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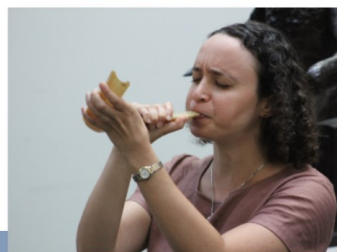
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## NEWS & VIEWS

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*Shana Tova*  
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*Hebrew College wishes you and your family a good, sweet, healthy and happy New Year!*



## Sweet Sounds of Peace

### Soweto's Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society Concert

Thursday, November 8, 2018

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

Hebrew College's [School of Jewish Music](#) and [Miller Center for Learning & Leadership](#) invite you to experience the Sweet Sounds of Struggle for Peace performed by the [Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society](#), the People's Choir from Soweto. The evening will include a mix of the South African choir's Jewish and African pieces. Kol Arev, Hebrew College's choir-in-residence, will join the chorus for one of the pieces.

Founded in 1988 in Soweto, the choir was the first to express the struggle of the people in apartheid South Africa in an organized musical context. The choir was there at the site of the struggle - at protest rallies, at funerals of victims of apartheid and at commemoration services. It became the serenading voice of hope for the many families that felt isolated by the system. When South Africa gained independence the choir spread a message of reconciliation to the new nation of South Africa and was a messenger of good news to the countries it visited.

To reserve a place at the workshop and/or the concert, please contact Marilyn Stern at [mstern@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:mstern@hebrewcollege.edu).



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[Rabbinical School](#) 2010 alumna **Rabbi Eliana Jacobowitz** and her eco-friendly *tashlich* practice were featured in a Sept. 4 [JTA article](#) entitled, "A Jewish atonement ritual (not the chicken one) gets an eco-friendly makeover." (Photo credit: *Sharona Jacobs*)

[Eser's](#) **Sara Gardner** and her new Sephardic cookbook were featured in a Sept. 3 [The Forward article](#) entitled, "For Centuries, Spanish Jews Have Held Rosh Hashanah Seders."



The Hebrew College community celebrated the beginning of the academic year at **Hakhel** on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Speakers included President Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, Chief Academic Officer Rabbi Michael Shire, Director of Academic Initiatives Marion Gribetz, Vice President of Marketing & Advancement Alan Sherman, and rabbinical student Alison Poirier (pictured), with music by Rabbinical student Matt Ponak and shofar blowing by Sara Blumenthal.

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## I Was Not at Sinai

Parashat Nitzavim (Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20)

By Rabbi Elisha Herb, Rab`16  
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The people stand at Sinai as would-be converts to the Torah covenant, long since created in the mystical realms but yet to be received by the people Israel.

The Torah tells us, it is “...not only with you that I make this covenant and this oath, but with [1] those who are standing here with us this day before the LORD our God and [2] *those who are not with us here this day*” (Deut. 29:13-14).

The Talmud, *Shevuot* 39a, famously explains that *those who are not with us here this day* applies to all subsequent generations of those born Jewish *and* all converts in the future.

From this mystical perspective, all of the souls of all Jews, including would-be converts, have the Torah inscribed upon them; the covenant is hardwired into us. *Parashat Nitzavim* hints at this inherent relationship; the Torah, we read, is “very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to observe it” (Deut. 30:14).

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