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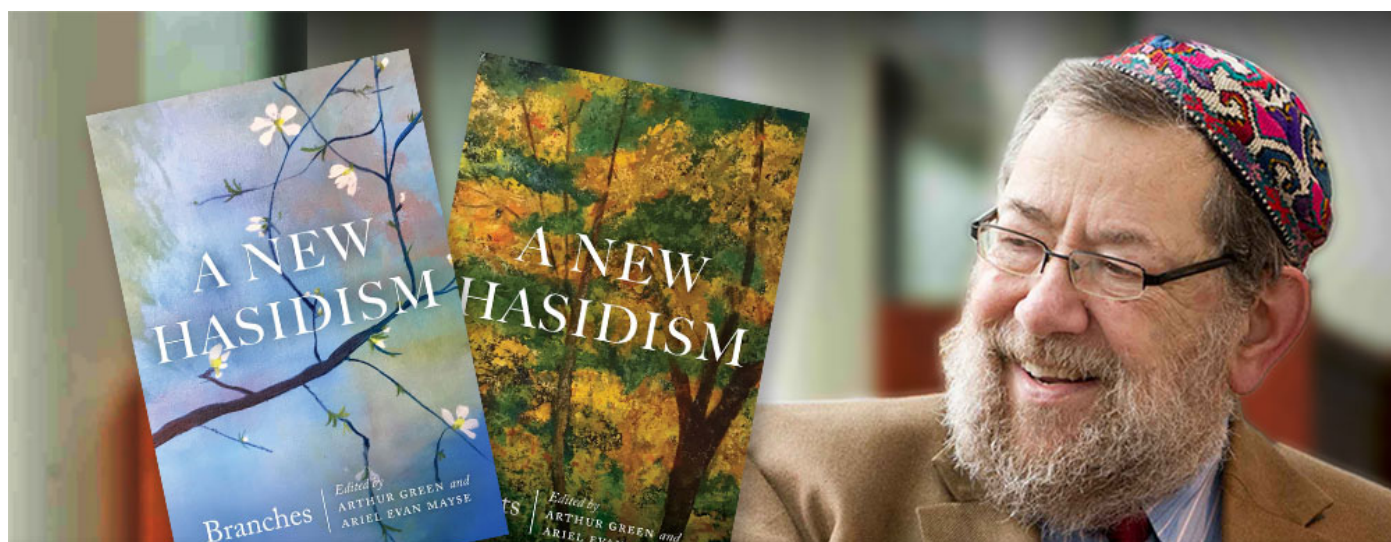
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NEWS & VIEWS

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A New Hasidism: Study, Reflection, and Celebration

November 3 at Hebrew College

Learning 2-6 pm | Dinner 6-7 pm | Concert 7-8 pm

Hebrew College Rector Rabbi Arthur Green says Neo-Hasidism saved Judaism for him. In the course of a “crisis of faith” during his college years, he discovered Neo-Hasidism, a century-old approach to Judaism that applies the late-18th century Hasidic masters’ spiritual insights – of God’s presence everywhere, of seeking the magnificent within the everyday, of doing all things with love and joy, of uplifting all of life to become a vehicle of God’s service – to contemporary Judaism.

“One of my teachers gave me an essay by a Polish-Jewish thinker and poet named Hillel Zeitlin (he died on the road to Treblinka in 1942) called ‘Fundamentals of Hasidism.’ I was 20 years old. I read that essay

and it changed my life,” Rabbi Green said. “I had already lost my faith in the God of my childhood, and had begun to see myself as a non-believer. But Zeitlin didn’t begin with God, he didn’t begin with the Commandments, he didn’t begin with a sense of religious obligation. He began with ‘What does it mean to exist?’ and how to penetrate the mysterious core of existence, the inner oneness of being. He spoke in a mystical language that spoke to my own psyche. I knew I would speak that language for the rest of my life, and I would teach it. I was a spiritual seeker, and here I had found a depth and subtlety that I was looking for.”

Now Rabbi Green, 78, a renowned Jewish scholar and leading expert on Neo-Hasidism who founded the [Rabbinical School at Hebrew College](#), has produced an unprecedented new two-volume work on the history and future of this approach, *A New Hasidism: Roots* and *A New Hasidism: Branches*, co-authored with his student, Stanford Professor Dr. Ariel Mayse. Hebrew College is honoring this work with [a public day of study, reflection, and celebration on November 3](#). There will also be a similar event at the Manhattan JCC on December 8, and in California in spring 2020.

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[RSVP to the 11/3 event](#)



Digital Pedagogy for Literacy: The Hebrew Class of the Future

Webinar and independent study for Hebrew teachers, offered jointly by Hebrew College & Hebrew at the Center beginning October 28, 2019



How will Hebrew Language classes look in the future? Explore how the integration of technology in second language instruction using the proficiency approach maximizes the effectiveness of Hebrew classes and promotes the communicative performance of the learner.

- Identify the basic principles of the proficiency approach for teaching Hebrew as a second language;
- Learn to use a variety of online tools that are effective for Hebrew language instruction and analyze how to apply them in instruction based on the level of the students and the established instructional goals;

- Create meaningful online content for strengthening and advancing linguistic and cultural functionality, appropriate to the level of the students and the established instructional goals.

The course, conducted in Hebrew, is appropriate for Modern Hebrew teachers who want to learn how to integrate technology and the proficiency approach into their instruction. No prior knowledge of the proficiency approach or of educational technology is required for participation. At the end of the course the participants will receive a participatory certificate (Required: 80 percent participation in the webinars and 80 percent completion of online activities). Cost: \$450 for Prizmah-member schools; \$500 for non-Prizmah members.

This course is offered by Hebrew College Community Learning in partnership with [Hebrew at the Center](#) (HATC), a non-profit organization that promotes Hebrew instruction based on the proficiency approach and the use of state of the art pedagogies for second language instruction.

Register now

BLOGS

Finding Your Rabbinical Leadership Style

By Rabbi Dan Judson
Dean, [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#)



One of the most important lessons I learned when I was in rabbinical school was from Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, a wonderful and wonderfully sarcastic teacher of Hasidism. He taught rabbinical students that each of us, somewhere inside of us, had a rabbinic voice. And that one of our jobs as aspiring rabbis was to find that voice within ourselves. He taught us that we should search out that submerged rabbinic voice within us, and when we found it, we should slowly let it emerge, and then we should take that rabbinic voice, take strong hold of it, and we should kill it so no one would ever hear it. [That story probably ended differently than you might have been expecting.]

What was the meaning? This is different than the oft-quoted advice to writers that they need to “kill their darlings” – meaning that writers need to get rid of plot lines or characters that they might love so much it gets in the way of a good story emerging. Killing your rabbinic voice means getting rid of the preconception that many people carry around in their minds of what a rabbi

should sound like. Killing your rabbinic voice means at some level being honest with yourself and others about your doubts and your hang-ups and not trying to sound like you have wisdom and answers to all of life's challenges. Killing your rabbinic voice means not succumbing to the egoism that seduces rabbis into thinking they are special.

I feel much the same about finding a "rabbinic leadership style." You have to find your rabbinic leadership style and then kill it.

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Posts from this [Hebrew College-hosted blog](#) are published weekly in [Patheos](#).

Stop Making Sense

Parashat Ha'azinu (Deuteronomy 32:1-1:52)

By Rabbi Mónica Gomery, Rab`17
Associate Director of [SVARA: A Traditionally Radical Yeshiva](#)



We had a land and a book. Our land is in the book.

*He said:
You will lose your hands.
I said:
What use are my hands now?*

*He said:
You will lose your lips.
I said:
What use are my lips now?*

*He said:
Your eyes will be dry lakes.
I said:
I know the book by heart.*

These words are written by Egyptian Jewish poet Edmond Jabés. Involuntarily relocated to France in 1956, after the Suez crisis between Israel and Egypt, Jabés knew firsthand what the book of Devarim

seeks to establish - that a book can become a site of exile, longing, and identity. That poetry offers pathways into our humanity, and that the written word can be a place of home.

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EVENTS

OCTOBER

Blossoming: The 2019 Hebrew College Jewish Education Conference

The two-day conference will focus on the blossoming of educators, professionals, students, families, organizations, and the Jewish family. Speakers include Avraham Infeld, Jewish educator, thinker, and leader, and Hebrew College Rector Rabbi Arthur Green.

November 11-12
Hebrew College
[Learn more](#)

Azamra: Alternative Shabbat Community Minyan

Join Rabbi Lev Friedman, Rab`18 for a morning service in the Hebrew College Beit Midrash, followed by a pot-luck vegetarian kiddush luncheon. Occurs monthly. Supported by the [Hebrew College Innovation Lab](#).

October 26 | 10 am-12 pm
Hebrew College
[Learn more](#)

NOVEMBER

A New Hasidism: Study, Reflection, Celebration

Celebrate the publication of Hebrew College Rector Rabbi Art Green's and Dr. Ariel Mayse's new work on the history, development, and contemporary practice of Neo-Hasidism.

November 3 | 2 - 8 pm
Hebrew College
[Learn more and RSVP](#)

DECEMBER



70th Birthday Tribute to Rabbi Allan Lehmann

December 5 | 7 pm

Hebrew College
[Learn more](#)

Hebrew College Faculty Fall Speaking Engagements

Our faculty inspire and enlighten. Hebrew College faculty members will be speaking and teaching at synagogues, conferences, or institutions across Greater Boston, North America, and beyond this fall.



[View the speaking schedule](#)

IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of Rabbinical Student **Jill Segal z”l** on October 9 after a long battle with cancer. The funeral will be held at Temple Aliyah in Needham, MA on Friday, October 11 at 11 a.m. The family requests that donations be made in Jill's memory to Hebrew College to a Jill Segal fund established to help rabbinical and cantorial students be able to afford Clinical Pastoral Education – intensive clinical training program preparing clergy for pastoral care with individuals and families in times of illness, grief, and loss. The Hebrew College community extends heartfelt condolences to the the Segal family. May they be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of **Martin B. Dropkin z”l**, father of the College's Vice President of Finance and Administration Keith Dropkin, on October 2. Martin Dropkin was a widely respected attorney and community leader in the Boston area for many decades, serving as a former president of the Bureau of Jewish Education and former president of Temple Shalom in Newton, MA. Hebrew College extends heartfelt condolences to the Dropkin family. May they be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Please email us if you would like us to share the loss of a loved one with the Hebrew College community. To make a gift to Hebrew College in memory or in honor of a beloved member of the Hebrew College extended community, please [visit our website](#).



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