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## NEWS & VIEWS

Presidential Installation Issue

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# New Beginnings: The Shabbat Table and President's Council

With the [installation of Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld](#) as Hebrew College's ninth president just four days away, excitement is building. As we celebrate Rabbi Anisfeld's leadership and scholarship, her vision, and her gifts with people and with the written word, we are deeply moved by the new, renewed, and strengthened connections so many members of our community are making with Hebrew College. We look forward to a wonderful celebration on Monday evening, and a bright future together.

This year we invite you to partner with us by considering joining one of our two inaugural giving levels:

**The Shabbat Table** - Join with a gift at one of the following levels:

- **Yedidim/Companions.** For a contribution of \$1,800 to \$4,999, be recognized in all print and digital materials, receive the President's quarterly newsletter, and have a seat at the table for a Shabbat meal with the President, Hebrew College faculty and students during the year.
- **Haverim/Friends.** For a contribution of \$5,000 to \$9,999, in addition to all of the benefits of Yedidim, receive admission for two to Hebrew College's Annual Spring Gala.

**President's Council** - As a Council member, you will have the opportunity to meet with President Anisfeld and to serve the College in an advisory capacity, whether as a member of a committee of the Board of Trustees, or in another role. In addition to all of the benefits of Shabbat Table members, President's Council member levels and benefits include:

- **Shutafim/Partners.** For a contribution of \$10,000 to \$24,999, the President will choose a recently published book by a member of the Hebrew College faculty for you, personally signed by the author.
- **Talmidim/Lifelong Learners.** For a contribution of \$25,000 to \$49,999, enroll as our guest in a Hebrew College community course, in person or online.
- **Bonim/Builders.** For a contribution of \$50,000 to \$99,999, each semester attend the President's Circle breakfast and study session with a senior member of the Hebrew College faculty.
- **Meyasdim/Founders.** For a contribution of \$100,000, meet privately with the President to share some of her favorite chocolates, and toast *l'chaim!* to the future of Hebrew College.

"We are a community of founders, builders, lifelong learners, partners, companions and friends that dream, take risks, and work together to create the future of Hebrew College," says Board Chair Andy Offit.

Whether you choose to join the Shabbat Table, President's Council, or make a gift of any amount, we thank you.

[Join & Learn More](#)

