



2018-2019

**SMOTRICH FAMILY FOUNDATION
AWARD OF MERIT FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATORS**

(Required) Name of Nominated Educator: _____
Nominee's Home Address: _____
Nominee's Phone: *Home* _____ *Cell* _____
Name of School: _____ Years at School: _____

Name of School Nominator: _____

Current Position in Jewish Education/Title: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

This teacher teaches in: K-8 Congregational School 9-12 Congregational School

Nominee teaches (days, times, grades): _____

Please check the denomination(s) with which your school or synagogue is affiliated (*used for statistical purposes ONLY*):

Community Conservative Orthodox Reconstructionist Reform Not Affiliated

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION, EDUCATORS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

Teach a minimum of 3 hours per week at the Kindergarten — 12th grade level and must have taught in a BJE-affiliated Religious School for at least two years (*prior to the current year*) but no more than four years (*prior to the current year*).

Note: AN ADMINISTRATOR WHO TEACHES AT LEAST 2 HOURS PER WEEK MAY BE ELIGIBLE.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 8, 2018

SELECTION PROCESS & AWARDS

This Program offers two annual awards of \$1,000 each to two educators based upon their demonstrated excellence as teachers. The school employing the award winning educator will receive \$500 in honor of their educator.

The award recipients are selected by a committee of educators and leaders from the Jewish community who have a long-standing concern for and involvement with education in Jewish schools. The BJE staff assists in the selection process.

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(Required) Name of Nominated Educator:

Name of School:

You may want to relate to the following areas in answering the questions below:

HOW DOES THIS EDUCATOR:

- motivate students to their highest potential?
 - exhibit a commitment to excellence in his/her profession; a dedication to teaching and learning; and a commitment to Jewish values?
 - serve as a role model for the Jewish and/or general community by personal involvement?
 - develop effective working relationships with parents?
 - participate in professional development activities in an effort to improve his/her teaching skills?
1. Please describe the qualities and actions of the educator, both inside and outside the classroom, that have led you to select this educator as a teacher of excellence. Include examples of the educator's leadership abilities, including collegial relations and responsibilities beyond the usual classroom duties.
 2. Please select and describe up to three examples of outstanding Jewish curricular initiatives this educator has brought to your institution or community.
 3. Please describe the nomination selection process and criteria that your school used to identify this educator of excellence.