



2025

Salute

TO JEWISH
EDUCATORS



TRIBUTE
BOOK



Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC
Daniel M. Soref Community Hall
6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Whitefish Bay

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Mazel Tov to Our Educators

Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award

Anthony Nash | Gan Ami-Mequon

Project: Kochavim Kehillah Helpers

Teacher Impact Award

Elizabeth Kayser | Gan Ami-Whitefish Bay

Anthony Nash | Gan Ami-Mequon

School Support Award

Rachel Macagon | Gan Ami-Whitefish Bay

Laura April | Gan Ami-Mequon

Kol HaKavod

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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.





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Sunday, March 9, 2025
3-5 pm

Reception And Registration

Musical Performance Maayan Essak, *pianist*

Welcome

Nicole Boico, *Coalition for Jewish Learning Associate Director*
Tziporah Altman-Shafer, *VP of Jewish Communal Life and Learning*
Sherry Malmon, *Coalition for Jewish Learning Advisory Board Chair*
Judy Coran, *Milwaukee Jewish Federation Board Chair*

D'var Torah

Miles Roger, *Director of Lifelong Learning at CEEBJ*

Double Chai Awards

Miriam Liff, *Yeshiva Elementary School*

Chai Awards

Staci Maiman, *Bader Hillel Academy*
Amber Franklin, *Congregation Shalom*
Rabbi Hersh Hiller, *Yeshiva Elementary School*

Lifetime Impact Award

Merzy Eisenberg, *Milwaukee Jewish Day School*

Teacher Impact & School Support Awards

Supplementary Schools • Preschools • Day Schools

Musical Performance

Maayan Essak, *pianist*

Gill Incentive For Teachers (Gift) Award

Anthony Nash, *Gan Ami Early Childhood Education Mequon*
Carrie Barbakoff, *Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha*

Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award For Informal Jewish Education

Levi Stein, *Friendship Circle of Wisconsin*

Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator Of The Year

Roger Carp, *Congregation Shalom*

Special Thanks

Sherry Malmon, *Coalition for Jewish Learning Advisory Board Chair*

Closing Prayer

Rabbi Abby, *Congregation Shalom*

Musical Performance

Maayan Essak, *pianist*



Salute TO JEWISH EDUCATORS

The Coalition for Jewish Learning takes great pride in the participation of the Milwaukee area Jewish schools in today's program. Special thanks are due to the educational directors of these 18 schools as their cooperation was essential and greatly appreciated.

Agudas Achim-Chabad
Pelz Hebrew School

Bader Hillel Academy

Bader Hillel High School

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 Childhood
Education JCC (Mequon
& Whitefish Bay)

Jewish Beginnings

Mequon Jewish Preschool

Milwaukee Community
Hebrew School

Milwaukee Jewish Day School

Shalom Religious School

Sinai Religious School

Torah Academy of Milwaukee

Torah Tots Preschool

Yeshiva Elementary School

Special thanks to the Synagogue Educators Council and the Salute to Jewish Educators planning committee.

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Talia Bertman	Miles Roger
Natalie Black	Tova Tornek

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

Carrie Barbakoff	Sherry Malmon
Natalie Black	Miles Roger
Roger Carp	Heather Spencer
Dana Hartenstein	Karem Torem
Debbie Intravaia	



Coalition for
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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.



Congregation
Emanu-El
B'ne Jeshurun

CEEBJ is grateful for all educators who help fulfill the commandment to teach Torah diligently.

A special Mazel Tov to our CEEBJ Members Honored Today

Lifetime Impact Award

Merzy Eisenberg

Teacher Impact Award

Sara Martin-Henak

Tricia Lewinsky

Yael Stein

School Support Award

Max Bernstein

Rachel Macagon

Rabbi Jessica Barolsky, Cantor David Barash,
Miles L. Roger, RJE, Andrew Appel, and
the CEEBJ Lifelong Learning
Committee

2025 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.

