



2012 Nomination Form Stuart I. Raskas Outstanding St. Louis Jewish Day School Teacher Award

Please Complete in Full *(type or print only, use additional pages if necessary)*

Name of Nominee:

Address and Phone of Nominee:

E-mail address of nominee:

Current School and Position:

Current teaching grade:

Years teaching in a St. Louis Jewish Day School:

Subject(s) currently teaching:

Name of person making nomination:

Title:

School:

Address and Phone:

E-mail address of nominator:

Relationship to nominee:

Nomination deadline: March 19, 2012

Nominations must include three typed letters of recommendation, including one from the principal of the school. All letters are to be signed. Faxed and e-mailed recommendations will not be accepted.

**Mail Nominations to: Teacher Award Committee, c/o CAJE
 12 Millstone Campus Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63146**

Additional nomination forms may be obtained from your school office, the CAJE website at www.cajestl.org, or Michelle Brooks at CAJE (314) 442-3774.

**STUART I. RASKAS
OUTSTANDING DAY SCHOOL TEACHER AWARD
CRITERIA**

This award should reflect past and future accomplishments of the best of the teaching profession.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Three years and currently teaching within grades Pre-K through 12 in a Jewish day school in St. Louis.
2. Teach at least 6 hours per week in a Jewish day school.
3. Candidate should intend to continue teaching within the field of Jewish education.
4. Endorsement of the day school principal.
5. Previous nominees may be re-nominated, but only one award to a winner.

CRITERIA:

Candidates should embody those qualities reflecting the Jewish values of devotion to God, Torah, and Israel and demonstrate classroom excellence and creativity.

Other criteria include:

- A. **ROLE MODEL**
Teachers should embody the qualities reflecting the Jewish values of devotion to God, Torah learning, Israel and the Jewish people.
- B. **COMMITMENT**
Teachers with high commitment to quality Jewish education whose goals and actions indicate a desire to make a significant contribution to other persons and extend themselves above and beyond the basic functioning expected of them.
- C. **AWARENESS OF INDIVIDUALS**
Teachers with an awareness of the individual know that each person is unique and can respond to each individual's needs in terms of cognitive, emotional, social and physical development.
- D. **EXPECTATIONS**
Teachers, who have appropriate expectations of others and of themselves, are goal-oriented, helping children to develop internal resources through the environment and other people. They establish high standards and facilitate realistic achievement.
- E. **INNOVATION**
Teachers, who are innovative and bring new ideas and techniques into the classroom, implement these ideas in such a way that children are stimulated to seek further learning.

- F. EMPATHY**
Teachers with empathy understand the feelings of others and can put themselves into the other person's place. They demonstrate sensitivity, caring and warmth.
- G. PRIDE/SELF-ESTEEM**
Teachers who take pride in their work instill a sense of pride and self worth in their students.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

1. A candidate may be nominated by a rabbi, cantor, colleague, parent, student, educator and other members of the St. Louis Jewish community.
2. One nomination form per candidate must be submitted to the selection committee by the person nominating the candidate.
3. *Three typed* letters of endorsement must accompany each nomination.
4. A representative committee will be established to select the award winner.

RECIPIENT OF THE STUART I. RASKAS OUTSTANDING DAY SCHOOL TEACHER AWARD RECEIVES:

- \$1,000 grant
- Plaque of acknowledgement
- Name inscribed on plaque in CAJE office

PAST RECIPIENTS:

1992	Rabbi Reuven Pollack Rabbi Amiel Rosenbloom	2001	Rabbi Daniel Morris
		2002	Judy Weintraub
1993	Debra Garbow Tova Greenblatt	2003	Susan Low
1993	Yocheved Bienenfeld Shoshana Weiss	2004	Rabbi Gershon Zeffren
1994	Rabbi Yaakov Pentelnic	2005	Cheryl Maayan
1995	Chana Winter	2006	Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt
1996	Devorah Zeffren	2007	Roslyn Hirschhorn
1997	Shiffy Landa	2008	Shari Glestein
1998	Pnina Nitsun	2009	Rabbi Yonason Goldson
		2010	Michael Raileanu
2000	Aliza Gertzulin	2011	Suzanne Sloane