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Chag Sukkot Sameach!



The Hebrew College community came together today to decorate and enjoy the College's Sukkah.


A photograph of a woman with short dark hair and glasses, smiling in front of a bookshelf. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the following text:

Celebrating Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld
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Please join us for this special event at
 Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton, Massachusetts.
[Visit the installation website](http://WWW.HEBREWCOLLEGE.EDU/INSTALLATION) 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.



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.

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What Comes After

Parashat Ha'azinu (Deuteronomy 32:1-52)

By Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Rab`15
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When my wife and I were developing the language of our *ketubah*, a rabbi offered us an important piece of advice: think seriously about the people who you choose as witnesses for your [ketubah](#). If and when, 5, 10, 20 years down the line, things become difficult in your marriage, should you begin acting toward one another in ways that are hurtful, thoughtless, perhaps even cruel, these are the people that will remind you who you once were to each other. They will bear witness to the relationship and love

that you once shared and they will remind you, that even should the marriage come to separation, that you must still treat the person before you with care.

It may feel dispiriting, even cynical, that in the beginning, at perhaps what felt like the height of our love, we were advised to imagine the potential, perhaps inevitable difficulties that lay ahead. But consider the words of philosopher and writer Alain de Botton, "...the start of a relationship is not the high point that romantic art assumes; it is merely the first step of a far longer, more ambivalent, and yet quietly audacious journey on which we should direct our intelligence and scrutiny." Or in the words of Krista Tippett in her podcast "On Being" in which she interviews de Botton, "The real work of love is not in the falling but in what comes after."

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