2025 Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year

Roger Carp

Roger has had the pleasure and privilege of teaching in the Religious School at Congregation Shalom for the past 32 years, working with students in every grade from fifth through ninth. During his career, he has taught Jewish ethics, history, holidays, and life-cycle events, along with Torah and Prophets to adults. A native of southern California, Roger moved to Milwaukee after graduating from Duke University and earning a doctorate in American history at the University of North Carolina. He later added a master's degree in Judaic Studies from Spertus Institute. Besides teaching, he has served as a member and chair of the Advisory Board of the Milwaukee Association for Jewish Education and its successor, the Coalition for Jewish Learning. A recipient



of many Gill Awards for creative teaching and a graduate of the BINAH program at CJL, he knows well how this agency of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation benefits our community. Roger, a proud dad, stepfather, and grandpa, lives in Mequon with his wife, Debbie Recht.

Former Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year winners: Page 26

2025 CJL Lifetime Impact Award

Merzy Eisenberg

Milwaukee Jewish Day School

Merzy was the founding (1981) Hebrew and Jewish Studies teacher at Milwaukee Jewish Day School. She worked in Milwaukee Public Schools (speech pathology and counseling), and taught Hebrew at Whitefish Bay High School, and Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun. She has learned from Morry Perman (OBM), Mike Fefferman, Miriam ben Schmueel (OBM), Professor Alan Corre (OBM), her many colleagues, friends and her countless students. Her degrees include Hebrew Language Studies, Speech Pathology, and Guidance and Counseling (Masters). Her university studies include UW Madison (Phi Beta Kappa), UWM and programs in Israel. She is a winner of a Dolores Kohl International Award for Teaching



Excellence. She was a Jewish Educator of the Year in 1985. Her family includes three children (Julie/Glen Sperling, Joe (Rika) and Rebecca), and three grandchildren (Elan Smolar Eisenberg, Carina Eisenberg, and Ari Smolar-Eisenberg). Oh, yes, she has a husband (Russ) for 65 years so far.

ABOUT THE AWARD

Nine 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.

Former CJL Lifetime Impact Award winners: Page 26

2025 Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Education

Levi Stein

Friendship Circle of Wisconsin

Levi Stein is the President and CEO of The Friendship Circle of Wisconsin, a division of Lubavitch of WI, where he leads impactful programs promoting inclusion, mental health awareness, and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. A licensed trainer for safeTALK and QPR suicide prevention programs, Levi has already trained over 2,000 people, empowering communities with life-saving knowledge and resources.

A graduate of the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, NJ, Levi brings both leadership and compassion to his work. Originally from Detroit, MI, he married in 2009, lived in Puerto Rico for five years, and settled in Milwaukee in 2016, where he now resides with his wife



and five children.

Levi is a former committee member of the Office of Children’s Mental Health and currently serves on the board of directors for NAMI-Wisconsin and Milwaukee County ADRC, contributing his expertise to advancing mental health and disability services statewide.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Coalition for Jewish Learning 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. This award is named after Jerry Benjamin, past president of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, co-founder of CAJE, the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education. This award is a tribute to his passion about Jewish education.

Former Inspiration Award for Formal Education winners: Page 26

2025 Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award

ABOUT THE 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 culture*
- *Teaching/learning materials*
- *Creative lessons*
- *Enrichment activities, including special one-time class/school projects*

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

2025 Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award

Anthony Nash

Gan Ami Early Childhood Education, Mequon

Meet Mr. Anthony, your friendly neighborhood teacher! With a big heart and an even bigger passion for teaching, he's dedicated to inspiring kids of all ages and abilities. He earned his Bachelor's in Design Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2020 and has worked with K-12 students at the Kohl's Design It! Lab at Discovery World as well as UWM's College for Kids.

Now a lead teacher at Gan Ami Early Childhood Education in Mequon, he fosters an engaging and inclusive

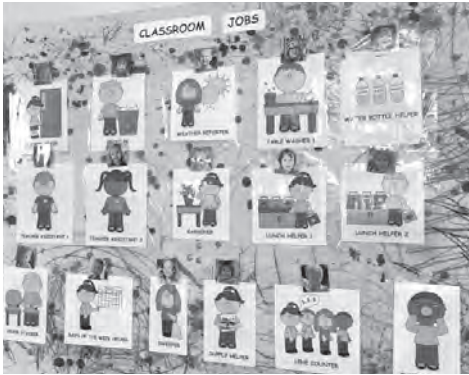


classroom full of laughter as contagious as a cold (but more enjoyable, I promise!), and enthusiasm that could power a rocket-ship to the moon! Beyond Gan Ami, he also practices piano and ukulele, teaches art at the Friendship Circle and he's furthering his learning with BINAH and LOMED classes.

