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### Four Jewish educators in Southern California win Milken awards

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Four Jewish educators in Southern California have been awarded \$15,000 each by the Milken Family Foundation for contributions to their schools and communities.

The 2011 Milken Jewish Educator Awards were announced Thursday and each educator was surprised at school assemblies of students, faculty and community leaders.

The recipients are Marnie Greenwald, a first-grade teacher at Temple Emanuel Academy Day School in Beverly Hills; Hava Mirovski, a fifth-grade teacher at Sinai Akiba Academy in Los Angeles; Lisa Feldman, head of school at Weizmann Day School in Altadena; and Juli Shanblatt, a science and math teacher at Bais Yaakov School for Girls in Los Angeles.

The honorees were selected by a committee of educators and professional and lay leaders from the Jewish community. Recipients were selected for their talent, dedication and leadership. The awards were established in association with the nonprofit Bureau of Jewish Education, which provides resources and scholarships for day schools.

"The BJE is appreciative of the leadership of the Milken Foundation in strengthening Jewish education in our community," the bureau's executive director, Gil Graff, said in a statement.

Addressing the assembly after receiving an award, Hava Mirovski said, "It's a pleasure to be here every day with those of you who are supporting me."

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