School would like to recognize Rabbi Yechiel Pinsky for this year's Teacher Impact Award. Rabbi Pinsky is one of our veteran teachers who continues to reach and inspire his students every year. Rabbi Pinsky is a master at catching students doing the right thing and a pro at using Classroom DoJo. He introduces our boys to the world of Gemara and imbues in them a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.



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YESHIVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Gitty Smith **School Support Award**

Gitty Smith is the recipient of this year's School Support Award. Mrs. Smith is one of our school secretaries and also the coordinator for our girls' extra-curricular activities. Mrs. Smith brings a smile to everyone she encounters, both students and adults alike. She has made this year's programming so exciting and vibrant that the positive energy can be felt throughout the entire school building.

WISCONSIN INSTITUTE FOR TORAH STUDY

Matthew Lawall-Shane **Teacher Impact Award**

This award is for his many years of teaching our talmidim English and helping them to become better readers and writers.

Josh Kramer **School Support Award**

This award is for his hard work and endless dedication to our talmidim and school.



CHAI AWARDS 2022

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

Tova Koren

Jewish Beginnings



Chai Award

Rabbi Sholom Ber Munitz

Bader Hillel Academy



UPCOMING BINAH GRADUATES 2022



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 third cohort of the BINAH program.

Natalie Black

Congregation Sinai

Amber Franklin

Congregation Shalom

Shlomit Germanski

Congregation Sinai and Gan Ami
Early Childhood Education Center

Abby Levine

Milwaukee Jewish Day School

Rachel Norwood

Gan Ami Early Childhood
Education Center

Linda Weber

Gan Ami Early Childhood
Education Center

Zachary Williams

Yeshiva Elementary School



2022 GILL INCENTIVE FOR TEACHERS (GIFT) AWARD

1991	Monica Cohen & Deb Hacker, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i> , Henri Zvi Deutsch— <i>Congregation Anshai Lebowitz</i>	2006-07	Beth Goldstein, <i>Congregation Sinai</i> and Martin Gutnik, <i>Hillel Academy</i>
1992	Laura Greene & Bonnie Shafrin, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> and Simon Kops*, <i>Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun</i>	2007-08	Beth Goldstein, <i>Congregation Sinai</i> (First Place) and Jennifer Saber, <i>JCC Parenting Center</i> (Second Place)
1993	Rabbi David Brusin, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> ; Susan Conn, <i>Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue</i> ; and Susan Atlas, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i>	2008-09	Dr. Sherry Blumberg, <i>Congregation Sinai</i> and Nadine Siegman <i>Congregation Sinai & Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun</i> and Jennifer Saber, <i>Congregations Shalom & Sinai</i>
1994	Sheryl Selby, <i>Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Department</i> , Nadine Siegman, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> , and Rivkie Spalter, <i>Hillel Academy</i>	2009-10	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> (First Place) and Laura Greene, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> (Second Place)
1995	Laura Greene, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> and Nina Taus, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i>	2010-11	Tzpi Altman-Shafer, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> and Cantor Marsha Fensin, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i>
1996	Rabbi Yacob Gil, <i>Hillel Academy</i> , Carol Ross, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> ; and Liza Wiemer, <i>Congregation Beth Israel</i>	2011-12	Lori Fisher, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i>
1997	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> , Kate Mann, <i>Congregation Sinai</i>	2012-13	Jennifer Saber, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>
1998	Terri Beaulieu, Harriet Bocksbaum & Judith Ross*, <i>Jewish Family Services Child Development Center</i> and Nadine Siegman, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>	2013-14	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>
1999	Cindy Cooper, <i>Congregation Sinai</i>	2014-15	Rabbi Shari Shamah, <i>Gan Ami</i>
2000	Liza Wiemer, <i>Congregation Beth Israel</i> and Yoel Turgeman, <i>Hillel Academy</i>	2016	Gilah Saltzman, Ahuva Jarcaig, Karen Torem, Miriam Leff, Rabbi Hersch Hiller, <i>Yeshiva Elementary School</i>
2001	Therese Dorfman, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i>	2016	Bader <i>Hillel Academy Teachers</i>
2002	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>	2017	Diane Boland, <i>Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid</i> , Yonina Schluskel, <i>Torah Academy of Milwaukee</i>
2003	Tzpi Altman-Shafer, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> and Chavah Kintis, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>	2018	Leah Emmer & Chaya Mann, <i>Bader Hillel Academy</i> , and Yael Stein <i>Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid</i>
2004	Nadine Siegman, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> and Judy Slyper, <i>Hillel Academy</i>	2018-19	<i>The Mequon Jewish Preschool Team</i> : Rivkie Spalter, Rabbi Sholom Ber Munitz, Kreinie Tiefenbrun, and consultant Dr. Naama Zoran
2005-06	Robin Boroda, <i>Hillel Academy</i> and Mary Beaumont-Wishne, <i>Yeshiva Elementary School</i>	2020-21	Jodie Honighman, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> , Sherry Miller and Tamara Miller, <i>Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun</i>

