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NEWS & VIEWS

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Hebrew College will be closed for Winter Break from December 22 through January 1.

News & Views will resume publication on January 3, 2019.

Year-end gifts may be made in a variety of ways through December 31.



Members of the Rabbinical School Class of 2018 gather during the first sponsored Day of Learning held earlier this month, thanks to an anonymous donor in celebration of the Class of 2018's graduation gift.

Sponsor a Day of Learning in the Beit Midrash

Whether you are celebrating a milestone, recognizing someone important in your life, or honoring the memory of someone who has passed away, we invite you to sponsor a Day of Learning at our *Beit Midrash* (House of Study) in their honor by sponsoring a day for \$360 or a week for \$1,800.

The Beit Midrash is the center of the [Hebrew College Rabbinical School](#) experience. Each morning, students gather there to study, analyze, and probe our sacred texts. The learning in the Beit Midrash happens in *chevruta* (study partnerships) - the traditional mode of Jewish learning in which two partners read text together, grapple with the meaning, sharpen perspectives, and gently push to reach for deeper layers of understanding.

We invite you to sponsor a day in the Beit Midrash. We welcome you to come and visit, sit with our students, and engage with them as they explore and challenge tradition and each other. As the day's sponsor, you very directly contribute to the learning and the growth taking place in the Beit Midrash - quite literally enabling the sacred work of that day.

If you wish to join us on the day you sponsor, we begin at 9:00 a.m. with an announcement and introduction of the sponsor and a word about the milestone or person being honored.

Students then honor the sponsor by having this intention as they study. The sponsor of the day is also recognized on the Rabbinical School's website. If the sponsorship is in memory of a loved one, we would be honored to say *Kaddish* in their memory during morning services which take place before study.

[Learn More & Become a Sponsor](#)



Only 10 Days Left to Support Hebrew College with Your Year-End Gift

During these final days of 2018, we ask for your support. Hebrew College's rabbis, cantors, educators, adult learners and teens enhance and enrich our diverse Jewish communities.

Many have stepped up already; please join them with your year-end gift. Online donations made before midnight or mail postmarked by December 31 will qualify as gifts as gifts made in 2018. And if you have already made your gift, please accept our heartfelt appreciation.

Gifts can be made online, by check, by phone, and by text. Learn more about [ways to give](#).

Give Now

Hebrew College Faculty Speak at AJS Conference



Four Hebrew College faculty and staff members spoke at last week's [Association for Jewish Studies \(AJS\) conference](#) in Boston. The Hebrew College cohort included:

- **Dr. Rachel Adelman**, Rabbinical School faculty - "Law, Narrative, and Theology in Modern Jewish Midrash"
 - **Rabbi Arthur Green**, Rabbinical School Rector - "Reading Hasidic Texts: New Perspectives from History to Hermeneutics"
 - **Dr. Keren McGinity**, Director of the Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement Program - "Unpartnered: The Meaning of Being Single Jewish Women in America, 1976-Present"
 - **Rabbi Nehemia Polen**, Rabbinical School faculty - "The Role of Emotions and the Nature of Emotional Life in Jewish Mystical Tradition"
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Winter/Spring Course Registration Open

Registration is open for all Hebrew College credit and non-credit courses for community members. Study alongside our graduate students or choose an adult learning course and learn with your peers.

Questions about courses? Please ask us!

Rabbinical School: [Rabbi Daniel Klein](#)
Associate Dean of Admissions & Student Life

Jewish Education & Hebrew: [Deb Ron](#)
Assistant, Shoolman Graduate School of Education

School of Jewish Music: [Marcia Spellman](#)
Program Administrator

Adult Learning: [Anna Katzevman](#)
Program Administrator

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Jewish Genealogy: Discover Your Family History

8 Wednesday Evenings at Hebrew College: March 6 to May 8, 2019

The [Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston \(JGSGB\)](#) will be running their award-winning course on how to research your Jewish family history at Hebrew College this spring at Hebrew College. The course, which will be taught from 7-9:30 p.m. on eight Wednesdays beginning March 6, 2019, is designed for beginners and for those who have started their family research.

Classes are taught by experts from the JGSGB and cover:

- Basic research strategies & skills
- Major online resources & software
- Jewish migration history & changing European borders
- Jewish names & traditions
- Finding immigrant ancestors in U.S., European, & Israeli records
- Identifying Holocaust victims & survivors
- Organizing & sharing your research

Lectures are accompanied by individual help sessions and hands-on workshops on using online resources and genealogy software programs. [Ancestry](#) and [MyHeritage](#) kindly offer students free access to their services for the duration of the course. Tuition is \$250.

[Learn more](#)

[Register for the course](#)



SIGHTS & SOUNDS

Hebrew College voice students of Cantor Lynn Torgove and Frank Kelly performed their winter recital on Dec. 12. Performers included students in the [School of Jewish Music's](#) 3-year accelerated Cantorial Ordination for Spiritual and Educational Leadership Program (COSEL) program, in the [Rabbinical School](#), and in the [Rav-Hazzan program](#).



Rav-Hazzan student Matt Goldberg sings "It Was a Lover and His Lass" by Thomas Morley.



COSEL student Maayan Harel sings "Hear Ye, Israel" from "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn.



Performers front row, l-r: DJ Fortine, Dan Nesson, Marc Stober, David Wolff, I-Ying Lin (accompanist), SAM Luckey, Jana Schacter, Sara Blumenthal, Jennifer Boyle. Back row, l-r: Jake Harris, Rachel Slusky, Marc Guttman, Jessica Woolf, Maayan Harel, Matt Goldberg.

IN THE NEWS

Chief Academic Officer, **Rabbi Michael Shire**, was mentioned in the December 19 [eJewish Philanthropy article](#) "Striving for Shlemut: An Emerging Approach to Jewish Education" for his work on the *Fellowship in Educating for Applied Jewish Wisdom*. The Fellowship is made possible by the support of the *Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah* and the *William Davidson Foundation*.

[The Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#) Dean **Rabbi Dan Judson** was the featured guest on the December 7 [Judaism Unbound](#) podcast. The episode, entitled "From Selling Dues to Temple Pews," is part one of two in which Rabbi Judson will be featured.

Dr. Keren McGinity, Director of Hebrew College's [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement \(IFJE\) program](#) was featured in the December 7 issue of *The Forward* in [the article](#) "Giving A Jewish Response To #MeToo." She was also featured in the December 13 [Lilith article](#) "7 Jewish Feminist Highlights of 2018."

[Rabbinical School](#) Associate Dean of Admissions & Student Life, **Rabbi Daniel Klein, Rab` 10**, was the featured guest on the December 6 episode of [WBUR's Radio Boston](#). He spoke to celebrating the season of miracles in the aftermath of the tragic happening at Etz Chaim in Pittsburg last month.

EVENTS

HUMANS OF HEBREW COLLEGE

Registration for Eser 2019:

10 Millennial Updates to Jewish Living

Classes begin March 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2019 in Brookline, Brighton, Downtown Boston, Jamaica Plain, Newton, Sharon, and Somerville

\$95 | [Register](#)

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"A number of people told me that I could just be a 'rabbi who can sing,' but I wanted the opportunity to get the full, formal education. I wanted a deeper level of learning, about music theory and music history, and Hazzanut that rabbinical school alone wouldn't offer. (Matt Goldberg, Rav-Hazzan student.)

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70 FACES OF TORAH

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

Reacting to Evil

Parashat Vayechi (Genesis 47:28-50:26)

By Rabbi Salem Pearce, Rab`18
Director of Congregational Organizing, [T'ruah](#)



Parashat Vayechi offers a conclusion to one of the most disturbing accounts in Torah, the rape of Dinah in *Parashat Vayishlach*. Dinah's story spans one chapter, plunked into the middle of Jacob's travels from Padan-Aram back to his birthplace in Canaan, and it ends as abruptly as it begins.

Genesis 33 concludes with Jacob and his family encamped near the city of Shechem. In Genesis 34, we're told that the local prince, also called Shechem, assaults Jacob's only daughter. While she is in captivity, Shechem falls in love with Dinah and sends his father to ask Jacob for her as wife. However, two of Dinah's brothers are furious about the rape and decide to trick the city's men, including Shechem and his father, into mass circumcision, both as a condition for the marriage and under the guise of promoting intermarriage between the tribes. But Simeon and Levi slaughter the newly circumcised men and pillage their city. Jacob later denounces his sons' actions because the violence will threaten the safety of the family.

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