With boundless energy and a love for creativity, Mr. Anthony makes learning an adventure—so grab your smocks and imagination caps, because every day in his class is filled with laughter, curiosity, and discovery!

Kochavim Kehillah Helpers aimed to introduce 2-3-year-olds to the concept of community, helping them understand their local geography, culture, and the roles of various community helpers, such as mail carriers and nurses. The goal was to foster a sense of responsibility and connection, while laying the foundation for global geography and cultural diversity in future units. Students engaged in hands-on activities like role-playing, art projects, and classroom jobs, as well as interactive lessons about community helpers and local landmarks. Real-life visitors, including a firefighter, also helped bring the project to life. The project lasted for three weeks and encouraged children to connect their learning to their daily lives, increasing their curiosity and sense of belonging. Through the use of sensory-rich, creative activities, students gained social-emotional skills, empathy, and a basic understanding of cultural diversity. The project is replicable by adapting to various communities, making learning fun and engaging for young learners.

Anthony Nash
Kochavim Kehillah Helpers



Carrie Barbakoff
Mitzvot of Purim



2025 Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award

Carrie Barbakoff

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha

Carrie Barbakoff began as the Education Director at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha (CEEW) in 2018 and has been the Administrative Coordinator at Anshe Sfarad Kehillat Torah (ASKT) since 2013. She attended Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and



received her Master's in Jewish Professional Studies (MAJPS) in 2018 with the Milwaukee Cohort. She was a Masters Concentration, iCenter fellow in 2018 and participated in the iCenter's July Mifgash that Matters cohort July 2024. Her Bachelor's is from the University of Iowa in Elementary Education. She currently lives in Glendale.

The ***Mitzvot of Purim*** project engaged students from 1st-9th grade in a hands-on, community-oriented approach to learning about the central mitzvot of Purim: telling the story, giving gifts to friends (mishloach manot), and giving gifts to the needy (matanot l'evyonim). The project culminated in multiple activities, including a Star Trek-themed Purim shpiel performed by students and congregants, and a community collection for the Milwaukee Diaper Mission, which taught the importance of helping those in need. Families and congregants worked together to create hamantaschen and yogurt parfaits for mishloach manot, which were exchanged with others at the temple, fostering community connections. The project helped students learn the significance of Purim beyond carnival games, contributing to a larger, communal mitzvah experience.

Former Gill Incentive for Teachers Award winners: Page 27



Coalition for
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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.

Teen Philanthropy

A community-wide program that engages Jewish teens in a communal giving and learning effort to achieve our goal of Tikkun Olam, “repairing the world.”

School Census

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

Salute to Jewish Educators

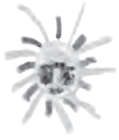
Annual event to celebrate all our local educators.

One Happy Camper

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

Monthly Newsletter

Providing Jewish and educational resources for the community.



2025 Teacher Impact & School Support Awards



ABOUT THE AWARD

Teacher Impact Award — This award honors a teacher who has made a unique and meaningful impact in their school community. Unlike a “Best Teacher” award, this recognition celebrates a teacher’s exceptional contributions in areas such as mentoring, innovation, supporting others, or any other distinctive way they have gone above and beyond in their role.

School Support Award — This award is presented to a non-teacher—such as an administrator, staff member, volunteer, or aide—who has made a significant and positive contribution to the school community. It recognizes their exceptional dedication and the unique impact they have had in supporting and enriching the school experience.

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

Rochel Wolvovsky **TEACHER IMPACT AWARD**

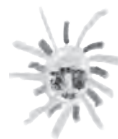
In recognition of Rochel Leah’s unwavering commitment to children and families at Bader Hillel Academy, fostering growth, kindness, and meaningful connections.

