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The North American Grinspoon Awards for Excellence in Jewish Education

(formerly Grinspoon-Steinhardt Awards) celebrate educators who teach with distinction. Since 2000, more than 800 exceptional educators in the United States and Canada have earned this honor.

Each award is created in partnership between the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) and a participating community's central agency or sponsoring organization. Great teaching can come in many forms, and local agencies know their own communities best. That's why these agencies develop their own definitions of excellence in Jewish education and manage their local awards process. The HGF co-sponsors each award and provides support to communities in running their local award processes.

One recipient in each community receives an award, with the exception of some larger communities who have multiple award recipients.

Currently, more than thirty agencies have established awards in their communities, creating a growing network of appreciation and support for Jewish educators across North America.

For more information about this application process, go to www.hgf.org/teacher-awards, email TeacherAwards@HGF.org or call (413) 276-0832.

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GRINSPOON AWARDS for Excellence in Jewish Education

Put the spotlight on Jewish education in your community by joining the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's North American awards program for the 2018-2019 school year!



How does a community become eligible to participate?

Each year, the HGF reaches out to Jewish communities in the United States and Canada through local central agencies. To be eligible, a community must have an awards program in place or be willing to establish one. The community must convene an awards committee under the auspices of a central education agency or the Jewish Federation, adhere to an awards timeline, and designate a minimum of \$500 toward an award prize.

What educators are eligible for a Grinspoon Award?

Participating communities create the eligibility requirements for local educators, who may include independent Jewish educators, family or teen program educators, classroom teachers in Jewish day or supplementary schools, camp educators, or songleaders. Communities may choose to specify the education category that is eligible for an award: for example, one's community's award may be specifically for early childhood educators. Criteria vary, but an excellent educator may demonstrate creative curriculum design, effective planning skills, inspirational teaching, and successful innovations in Jewish education that engage learners and result in evidence of learning. See participating communities' award pages for more details and examples.

How is the Harold Grinspoon Foundation involved?

A community's awards committee completes the selection process and then submits required materials for the nominee. The HGF honors the winners with a beautiful award and a generous check, along with an opportunity to join our prestigious online community of practice. All winners will be recognized on the Foundation's website and in print media selected by HGF.

My community does not currently offer an award. How can we get started?

Please contact your local central agency or Jewish Federation if you would like your community to participate in the awards program.

If your community does not already have an awards process in place or would like support in creating an automated nomination process, we are happy to help develop an online-only system for your community.