*Of blessed memory.



2022 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.



2022 Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award

Roger Carp

Congregation Shalom

This year's GIFT award goes to Roger Carp of Congregation Shalom for his project, A Modern Railroad Journey Through the Land of the Judges, Kings, and Prophets of Ancient Israel. This project was done during the 2019-2020 school year.

Roger Carp has been teaching in the Religious School at Congregation Shalom since 1993. He has taught every grade from fifth through ninth, but has mostly been working with the 10- and 11-year-old boys and girls in fifth grade. Along the way, he earned a master's degree in Judaic Studies from Spertus Institute in Chicago, along with four previous GIFT Awards from CJL and its predecessor, MAJE. Roger has benefited from educational classes and programs offered through both agencies, and they have impressed upon him the importance of meeting each student where he or she feels most comfortable and learns best. As a result, he has made art projects, drama, music, and yoga significant elements in his teaching of Jewish holidays, life-cycle events, Jewish ethics and rituals, and Torah.

The focus of this year-long project was teaching students Jewish history from the time the Israelites entered the Promised Land after the Exodus



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from Egypt through the establishment of a monarchy. Students benefited from learning about this seldom-taught part of Jewish history, in an innovative, creative, and enjoyable way that included text study, class discussion, collaborative learning, woodworking, painting, and modeling with different materials. Students became familiar with important Judges (specifically, Joshua, Deborah, and Samson), Kings (specifically, Saul, David, and Solomon), and Prophets (specifically, Elijah and Elisha).

The project was a fifth through seventh grade elective. The project was a “tourist railroad” used to transport travelers between historic sites and through scenery with great beauty and interest. Students were to create a miniature version of such a tourist railroad on a 4 x 8-foot sheet of plywood that in their imagination would bring modern-day tourists from one historic site within Israel to another – sites related to the stories of Judges, Kings, and Prophets found in Nevi'im. Students would first study an assortment of stories and become familiar with their main characters, geographical settings, and lessons as related to the history of the Jewish people.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, school went virtual in March 2020, so the project was never fully completed. Nevertheless, students gained a great deal of knowledge about a section of the Tanakh and events in ancient Jewish history they had never previously been exposed to while in religious school. They learned how the study of the Tanakh, like that of the geography of Israel, could be applied with relevance to their lives.

This project impressed the committee with its depth of learning, its project-based learning approach to the curriculum, and the innovative method to teach text. Roger kept detailed notes of the project and it is highly replicable. Contact CJL to learn more about the project.



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, Rachael Badt, and Debbie Intravaia.



Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Education

Dalilah Bernier

Hillel Milwaukee

Dalilah Bernier is the proud Ezra Springboard Jewish Educator at Hillel Milwaukee. She is originally from Florida, where she graduated from Florida Atlantic University with degrees in Jewish Studies and Communications. She has a broad background in Jewish education, programming, and engagement from her experiences with Hillel and the Reform movement, including spending multiple summers at URJ Camp Coleman. She loves supporting student leaders at Hillel in all capacities. Her favorite part of her role as an Ezra Fellow is facilitating JLF alongside her JLF interns. She is inspired by Jewish young adults and is passionate about creating innovative ways to engage and educate them.

In her free time, she enjoys listening to Taylor Swift, trying out new restaurants in Milwaukee, and petting her cat, Mailbox.



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.