Eileen Ilk Higgins **SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD**

In recognition of Eileen’s incredible contributions to BHA, bringing warmth, joy, and a cheerful energy that brightens the lunchroom and enhances our school community every day.



2025 Teacher Impact & School Support Awards



BADER HILLEL HIGH

Jessica Allen

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Mrs. Allen's unwavering passion for student success and her exceptional ability to mentor and inspire both students and colleagues to strive for excellence and reject mediocrity.

Rivi Hatt

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

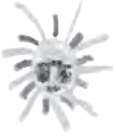
In recognition of Rivi's unwavering support and dedication to students' growth and success, making a meaningful impact on the school community.

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL NER TAMID SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

Tracy Borkin

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Tracy's deep warmth, unique creativity, and ability to bring Judaism to life for her young students, inspiring them with humor, kindness, and enthusiasm.



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CONGREGATION EMANU-EL B'NE JESHURUN

Sara Martin-Henak
TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Sara's invaluable partnership in re-designing the Hebrew education experience at CEEBJ, shaping meaningful and engaging learning opportunities.

Max Bernstein
SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Max's dedication as a positive role model for students, fostering a welcoming environment for all and enriching the school community.

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WAUKESHA

Rachel Gershon
TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

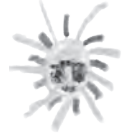
In recognition of Rachel's invaluable contributions to the CEEW religious school, sharing her personal experiences and enriching Jewish learning through the Shalom Learning curriculum.

Pete Koszarek
SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Pete's willingness to use his creative woodworking talents to enhance the synagogue, supporting Jewish education and community activities.



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CONGREGATION SHALOM

Susie Rosengarten

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Susie's incredible flexibility as a teacher and her deep care for her students and their learning, fostering growth and success.

Kevin O'Neill, Jackie O'Neill, and Jacob McElrone

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of their tireless efforts to ensure our school and synagogue are always clean, prepared, and welcoming for students each week.

CONGREGATION SINAI YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

Jennifer Moglowsky

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Jennifer's warm, nurturing approach that fosters a love of learning and meaningful connections that will last a lifetime.

Lela Bloomgarden

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Lela's dedication to stepping in where needed, teaching lessons, and making a lasting impact through her commitment, talent, and kindness.



2025 Teacher Impact & School Support Awards



GAN AMI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION • WHITEFISH BAY

Elizabeth Kayser

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Elizabeth's passion for early childhood education, dedication to families, and commitment to changing children's lives for the better.

Rachel Macagon

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Rachel's unwavering support of Gan Ami, her role as a receptionist extraordinaire, and her dedication to enhancing the school environment.

GAN AMI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION • MEQUON

Anthony Nash

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Anthony's dedication to supporting the growth and development of young minds at the Linda and Fred Wein Family Center for Gan Ami Early Childhood Education in Mequon.

Laura April

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Laura's dedication to supporting the growth and development of young minds at the Linda and Fred Wein Family Center for Gan Ami Early Childhood Education in Mequon.



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JEWISH BEGINNINGS LUBAVITCH PRESCHOOL

Doba Friedman

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Doba's exceptional teaching, mentorship, leadership in professional development, and active participation in community education events.

Shoshi Kaiser

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Shoshi's dedication to preparing every meal for JB with great care and thoughtfulness, ensuring nourishment for both body and soul.

MEQUON JEWISH PRESCHOOL

Jin Stockton

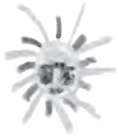
TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Jin's remarkable commitment to education, continuous learning, creativity, and collaboration, inspiring students and colleagues alike.

Benny Rokni

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Benny's invaluable support in maintaining the school's infrastructure, security, and operations, ensuring a safe and efficient environment.



2025 Teacher Impact & School Support Awards



MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY HEBREW SCHOOL

Sara Zemel

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Sara's dedication and kindness in fostering a positive and enriching learning environment, inspiring students through her commitment and passion.

Shawn Bojan

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Shawn's dedication as a volunteer, generously giving time and effort to help students develop their Hebrew reading skills.

MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Jim Salinsky

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Jim's leadership in the Makerspace program, providing students with hands-on learning experiences and real-world skills through meaningful projects.

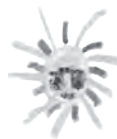
Michal Deskalo

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Michal's unwavering commitment to MJDS, shaping the school experience for families and strengthening community engagement.



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PELZ HEBREW SCHOOL

Sarah Baram

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Sarah's dedication to her students, providing them with a meaningful and enriching Jewish education.

Rivky Lazaroff

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Rivky's dedication to student success, encouraging and supporting families to help them thrive in their educational journeys.

TORAH ACADEMY OF MILWAUKEE

Yael Stein

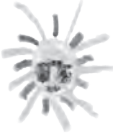
TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Yael's creativity, sensitivity, and dedication to supporting students with diverse learning needs, inspiring both teachers and students.

Linda Chernin

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Linda's countless hours of volunteer work, unwavering dedication, and meaningful contributions to the TAM community.



2025 Teacher Impact & School Support Awards



TORAH TOTS PRESCHOOL

Danielle McDonald

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Danielle's commitment to teaching, leadership, organization, and creative contributions that help shape the success of the program.

Steven Guth

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Steven's dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of the school community, always offering a helping hand with kindness and care.

YESHIVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tricia Lewinsky

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD

In recognition of Tricia's dedication as a team player, innovative educator, and mentor, inspiring students and colleagues with engaging lessons and leadership.

Barbara Grande

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD

In recognition of Mrs. Grande's generous volunteer work, helping primary-age students with speech and language, making a lasting impact on their growth and development.

2025 Chai Awards

ABOUT THE AWARDS

In addition to recognizing the experience of all our teachers, it is the tradition in Milwaukee to recognize teachers who have been working in Jewish Education for 18 and 36 years.

DOUBLE CHAI



Miriam Liff

*Yeshiva Elementary
School*

CHAI



Amber Franklin

*Congregation
Shalom*



Rabbi Hersh Hiller

*Yeshiva Elementary
School*



Staci Maiman

*Bader Hillel
Academy*

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!

"Revere your teacher as you revere heaven."

- Eleazar b. Shammua. Mishna: Avot, 4.12

Roger Carp - Teacher of the Year Award

Susie Rosengarten - Teacher Impact Award



Jacob McElrone, Jackie O'Neill, Kevin O'Neill, - School Support Award



Kol Hakavod!



To Amber Franklin, a devoted Congregation Shalom teacher, for receiving the Chai Award for 18 years of teaching in Jewish Education!



Educator of the Year • Past Awardees

1982	Ateret Cohn*	1996	Devorah Shmotkin	2011	Samara Sofian
1983	Miriam Ben Shemuel*	1997	Adina Altshull	2012	Dr. Sherry Blumberg
1984	Elaine Sanderson*	1998	Tamar Loewenberg	2013	Rabbi Yosef Perlman
1985	Merzy Eisenberg	1999	Dr. Larry Hurwitz*	2014	Karen Torem & Tzipi Altman-Shafer
1986	Rabbi Nachman Levine	2000	Rabbi Shabse Werther	2015	Sara Minash
1987	Michael Fefferman	2001	Rabbi Raphael Wachsmann*	2016	Mishy Pittleman & Susie Rosengarten
1988	Stisha Steigman	2002	George Strick	2017	Marsha Fensin*
1989	Eve Joan Zucker	2003	Cindy Cooper	2018	Ellie Gettinger
1990	Laura Greene	2004	Marge Eiseman	2019	Debbie Silberman*
1991	Bess Mendelsohn*	2006	Leah Robbins	2020	Yael Gal-Ben-Yitzchak
1992	Cantor Karen Berman	2007	Aimee Bachar	2022	Rivkie Spalter
1993	Michael Morgan	2008	Sharon Cohen	2023	Marilyn Franklin
1994	Simon Kops*	2009	Wendy Cohen	2024	Chava Edelman
1995	Harriet Bocksbaum	2010	Jody Margolis		

CJL Lifetime Impact • Past Awardees

2015	Eve Joan Zucker	2018	Jerry Benjamin*	2022	Dr. Doris Shneidman
2016	Elaine Sanderson*	2019	Rabbi Nachman Levine	2023	Dr. Sherry Blumberg
2017	Marsha Fensin*	2020	Dr. Steven Baruch	2024	Cantor Karen Berman

Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award for Informal Education • Past Awardees

2016	Lenny Kass	2019	Rachael Badt	2023	Toni Davison Levenberg
2017	Joshua Richman	2020	Debbie Intravaia	2024	Rabbi Dov Ber Smith
2018	Rabbi Avremi Shapiro	2022	Dalilah Bernier		

**of blessed memory*



Past Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Awardees

1991	Monica Cohen & Deb Hacker, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i> ; Henri Zvi Deutsch, <i>Congregation Anshai Lebowitz</i>	2008	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>
1992	Laura Greene & Bonnie Shafrin, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> ; Simon Kops', <i>Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun</i>	2009	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> (First Place) and Laura Greene, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> (Second Place)
1993	Rabbi David Brusin, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> ; Susan Conn, <i>Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue</i> ; Susan Atlas, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i>	2010	Tzipi Altman-Shafer, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> and Cantor Marsha Fensin, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i>
1994	Sheryl Selby, <i>Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Department</i> ; Nadine Siegman, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> ; Rivkie Spalter, <i>Hillel Academy</i>	2011	Lori Fisher, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i>
1995	Laura Greene, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> ; Nina Taus, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i>	2012	Jennifer Saber, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>
1996	Rabbi Yacob Gil, <i>Hillel Academy</i> ; Carol Ross, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> ; Liza Wiemer, <i>Congregation Beth Israel</i>	2013	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>
1997	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> ; Kate Mann, <i>Congregation Sinai</i>	2014	Rabbi Shari Shamah, <i>Gan Ami</i>
1998	Terri Beauleau, Harriet Bocksbaum & Judith Ross*, <i>Jewish Family Services Child Development Center</i> ; Nadine Siegman, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>	2015	Gilah Saltzman, Ahuva Jarcaig, Karen Torem, Miriam Leff, Rabbi Hersch Hiller, <i>Yeshiva Elementary School</i>
1999	Cindy Cooper, <i>Congregation Sinai</i>	2016	Bader Hillel Academy Teachers
2000	Liza Wiemer, <i>Congregation Beth Israel</i> ; Yoel Turgeman, <i>Hillel Academy</i>	2017	Diane Boland, <i>Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid</i> ; Yonina Schluskel, <i>Torah Academy of Milwaukee</i>
2001	Therese Dorfman, <i>Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha</i>	2018	Leah Emmer & Chaya Mann, <i>Bader Hillel Academy</i> ; and Yael Stein, <i>Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid</i>
2002	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>	2019	<i>The Mequon Jewish Preschool Team</i> : Rivkie Spalter, Rabbi Sholom Ber Munitz, Kreinie Tiefenbrun, and consultant Dr. Naama Zoran
2003	Tzipi Altman-Shafer, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> and Chavah Kintis, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>	2020	Jodie Honigman, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i> ; Sherry Miller and Tamara Miller, <i>Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun</i>
2004	Nadine Siegman, <i>Congregation Shalom</i> and Judy Slyper, <i>Hillel Academy</i>	2022	Roger Carp, <i>Congregation Shalom</i>
2005	Robin Boroda, <i>Hillel Academy</i> and Mary Beaumont-Wishne, <i>Yeshiva Elementary School</i>	2023	Stephanie Brauner, <i>Bader Hillel Academy</i> ; Leah Stein, <i>Friendship Circle</i> ; Moria Lehman, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i>
2006	Beth Goldstein, <i>Congregation Sinai</i> and Martin Gutnik, <i>Hillel Academy</i>	2024	Cindy Cooper, <i>Congregation Sinai</i> ; Yonina Schluskel, Mara Kleiman and Bobbie Ehrlich, <i>Milwaukee Jewish Day School</i>
2007	Beth Goldstein, <i>Congregation Sinai</i> (First Place) and Jennifer Saber, <i>JCC Parenting Center</i> (Second Place)		<i>*Of blessed memory.</i>

🍏 MAZEL TOV 🍏

TO **ROGER CARP**,
A DEDICATED TEACHER OF OVER
30 YEARS AT CONGREGATION SHALOM,
FOR RECEIVING THE **TEACHER
OF THE YEAR AWARD!**

*He who teaches a child is as if he
had raised them himself*
Sanhedrin 19b



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!