## Shabbat Table Members

Anonymous  
Geraldine Acuña Sunshine and Gabriel Sunshine

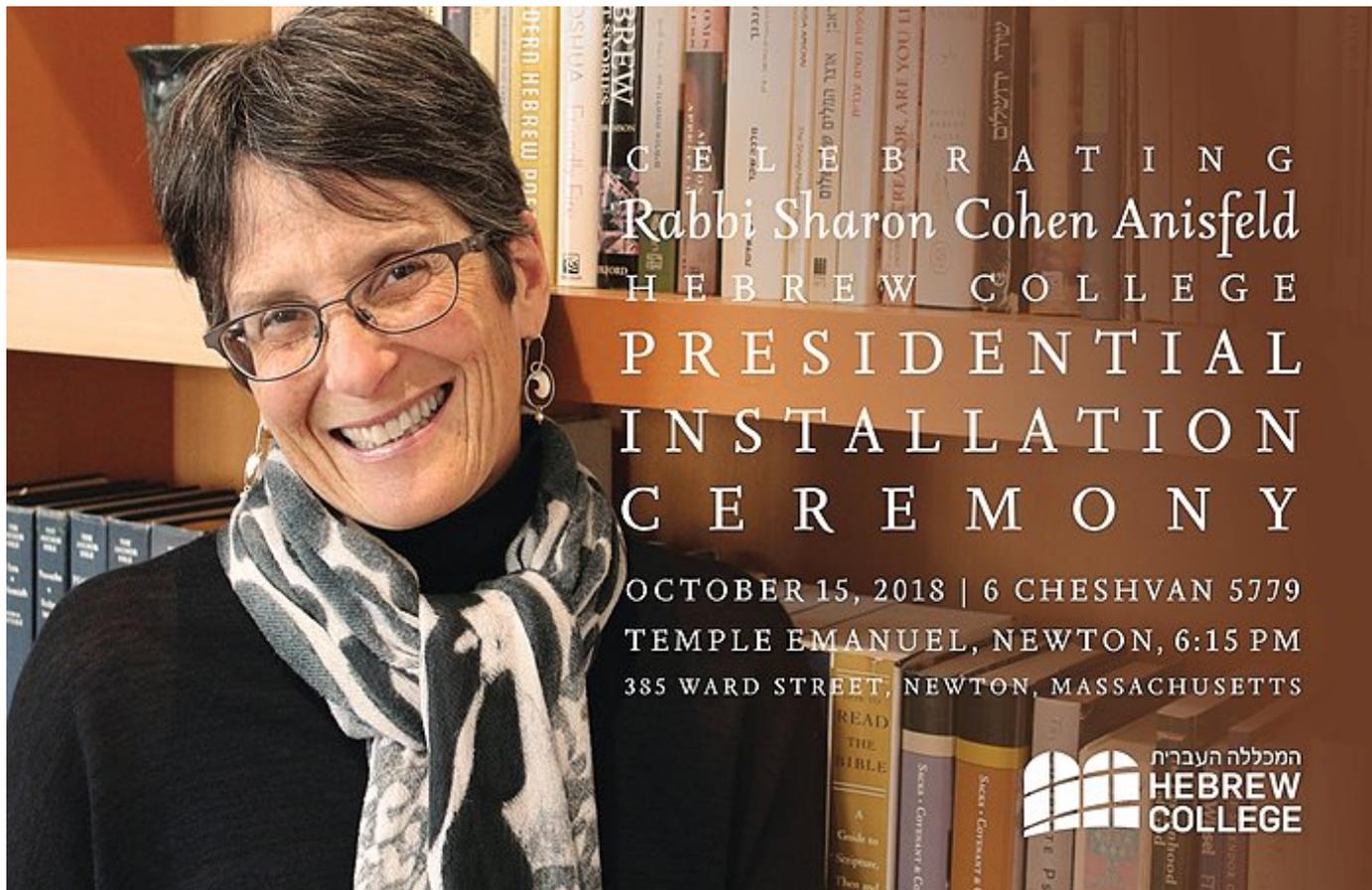
## President's Council Members

Anonymous (2)  
Susan and Aron Ain

Robert Bonney and Gay Lee Ludwig-Bonney  
 Renata Brailovsky  
 Carol and Carl Chudnofsky  
 Renee and Steven Finn  
 Danya Handelsman and Jed Shugerman  
 Dorit Harverd and Richard Dale  
 Elizabeth and Dan Jick  
 Judith and William Kates  
 Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum and Randi Weingarten  
 Rabbi Van Lanckton and Alice Lanckton  
 Ruth Langer and Jonathan D. Sarna  
 Erin Leib-Smokler and Daniel Smokler  
 Beth S. Moskowitz  
 Jennifer Howe Peace  
 Rabbinical School of Hebrew College Class of 2008  
 Rabbi Ma'ayan and Rick Sands  
 Leslie and Alan Sherman  
 Linda Sloane Kay and Barry Sloane  
 Sarah Sonnenfeld  
 Torah Babes  
 384 Campus: (Congregation Kehillath Israel and  
 Congregation Mishkan Tefila)  
 Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley  
 The Clergy of Temple Israel of Boston: (Rabbi  
 Elaine Zecher; Cantor Roy Einhorn; Rabbi Matt  
 Stoffer; Rabbi Suzie Jacobson; Rabbi Jen Gubitz;  
 Rabbi Bernard Mehlman; Rabbi Ronne Friedman)