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❧ **LAURA** ❧

**Great job! We are very
proud of you!**

*Love, Mom, Dad,
Leni, Zev, Michael,
Ally, Logan and
Jordan*

**Mazal Tov to a
fabulous teacher, Ann
Meyers, and the best
tech support this side
of the Mississippi!**

*Mark Levy, Cindy
& Sharon Levy*
**CONGREGATION EMANU-EL
OF WAUKESHA**

**It is our pleasure to celebrate together with
all the dedicated educators and volunteers
being recognized by CJL. We applaud your
hard work, creativity, and commitment to
instilling in our generations of Jewish students
a deep knowledge of our heritage and faith.**

**Thanks especially to Doris Shneidman and
Rivkie Spalter for leading our community
from strength to greater strength.**

Roger Carp and Debbie Recht

Mazal tov to CJL Honorees:

Robyn Eiseman

Kreinie Tiefenbrun

Rabbi Sholom Ber Munitz

Rivkie Spalter

You exemplify the message of:

“Le’Ovda Ve Le’Shomra”

**To work the land and guard it,
the same way MJP cares for
educational quality from birth.**



**We love you
Rivkie Spalter!**

Moshe & Deb Katz

**Mazel Tov From
Congregation Emanu-El
Of Waukesha**

**To
Ann Meyers
Mark Levy**



**Dear Doris, in
appreciation of
all you have done
and all you are.**

*Sherry and Josh
Blumberg*

**Doris,
Thank you for being the
spark and inspiration
for all that MJDS is!**

*Susan Lubar, Simen, Isabelle
and Sonja Solwang*

Mazal tov!

Yasher koach and mazal tov to CEEBJ member
Doris Shneidman, recipient of this year's
Lifetime Impact Award.

Mazal tov to CEEBJ Romemu Learning Guide
Anastasia Esther for receiving the Teacher
Impact Award and to Bob Brazner for receiving
the School Support Award. We are so fortunate
to have you both on our team.

We would like to congratulate and honor all the
educators receiving awards and recognition.

We would also like to honor and thank all the
community educators for their commitment to
providing our youth with a quality Jewish
education. Your dedication does make a
difference especially at this time.



On behalf of Your Congregation
Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun Family

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

Mazel Tov to all Milwaukee Jewish Educators

***And especially to our CBINT Family Honorees!
We are very proud of you!***

Tova Koren, Chai Award

Kate Schlotman, Teacher Impact Award

Tyler Borkin, School Support Award

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



**CONGREGATION
BETH ISRAEL
NER TAMID**

BEREL YANOVER
Teacher Impact Award

Thank you for your dedication
and hard work
to creating a loving and
joyful Hebrew School atmosphere!



DANNY BYKHOVSKY
School Support Award

Thank you for happily
taking care of
all the little details to help
each day run so smoothly.

Mazel Tov!

♦ **THE SHUL** ♦
Welcome Home

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

Aya Sasson
School Support Award | Jewish Beginnings

Avner Tarica-Lechter
Teacher Impact Award | Bader Hillel High

MAZEL TOV TOVA ON RECEIVING THE CHAI AWARD!!!

**Congratulations on 18 years of
outstanding teaching and helping so
many young Jewish children begin
their Jewish, educational journey!!!**

*With Love,
Michael Koren • Allen Koren*

Thank you Roger Carp for all you do for the community, your family, and friends. Your creativity make you an amazing teacher. We cannot thank you enough for all you do for everyone who is lucky enough to know you.

We're so proud of you for winning the GIFT Award for the fifth time.

With love from your family.



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**JB CONGRATULATES
THIS YEAR'S
JEWISH EDUCATORS!**

A Huge Thank You

to our Jewish Beginnings teachers and staff whose devotion and care make everyday at JB the best!

**Mazal tov to
Rivkie Spalter,**

**We are so proud of
your leadership and
dedication to Jewish
education. You continue
to inspire us each day.**

*Love, Motty and your children:
The Munitzes, Spalters,
Sritzers, Tiefenbruns, Chesneys,
Chazans, and Spalters*

**Mazel Tov and Kol
HaKavod to our
Dedicated, Amazing
Educators!**

Sue & Rick Strait

Congratulations, Doris!

