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A Summer of Music and Prayer at Hebrew College



The [Prayer Leader Summer Institute](#), run by Hebrew College's [School of Jewish Music](#), is off and singing! Classes began this week in Nusach (traditional prayer chant) for Shabbat and

Here's what past participants are saying:

Weekdays, Liturgy of Shabbat and Weekdays, and a special class in Sacred Drumming for cantorial and rav-hazzan students.

The Prayer Leader Summer Institute offers eight weeks of classes in Jewish Sacred Music, covering classical and contemporary styles of service leading, music education, spiritual development for prayer leaders, and more. While the program is a feature of Hebrew College's [accelerated cantorial program](#), it is also a summer series which is open to all students and community members. As in past years, our cantorial students are joined in class by cantors, rabbis, rabbinical students and lay people, all whom are here to celebrate the beauty and breadth of Jewish music.

There is still time to enroll in classes, which run through the end of July. Upcoming sessions feature these guest instructors:

Dr. Hankus Netsky, chair of New England Conservatory's Contemporary Improvisation Department and founder of the Klezmer Conservatory Band, teaching a one-week class on Niggun and Klezmer.

Rabbi Shefa Gold, a renowned leader from Aleph: The Alliance for Jewish Renewal, teaching the philosophy and repertoire of the Renewal movement.

Noah Aronson, a composer and educator, teaching sessions on integrating music for all ages in liberal/progressive communities.

Ellen Allard, a renowned educator and musician who specializes in teaching music to young children and families.

"Wonderful, rich learning and instruction"

"Great singing and some Torah study mixed in. Very warm and inviting."

The course content and the instructors was excellent, enjoyable and highly stimulating. I specially loved the *Nusach* course, which was outstanding."

"Getting to meet cantors and educators from different backgrounds was interesting."

Read more about our courses, faculty, registration and tuition.

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Me'ah Online Commitment to the Military

Hebrew College is honored to be offering [Me'ah Online](#), Hebrew College's acclaimed adult learning program, to Jewish military personnel and their families, free of charge. Through the generosity of a private donor, in partnership with the Jewish Chaplains Council (JWB), Hebrew College is able to provide this to the Jewish military community wherever they are stationed throughout the world.

According to Rabbi Abbi Sharofsky, JWB Deputy Director, "Me'ah Online is an exciting opportunity for us. You could see, after the partnership was presented at the recent JWB training course, how it resonated with our chaplains. They were very impressed and energized by its possibilities. They really see it as setting a new standard for the educational programs they provide to Jewish members of the military in terms of its quality and accessibility."

If you or a family member are part of the Jewish military community, you can learn more about this extraordinary learning opportunity by contacting [Marilyn Stern](#).

Hebrew College's regular Me'ah Online courses, for non-military communities, are priced to make high quality Jewish adult education accessible to learners of all means and especially to small congregations around the world. If you wish to bring high caliber adult learning to your congregation in 2018-2019/5779, check out [Me'ah Online blended](#), which combines the flexibility of online learning with the dynamism of in-person sessions.



Celebrating Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld
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Save the date and join us for this event at
 Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton, Massachusetts.
Bookmark the installation website and check for more information coming soon.

Sights & Sounds



Hebrew College held Commencement and Ordination Ceremonies on Sunday, June 3, 2018. Pictured l-r: Rabbi Jeffrey Summit (Honorary degree recipient and Commencement speaker), Lewis Glinert (Sidney Hillson/Rose Bronstein Memorial Award recipient); President Daniel Lehmann; President-Elect Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld; Board Chair Andy Offit; Rabbi Marc Baker (Dr. Benjamin J. Shevach Memorial

Award recipient), and Harold Kotler and Mary Elizabeth Moore (Honorary degree recipients.)



NEW CANTORS: (l-r) Dara Rosenblatt, Melanie Blatt, and Monica O'Desky, and [School of Jewish Music](#) Certificate of Sacred Music recipient Jinny Sagorin. Graduating cantors gave the School of Jewish Music a hand-made piano bench cushion as a thank you gift from their class.



NEW RABBIS: (Back row l-r) Stephen Slater, Philip Bressler, Benjamin Barer, Daniel Schaefer, Joshua Weisman, Salem Pearce, and Jordan Schuster. (Front row l-r) Laura Bellows, Lev Friedman, Rebecca Weinstein, Bryan Mann, Elizabeth Bonney-Cohen and Ayalon Eliach.

The graduating [Rabbinical School](#) Class helped fund a scholarship for an incoming Rabbinical School student as a class gift to the School. In just three weeks, they raised more than \$25K for the gift. Thank you to everyone who contributed. If you would still like to make a donation, please visit the students' [gofundme page](#).

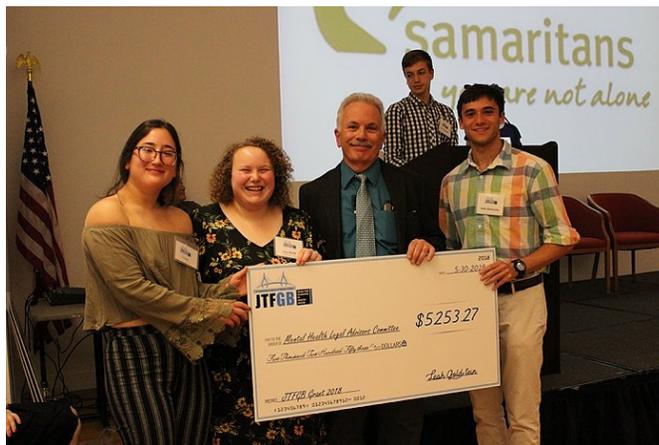
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Hebrew College's [Jewish Teen Foundation of Greater Boston](#) (JTJFGB) held their annual gift ceremony at Hebrew College on May 30. The teen philanthopists, who comprised three teen boards, raised \$69,313 over four months and awarded grants to nine community organizations. Above left: JTJFGB Board 3 member Benjamin Lieberman. Above right (l to r): Lisa Radin; Izzy Wolf; grant recipient Phillip Kassel,



Executive Director, Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee; Seth Walensky.



Last Thursday, May 31, Hebrew College and its adult learning program, [Me'ah Classic](#), hosted a dinner for graduates and their guests, followed by a graduation ceremony to celebrate and confer certificates upon 31 students who successfully completed two years, 100 hours of intensive study of Jewish history and philosophy. The ceremony featured a student speaker, Me'ah Classic staff and faculty, and remarks by Hebrew College President-Elect Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld. These graduates join over 3,000 other Me'ah Classic alumni over the past 22 years. (Pictured above left) Hebrew College-based class members Jeffrey Keisler, Ross Rizley, Susan Aisner, Alan Levine, Diane Goldman; (right) husband-and-wife team David and Joan Solomont celebrating their joint achievement finishing the Ma'ayan Young Israel of Brookline class.

[Learn](#) about 2018-2019 Me'ah classes, currently enrolling at locations around Greater Boston.



In the recent [Jewish Book Council review](#) of Rabbinical School Dean [Rabbi Dan Judson's](#) book *Pennies from Heaven*, Rabbi Marc Katz writes: "Though Judson is a masterful storyteller who can make long-ago synagogue presidents come alive, he is perhaps most impressive when showing how synagogue finances parallel trends and movements in the American Jewish story."

[Rabbi Or Rose](#) and [Rev. Soren Hessler](#) of the [Miller Center for Intrigues Learning & Leadership](#) co-edited with Dr. Homayra Ziad of the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, the



Boston Jewish Food Conference
Co-sponsored with [Beantown Jewish Gardens](#)
June 10 | Noon-7pm
Temple Israel, Brookline, MA
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Prayer Leader Summer Institute
June 5-July 27
Hebrew College
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Workshop on Jewish Drumming & Spirituality with Mitch Gordon

new book entitled [Words to Live By: Sacred Sources for Inter religious Engagement](#) (Orbis Books, June 2018)

Outgoing Hebrew College President **Rabbi Daniel Lehmann** has been named President of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. He begins his term in August. Read about his new appointment in May 24 issue of [The Jewish News of Northern California](#).

Dr. Keren McGinity, Director of Hebrew College's [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement program](#), has been selected for the Summer Institute for Israel Studies Fellowship Program run by the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University and designed to prepare faculty in the Humanities and Social Sciences to teach about Israel.

July 23, 25, 26 | 7pm
Hebrew College
[Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

Concert with Noah Aronson & Friends
July 24 | 7pm
Hebrew College
Information coming soon

Presidential Installation of Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld
October 25 | Evening
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Shlach Lecha/Not a Sound

Parshat Shlach

(Numbers, 13:1-15:41)

By Rabbi Gray Myrseth, Rab`17
School Director at Kehilla Community Synagogue in Piedmont, CA.



*And
all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron
and
the whole congregation said to them,*

*“I
wish we had died in the land of Egypt or that we had already died in this wilderness!”
(Numbers 14:2)*

Fear
is not an animal.
It
is not warm.
It
does not bend.

Once
the ocean bent
beneath
my hand.
Was
it that simple?
Yes.

Finish Reading Rabbi Myrseth's Poem



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