Congratulations to our Teacher Impact Awardee, Mrs. Lewinsky. She is a talented teacher, who uses activities and much creativity in reaching all of her students. We are grateful she is graciously mentoring others, sharing her experience and expertise.

Congratulations to our School Support Awardee, Mrs. Grande. For a number of years, Mrs. Grande has been using her professional skills, as well as her personal warmth, as a volunteer to provide YES students with Speech Therapy. We wish her many years of strength and good health!

Congratulations to Mrs. Liff for achieving the milestone of the Double-Chai Award and to Rabbi Hiller for achieving the milestone of the Chai Award.



Yeshiva Elementary School

Rabbi Shaya Baumann, *Principal*

Mrs. Laura Fischer, *Vice Principal*

Rabbi Tzvi Goldman, *Vice Principal*

Rabbi Aryeh Borsuk, *Director of Advancement*



ROGER,

You have the most integrity, generosity, humility, kindness of anyone who is lucky enough to know you.

Thank you for being an outstanding educator with Jewish values and ethics.

Much love from your family and friends.

One with knowledge has got it all.
- Nedarim 41a

Thank you, teachers, for giving our students EVERYTHING!

***Mazal Tov to
CBINT Members Receiving Awards this Year!***

Teacher Impact Award

Tracy Borkin

Sara Martin-Henak

Susie Rosengarten



MAZAL TOV

**to Roger Carp, an amazing educator and
esteemed Coalition for Jewish Learning
past Advisory Board President. Thank
you for all you do for the community!**

**From your fellow past and present
Coalition for Jewish Learning
Advisory Board Chairs**

From all of us at Chai Point

Mazel Tov

Elizabeth Kayser

Teacher Impact Award

Gan Ami Early Childhood Education JCC

Merzy Eisenberg

Lifetime Impact Award

Milwaukee Jewish Day School

Chai Point proudly celebrates Liz and Merzy on their well-deserved honors. Their dedication and impact inspire our community every day.

CHAI POINT



**Mazel tov to Roger Carp,
Susie Rosengarten,
Amber Franklin, Kevin
O'Neill, Jacob McElrone
and Jackie O'Neill
and all the rest of our
community's teachers.
We are blessed to live in
the community where
you do what you do.**

Nancy and Jim Barnett

**To our incredible
Jewish educators, your
dedication shapes
generations, inspiring
minds and hearts.
Thank you for your hard
work and tremendous
impact! I'm so grateful
to be part of your
school communities.
Working with you
all is truly a joy!**

Nicole Boico



CONGREGATION SINAI

Kol haKavod from your Sinai Family!



Jim Salinsky

Teacher Impact Award



Jennifer Moglowksy

Teacher Impact Award



Lela Bloomgarden

School Support Award

**“A teacher affects eternity,
they can never tell where their
influence stops.”** —Henry Adams.

**Mazel Tov to everyone and thank
you for affecting eternity!**

Moshe and Debra Katz

Mazel Tov!

SHAWN BOJAN
School Support Award



sara ZEMEL
Teacher Impact Award



Mazel Tov!

THE SHUL
Welcome Home

Your Shul family thanks you for your contributions
to the Jewish Community and Jewish Education!

Levi Stein

Jerry Benjamin Inspiration Award
for Informal Education

**Mazal tov to the
Congregation Emanu-
El Award Winners!**

Mark & Cindy Levy

**Congratulations to
our amazing Susie!**

Mom, Dad, and Jo

MAZAL TOV, ROGER
for receiving a well-deserved
Jewish Educator of the Year Award!