*Jay Beder,
Dena Abramowitz
and family*

Jennifer Saber

Arlene Rubhin

*Barbara and
Michael Levin*

Felice Bruskin

*Rick and
Leslie Paler*

*Debbie Intravaia
Congregation Beth
El Sheboygan*



**"Jewish tradition perceives
children as worthy and deserving
of our greatest resources of time
and energy." — The Rebbe**

**Mazel tov to Rivkie Spalter, CJL
Jewish Educator of the Year.**

**You live this message and are an
inspiration to all of us.**

*Andi and Tom, Carol and Benny, Carrie and
Jeremy, Chanel, Courtney and Jeremy, Divya
and Harish, Janet and Don, Krenie and Yossi,
Leah and Sholom Ber, Marybeth and Michael,
Rachael and David, Robyn and Marc*

Congregation Shalom's Women of Shalom wish a mazel tov to our very own Roger Carp, Cindi Hammel, Laura Witkov, Jodi Fox, Jennifer Walker, and all the other educators being honored today.



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.

Tzipi Altman-Shafer



CONGREGATION SINAI

Kol haKavod from your Sinai Family!



Rabbi Jay Brickman, z"l
Teacher Impact Award



Cecilia Parkes
School Support Award



Nason Lancina
School Support Award



Lydia Lancina
School Support Award



Congratulations on the Lifetime Impact Award!



We are so very proud of you and everything
that you did to help establish MJDS.

The seeds were planted in 1981 and quickly took root.

Nourished by you and the wonderful community
around you, the school blossomed and grew.

MJDS has changed the lives of so many people
and brought them closer to their Jewish roots.

May the branches continue to grow
stronger with each passing year!

Mazel Tov, Doris/Mom/Abu!

We love you!

*Sam, Jonathan, Aaron, Sarah, Ricardo, Tami,
Alejandro, Emma, Jaden, Santiago, Maddie, Bella*

Mazal Tov Dalilah!
We are so proud of you
and the legacy you
are creating at Hillel
Milwaukee.



Your Hillel
Milwaukee Family

Mazal Tov Doris for an
honor well deserved.

Robin Cohen

Mazal Tov on my
sister's special award.
Her mother Zelda Zae
Walder, obm, would have
been very proud.

Love, Annette



Mazal Tov Anastasia
and Bob at CEEBJ from
Lifelong Learning
Committee

Sherry Malmor



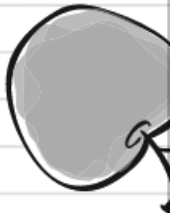
Yasher Koach to our
dedicated educators!
Thank you for being
our teachers!

Nancy and Jim
Barnett



THANK YOU, EDUCATORS!

The Congregation Shalom community, staff, and clergy are so thankful for the educators and support team members who work hard to provide a high quality education to our community!



A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO CONGREGATION SHALOM'S 2022 AWARD RECIPIENTS:



Roger Carp - GIFT (Gill Incentive for Teachers) Award

Cindi Hammel - Teacher Impact Award

Laura Witkov - School Support Award

Jodi Fox - Teacher Impact Award (MJDS)

Jennifer Walker - Teacher Impact Award (Gan Ami)



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.

Joan Lubar,
Board Chair

Miryam Rosenzweig,
President and CEO



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The Coalition for Jewish Learning is a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation

Mazel Tov to
Jennifer Walker,
Andres Hernandez,
and Michelle Hoffman
for their dedication and passion for
Jewish Education.

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



Harry & Rose Samson Family
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Creating spaces. Building opportunities.
Inspiring Jewish moments for diverse communities.



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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.



MILWAUKEE JEWISH COMMUNITY PROUDLY PRESENTS

COMMUNITY TEEN PURIM

MARCH 17TH
3:30 - 5:00 PM



Who: Jewish 8th-12th Graders

Where: Harry & Rose Samson JCC Community Hall

What: Comedy Sportz, Megillah Reading, & Snacks

Help support our Mitzvah Project by bringing Kosher for Passover food (matzah, grape juice, soup mix) for the Passover Food Drive.



Covid masks are required. Costumes Encouraged!



RSVP: tinyurl.com/MkeTeenPurim22



Mazal Tov

MJDS Staff!

MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Dr. Doris Shneidman
Lifetime Impact Award
Founding Director of MJDS

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



Jodi Fox
Teacher Impact Award
Reading Specialist



Jaymi Holland
School Support Award
School Nurse

From your **MJDS** family!

MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL