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## Saluting education trailblazers

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### ELEM in New York:

Ann Bialkin, ELEM Founder, Lenore Ruben, ELEM USA President, Nava Barak, ELEM Israel President and Inbal Dor Kerbel, ELEM Israel CEO, attended last night's event hosted by actor Tomer Capon. During the event the Ray of Hope Award was given to Alon Futterman, an education entrepreneur, for his groundbreaking work in education and his years-long dedication to promoting excellence and equality of opportunity in Israeli education.

Futterman, who's the CEO of TALMA, said that he was moved by the award and that he sees it as a great honor, especially since the choice was made by people who dedicate their lives to empower Israeli at-risk youth. He dedicated the award to his family, to the teachers who create the reality on the field, to ELEM's youth and to the supporters of the organizations that keep it all going.

Additional awards were given to producer and children's rights activist, Susan Saltz, and to actress and producer Rachel Bloom.