Mark Atkins  
 Ruth Bork, Kerry Dugan, and Ted Bork  
 Marsha and Harvey Chasen  
 Chleck Family Foundation  
 Rabbi Sharon and Shimon Cohen Anisfeld  
 Cohen Family  
 Leslie and Alan Crane  
 Janine and Jevin Eagle  
 Lori and Michael Gilman  
 Beth and Larry Greenberg  
 Patti and Louis Grossman  
 The Richard and Natalie Jacoff Foundation, Inc.  
 Rita J. and Stanley H. Kaplan Family Foundation  
 Barbara and Leo Karas  
 Rabbi Jamie and Harold Kotler  
 Daniel Miller  
 Tara Mohr and Eric Ries  
 Rabbi Suzanne and Andy Offit  
 Rabbi Sonia and Ned Saltzman  
 Rabbi Becky Silverstein and Naomi Sobel  
 Rosalyn and Richard Slifka  
 Myra and Robert Snyder  
 Arnee R. and Walter A. Winshall

\* *lists in formation*



Please join us on Monday at 6:15 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton, Massachusetts. [Visit the installation website](#) and reserve your seat now.

Reserve Tickets



***The event will be ASL interpreted for our hearing impaired guests.***

# ~ In the News ~

President Sharon Cohen Anisfeld is mentioned in an Oct. 4, 2018 [Jewish Journal article](#) about Harvard University's President Larry Bacow installation this week. The article, entitled, "Bacow brings Jewish spirit of inclusion to Harvard community," mentions Bacow's Hebrew College connections, including his serving on the Board of Trustees, his 2004 Hebrew College honorary degree, and that he will attend President Anisfeld's inauguration on October 15.

Rabbinical School Dean Rabbi Dan Judson was quoted in the Oct. 4, 2018 [Jewish Journal article](#) "Shirat Hayam announces move to voluntary dues."

Rabbinical School alum Rabbi David Cohen-Henriquez was featured in the Oct. 4, 2018 [Jewish Journal article](#), "Being God's hands: three faiths unite to end hunger on the North Shore."

## Upcoming Events



### MONDAY! Presidential Installation Ceremony

October 15 | 6:15 p.m. | Free  
Temple Emanuel, Newton, MA  
[Reservations](#) | [Information & Celebration Gifts](#)

### Words to Live By

**Book Launch & Panel Discussion**  
Oct 23 at Hebrew College  
7:30 p.m. | Free  
Reservations: Email [mstern@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:mstern@hebrewcollege.edu)

### Shoolman School Education Conference

"Israel's Multiple Dimensions"  
Oct. 28-31 at Hebrew College  
[Information & Registration](#)

### 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](#)

### The Heidi Urich Annual Lecture on Jewish Genealogy with Rebecca Kobrin

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

**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](#)

Co-sponsored by [Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston](#) and Hebrew College  
 Dec. 16 | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Free  
 Hebrew College  
[Learn more](#)

**Sweet Sounds of Peace:**  
**Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society: The People's Choir from Soweto**  
 Nov. 8 - Workshop & Concert  
 Workshop 4-6 p.m. | Free  
 Concert 7:30 p.m. | \$10  
[Purchase Concert Tickets](#)



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## Noah: Words Above the Waters

Parashat Noach (Genesis 6:9-11:32)

By Rabbi Arthur Green  
 Rector, [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#)  
 Rabbi Green will be delivering the Presidential Installation  
 Statement of Affirmation at the event on October 15.



The story of Noah's flood remains one of the best-known and most powerful tales of our biblical heritage. Even in our secular age, there is hardly a child who has not heard the story told, seen it recreated in animation, or played with toys based on the animals in Noah's ark. What is it about this story that seems to have such great enduring power? Is it just that it fits so well with children's seemingly natural desire to care for animals? Or are there deeper truths that we sense are present within it, perhaps made more palatable to us because they appear in the guise of this childlike and dreamy narrative?

The largest and most challenging frame into which the tale forces us is the ultimate question of whether we, or our human society, *deserve* to exist. God is here our voice of self-judgment, thunderously asking, in the language of Gen. 6:13, "Are we too so filled with *hamas* - violence or malice - that we ought to be destroyed?" Would a Creator God, looking down upon our world, also conclude

that “the inclination of the human heart is just evil, from their youth (8:21),” and that we are therefore irredeemable?

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***Correction: Rabbi Adina Allen's name was spelled incorrectly in last week's issue. We regret the error.***



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