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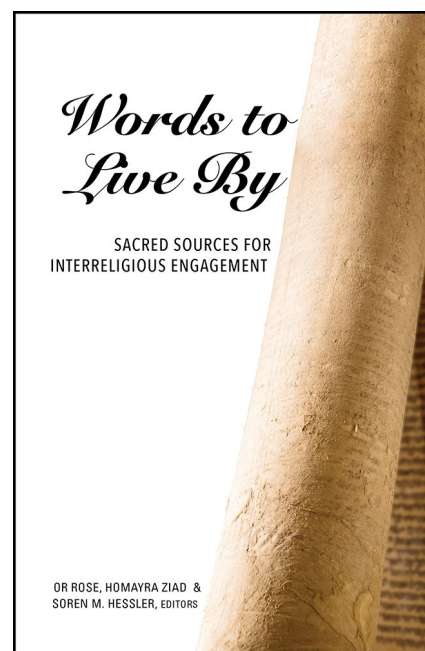
Connecting Across Religious Lines

If you were asked to select one text from your religious tradition that can help people connect constructively across religious lines, what would it be?

In Words to Live By: Sacred Sources for Interreligious Engagement (Orbis Books, 2018) a group of distinguished scholars, educators, and activists from Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Humanist traditions, provide their response to this pressing question.

Contributors to the anthology, co-edited by [Hebrew College Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership](#) Director Rabbi Or Rose with Rev. Soren Hessler and Dr. Homayra Ziad, explore sacred texts from their traditions that inspire their interreligious activities.

In reflecting on the aims of the anthology, Rabbi Rose commented, "We hope this diverse collection helps readers think carefully about their religious and interreligious commitments, and moves them to take thoughtful action to heal our beautiful, but fractured world."



Please contact Marilyn Stern at mstern@hebrewcollege.edu for more information or questions about the book launch event on

Please join us on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 pm at Hebrew College as we celebrate the publication of this new and timely anthology. The evening will include a panel discussion among book contributors, Dr. Francis X. Clooney, Dr. Celene Ibrahim, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore, and Dr. Jennifer Howe Peace—and reflections by Rabbi Or Rose and Rev. Soren Hessler.

October 23.



Build Community Through Our Adult Learning

This fall you can delve into Jewish mindfulness and meditation, discuss the Jewish experience through literature, explore the perspectives of different religions on the same issues, or engage in hands-on actions that will make a difference in the world, all while building connection and community over deep conversations in classrooms, community centers, and living rooms throughout Greater Boston.

Hebrew College Adult Learning classes, sponsored by CJP launch this month. Whether you're a recent college grad, a new parent, a working professional, or a recent retiree, Hebrew College, with its partner, the CJP Commission on Jewish Learning and Engagement, offers many ways to begin or continue your lifelong journey of Jewish learning and discovery.

Choose the right program for you...

- **Me'ah:** Journey through Jewish texts and ideas from biblical times to the present through [Me'ah Classic](#), a two-year 100-hour program; or take a deep dive into a particular historic period, theme, or personality through [Me'ah Select](#). [View fall classes](#).
- **Parenting Through a Jewish Lens:** Navigate the challenges of parenting kids, from toddlers to teens, guided by Jewish wisdom through [Parenting Through a Jewish Lens](#). Over a dozen [classes](#) will be offered in communities throughout Greater Boston and surrounding suburbs.
- **Eser:** Connect with other young adults in their 20s and 30s, discuss issues that matter to you and your peers, and expand your community through thought-provoking conversations with [Eser Select Fall Discussion Circles](#). [View classes](#).

- **Open Circle Jewish Learning:** Ask big questions, explore relevant topics, and find meaning in Jewish sources of wisdom. Participate in a [conversation group](#) or create your own [salon](#) on any topic. [View fall classes](#).
- **NEW! Open Circles Social Action:** Join other young adults to learn about the importance of *tikkun olam* (repair the world), *tzedek* (justice), and *tzedakah* (charity) in Jewish tradition. [Fall classes](#) include "Welcome the Immigrant" and "Dignity for All: LGBTQ + Justice." [Read a piece by an instructor](#) and [join us for a meet-up](#) tonight at Aeronaut Brewing Company.



Please join us for this special event at
Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton, Massachusetts.

[Visit the installation website](#) and reserve your seat now.

This is free event, though due to space limitations, advance registration will be required for entry. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reserve Tickets



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

Help us celebrate the installation of Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld by joining the inaugural Shabbat Table or President's Council or by making a gift of any amount that is meaningful to you.

Learn more about giving opportunities.

HUMANS OF HEBREW COLLEGE

"The Beit Midrash at Hebrew College is a warm and welcoming environment where diverse ideas and beliefs are shared alongside study of traditional Jewish texts. It is a truly inspiring place for a rabbi to teach, learn, and grow."

(Rabbi [Shayna Rhodes](#), Rab`08 is the co-director of Hebrew College's Beit Midrash.)



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Rabbi Adina Allen, Rab`14, co-founder of [The Jewish Studio Project](#), was featured in [The Jerusalem Post article](#) "Wrestling with Faith" on Sept. 6.

Dr. Keren McGinity, Director of Hebrew College's [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement program](#)



TONIGHT!
Open Circle Social Action Meet-Up
 Sept. 27 | 7-9 p.m.
 Aeronaut Brewing Company, Somerville, MA
[RSVP & Information](#)

Presidential Installation Ceremony

(IFJE) was featured in a Sept. 17, 2018 [article in Moment Magazine](#) entitled, "What's the best way to say #MeToo?" and Sept. 17 [article in Haaretz](#) entitled, "Not Just Weinstein: The Year #MeToo Rocked and Shocked the Jewish World."

Rabbi Phil Bressler, Rab` 18 was featured in a Sept. 24 [article in the Corvallis Gazette & Times](#) entitled, "A different kind of rabbi." Bressler is the rabbi at Temple Beit Am in Corvallis, OR.

Rabbi Bryan Mann, Rab` 18, was featured in a Sept. 26 [Tampa Bay Times article](#) entitled, "Rainbow yarmulke signals arrival of new rabbi at Brandon's Beth Shalom." Mann serves Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon, FL.

IN CASE YOU MISSED...

Dr. Keren McGinity was a panelist on the Religious News Association's Sept. 14 panel entitled, "#MeToo in Sacred Spaces."

[Watch on Facebook.](#)

Rabbi Arthur Green was the guest on the *Judaism Unbound* podcast episode [God is One](#), co-hosted by 2018 IFJE grad Lex Rofes.

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

Education Conference

Oct. 28-31 at Hebrew College

[Information & Registration](#)

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](#)

Annual Heidi Urich 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 Genealogy Society of Greater Boston](#) and Hebrew College.

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

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

You Shall Have Nothing But Joy

Sukkot

By Rabbi Brian Besser. Rab`10
 Spiritual leader
 Congregation Beth Shalom, Bloomington, IN



Yom Kippur is the most ethereal of Jewish holidays. On the holiest day of the year, we symbolically shed the trappings of material existence. To my mind, the reason for fasting is not so much to afflict ourselves but to elevate ourselves above the earthly plane of reality. As much as humanly possible, we abstain from physical needs and urges. We don't eat; we don't bathe; we don't engage in sexual relations; if we could, we wouldn't sleep or go to the bathroom, either. On Yom Kippur, we yearn to leave our bodies behind and soar like the angels. It's the closest we ever come, this side of death, to merging with the Infinite and abiding in God's presence as pure souls.

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