**You are an extraordinary educator,
friend and role model to all of us.**

*Kari, Michael, Jack
& Justin Altman*

**Ms. Staci,
You are the best!**

*Love Balzolas and
Meltons*

**Mazel tov to Roger
Carp and all the
honorees.**

Rick & Leslie Pater



To our dear Ima and Mana—

**We are so proud of
you and love you to
infinity and back!**

אנחנו אוהבים אותך

*Love Julie, Joey, Becky,
Elan, Carina and Ari*

**Congratulations
Rochel Wolvovsky and
Eileen Ilk Higgins on
your well deserved
recognition.**



**BADER
HILLEL
ACADEMY**

**Kol HaKavod to our
dedicated Jewish
educators!**

*Congregation Beth El,
Sheboygan*

**To Merzy, Todah
Rabah for your
positive influence on
our family's lives!**

Sue and Allan Carneol

*Mazel tov
from the Women of Shalom*

Educator of the Year: Roger Carp

Teacher Impact: Susie Rosengarten

Chai Award: Amber Franklin

School Support: Jacob McElrone, Jackie O'Neill & Kevin O'Neill

Kol HaKavod to all award recipients.

We are so lucky to have you as a part of our community.

Thank you for your dedication to Jewish education.



Mazel Tov to our wonderful Jewish educators bringing light, joy and knowledge to the next generation!

*With gratitude,
Eileen and Glenn Graves*



JFS proudly honors Milwaukee Jewish educators! We're grateful to partner with you in delivering essential School-Based Mental Health services.



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Jewish Beginnings
LUBAVITCH PRESCHOOL

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**MAZAL TOV TO THIS YEAR'S
JEWISH EDUCATORS
MORAH DOBA & CHEF SHOSHI
FOR THEIR WELL DESERVED AWARDS**

A Huge Thank You

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



**MAZAL
TOV**

**to all the 2025
CJL award
winners!**

**YOU
ROCK!**

from Elliot and Cantor Karen Berman

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
**Susie Rosengarten,
Amber Franklin,
Kevin O'Neill,
Jacob McElrone
and Jackie O'Neill**
for leading our community
from strength to strength.

*Roger Carp and
Debbie Recht*

**Mazal Tov to
Yael Stein and
Jim Salinsky.**

**Thanks for
all you do!**

Your JMLB brothers & sisters:

*Robin and Steven Arenzon
Lawrie and Jeff Biskowitz
Joan and David Kazan
Donna and Leo Kleiner*

**Congregation
Emanu-El of Waukesha
and the Sisterhood of
CEEW congratulates our
2025 award recipients:
Rachel Gershon and
Pete Koszarek.**



**Geveret Eisenberg is an important part
of the founding and success of MJDS.**

**Advisor to me, mentor to teachers,
and teacher and counselor to
a generation of students.**

*Todah Rabah,
Doris Shneidman*



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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“This world is G-d’s most precious garden and we are its gardeners.” —*The Rebbe*

**Jin Stockton and Benny Rokni —
Thank you for helping us plant the seeds and watch them grow at MJP.**



**MAZAL TOV
RABBI LEVI STEIN!**

**We're so proud of you!
Thank you so much for all your
dedication & love. We're so grateful!**

**Love,
Leah, Vivi, Ettel, Mendel, Rosie, Benny
& Your Friendship Circle Family**

**Kol HaKavod to all of
our educators on your
dedication to our future!
A special Mazel Tov to
Merzy for a lifetime of
Education Leadership!**

*Sue and Rick
Strait*

“I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and the most from my students”

(TALMUD)

On behalf of the board of directors and staff of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, we share a mazal tov to all the educators being honored. Thank you for building the future of our Jewish Milwaukee by nurturing and teaching our children.

Judy Coran,
Board Chair

Miryam Rosenzweig,
President and CEO



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MAZAL TOV!

Lifetime Impact Award



► **MERZY EISENBERG**
MJDS Founding Teacher

Teacher Impact Award



► **JIM SALINSKY**
Omanut/Woodworking
Teacher

School Support Award



► **MICHAL DESKALO**
Director of Admissions,
Outreach & Alumni Relations

LOVE YOUR MJDS FAMILY
MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL