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Sweet Sounds of Peace

with Soweto's Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society

Thursday, November 8, 2018

4-6 pm: Free Workshop | 7:30 pm: Concert \$10

"Music is a great blessing. It has the power to elevate and liberate us. It sets people free to dream. It can unite us to sing with one voice." - Nelson Mandela

Long before The Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society brought their songs of blessing to the inauguration of Nelson Mandela, they were the serenading voice of hope for the people of Soweto in their struggle against apartheid. Founded in 1982, the choir used their songs of struggle and peace to fill the void created by the incarceration of the political leadership.

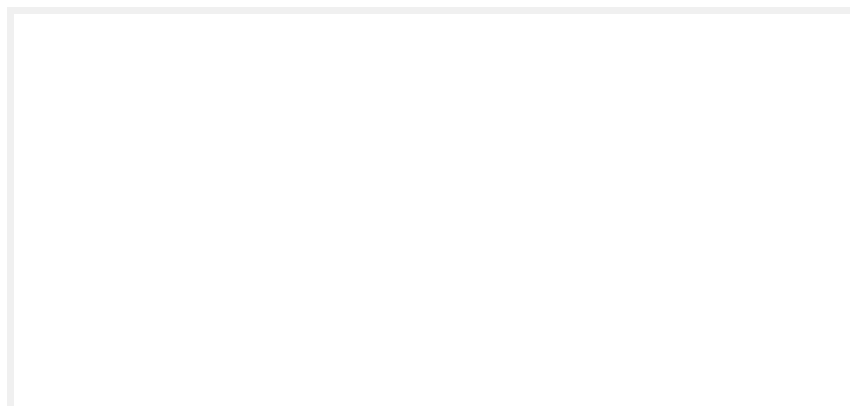
After South African independence, the choral society transformed their sweet songs of struggle into sweet songs of peace and spread their message of reconciliation throughout the world.

The People's Choir of Soweto will bring "the sweet sounds of peace" to Hebrew College on Thursday, November 8, with a workshop (4-6pm) and a concert (7:30pm). Kol Arev Hebrew College's chamber choir will join in with the choir for several pieces.

As Cantor Lynn Torgrove, artistic director of Kol Arev and Head of Vocal Arts at the School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College explained "one of the core missions of Kol Arev is interfaith and inter-community music-making. Just as we serve as ambassadors of Hebrew College, the *Imilonji KaNtu* Choral Society serves as ambassadors of the many cultures of South Africa."

The workshop and concert, both open to the public, are co-sponsored by the [School of Jewish Music](#) and the [Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership](#) and is free for Hebrew College students. Students please RSVP to mstern@hebrewcollege.edu.

Register for the workshop and/or concert





Rabbinical & Cantorial Open House & Day of Learning

Have you thought about becoming a rabbi or cantor? Join us on November 12 for Ta Sh'ma, our Open House and Day of Learning for prospective rabbinical, cantorial, and rav-hazzan students.

Experience the vibrant pluralistic communities of Hebrew College's pioneering rabbinical, cantorial and rav-hazzan programs. Join with students and faculty for an inspiring day of learning, conversation, music and prayer.

- Learn with Hebrew College faculty, including Hebrew College President Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, Rabbinical School Rector Rabbi Arthur Green, School of Jewish Music Dean Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer and Cantor Jeff Klepper
- Pray and learn alongside students
- Experience what it is like to be a part of our supportive and joyous community
- All food is provided. Home hospitality and travel stipends available.

Learn more & register

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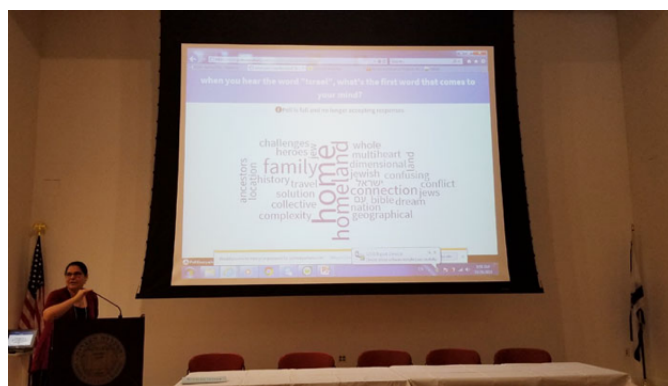
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Sights & Sounds

From October 28 to 31, the Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education's [Early Childhood Institute](#) held its annual education conference at Hebrew College. This year's theme was "The Multiple Dimensions of Israel" and was open to educators who work with students of all primary and secondary grade levels. The conference attracted educators from all over New England.



(Left: Early Childhood Institute Director Rachel Raz, MEd '06 facilitates the creation of a word cloud about the conference theme. Right: Daniel Agranov, Deputy Consul General of Israel to New England speaks to a full house.

Upcoming Events



TONIGHT!

An Evening in Memory of Dr. David Ariel z"l

Nov. 1 at Temple Emanuel

8 pm | Free

Co-sponsors: Hebrew College & Temple Emanuel

[Learn more](#)

Sweet Sounds of Peace:

Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society

Nov. 8 - Workshop & Concert

Workshop 4-6 p.m. | Free

Concert 7:30 p.m. | \$10

[Purchase Concert Tickets](#)

Ta Sh'ma: Fall Ordination Programs

Open House & Day of Learning

Nov. 12 | Hebrew College

[Information and Registration](#)

Torah Godly Play Training

Nov. 26 at Hebrew College

9:30 a.m. | \$100 per person

[Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

Annual Lecture on Jewish Genealogy with Rebecca Kobrin

"Credit to the Nation: East European Jewish Immigrant Bankers, Mass Migration and American Finance"

Co-sponsored by [Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston](#) and Hebrew College

Dec. 16 | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Free

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~ Blogs ~

What studying text can teach us about our place in the world

By Rabbi Dr. Michael Shire

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Learning Jewish texts has long been the practice of Jewish education, though I personally was not exposed to a rabbinic text in its original language and printed setting until late in adolescence. I remember it being a thrill to see a passage in an edition of the Talmud and slowly make my way through the Mishnah and some commentary on the side of the page. It felt truly authentic and a spiritual exercise to be connected to centuries of interpretation and discussion. I would hope that in this generation, students in non-Orthodox educational settings are experiencing that thrill a lot earlier than I did!

We talk about exposing our students and children to Jewish texts, but often that means handing out a copied sheet or preparing sources on an online tool like Sefaria. However, there is nothing like handling a bound volume of a rabbinic or medieval text with all of its nuance, texture and depth. Despite our penchant for technology, I hope we never lose our love of the book or indeed the scroll, as a form of ritual and close reading.

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Lifting our eyes to find each other

Parashat Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

By Rabbi Becky Silverstein, Rab' 14

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Mah anachnu, meh chayeinu, meh chasdeinu, mah tzidkateinu, mah yeshuateinu, mah cohenu, mah gevuroteinu... the rhythm of the Hebrew words picks up speed as I move through the morning blessings. *What are we? What is our life? What is our loving-kindness? What is our righteousness? What is our salvation? What is our strength? What is our might?* The parallelism in the English underscores the urgency of the questions.

Who are we? What is our purpose on this earth? Where do we derive our strength? What will be our guide through this day and each day thereafter? How do I understand my place in this world? The truth is that given my abbreviated davening (praying) during the week, the only time I say these words are on Shabbat morning. These are the words that most consistently open my heart and prepare me to connect with the Holy One of Blessing, the compassionate creator of all things.

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