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Global High Holiday Leadership 5779

Hebrew College is proud of the impact that our faculty, alumni and students are having as spiritual

leaders for High Holiday services all over the country and abroad. In 28 states and 7 countries—from the U.S. and Canada to Brazil and Singapore—Hebrew College's spiritual leaders are creating meaningful and engaging High Holiday experiences for more than 120 communities. Many are referencing our new Hebrew College High Holiday Companion in preparation for the holidays. There is still time to [purchase a copy](#) for yourself, friends or your shul.

See where our alumni, students & faculty are serving

Ta Sh'ma

Come & Hear

Fall Ordination Programs Open House & Day of Learning November 12, 2018



Meet our vibrant, pluralistic learning community.

Rabbi Ayalon Eliach, Rab`18 (left), a student at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College left law to pursue the rabbinate. "I thought I could practice law and keep my Judaism on the side. What I eventually found is that I really needed it front and center...and that I wanted to be in a profession where I could bring my excitement for Judaism to work every single day."

According to Cantor Hinda Eisen Labovitz, Can`14, "There is holy work in finding the people who will live, learn, and love in the Jewish community." Her former intern, Jessica Woolf, is a new student in the School of Jewish Music's accelerated three-year Cantorial Ordination for Spiritual and Education Leadership Program (COSEL).

If you or anyone you know is interested in the rabbinate or cantorate, join the students and faculty in Hebrew College's pioneering [rabbinical](#), [COSEL](#) and [rav-hazzan](#) programs at our fall Open House for an inspiring day of learning, conversation, music and prayer.

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Learn Modern Hebrew: Ulpan Registration Open

There's still time to register for Hebrew College's Ulpan classes. The Ulpan program, a full-language program that teaches grammar, reading comprehension and conversation skills, uses the linguistic-immersion method developed and popularized in Israel. Classes are offered for all skill levels.

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 Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton, Massachusetts.

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~ In the News ~

Rabbi Arthur Green, [Rabbinical School](#) Rector, will be featured in tomorrow's episode of "[Judaism Unbound](#)," a podcast hosted by 2018 Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement (IFJE) Certificate graduate Lex Rofes.

Dr. Keren McGinity, Director of the Hebrew College's [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement program](#), was featured in the August 29, 2018 [The Jewish Advocate article](#) "Hebrew College, Brandeis U. address #MeToo movement (paid subscription only)."

[Rabbinical School](#) alumna Rabbi Alison Adler, Rab`08, spiritual leader of Temple B'nai Abraham in Beverly, MA, was featured in a June 20, 2018 Associated Press piece entitled "Immigration Protest Floods Boston Statehouse." [View the segment](#) at 00:56.

70 Faces of Torah



My Father Was a Wandering Aramean...The Ethical Legacy of Our Origins in Exile

Parashat Ki Tavo (Deuteronomy 26:1-28:8)

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Through two thousand years of diaspora, the Jewish people have preserved a relationship to God and our tradition, keeping alive the promise of return to our homeland. At the center of that promise of return, paradoxically, is a consciousness of the gift of the land, God's land—neither “your land” nor “my land”. This concept forms the centerpiece of this week's Torah portion, which begins with the words “*ki tavo*/When you come into the land....”, and carries an ethical responsibility that emerges from the way we tell the story of our claim to that land.

Throughout history, the immanent connection of a people to its land has most often entailed a claim of indigenusness. For example, according to ancient Greek myth, the original ancestors of the land were said to be born of the ground itself as autochthones (a “people sprung from the soil”). The Jewish myth of origins also informs our relationship to the land, but our hope of homecoming, and the sense of ourselves as an “eternal people”, is grounded, ironically, in the claim that we were originally strangers in a strange land.

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