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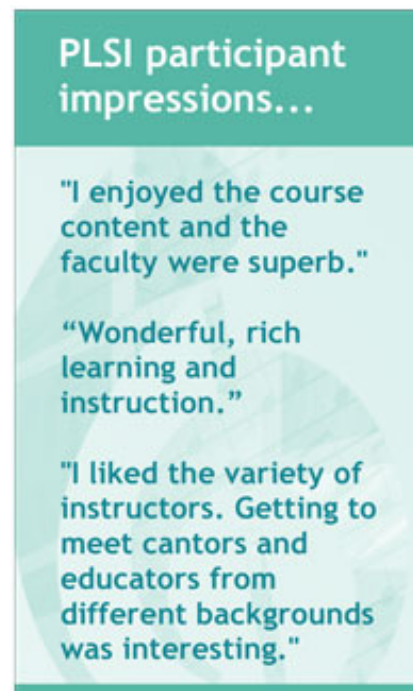
PLSI 2018: Join us for Music on the Hill

Want to study with leaders in the Jewish music world like Hankus Netsky, Rabbi Shefa Gold, Noah Aronson, or Ellen Allard? Join us for the [School of Jewish Music's](#) third annual [Prayer Leader Summer Institute \(PLSI\)](#), for the chance to study alongside these great artists.

This summer's guest instructors include:

- **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 whose work is sung in synagogues and camps around the world, teaching sessions on integrating music for all ages in liberal and progressive communities.
- **Ellen Allard**, a renowned educator and musician who specializes in teaching music to young children and families.
- **Hebrew College faculty members**, including a number of our own cantorial alumni, will be teaching classes in Nusach (traditional prayer chant), Liturgy, and Accompanied Repertoire for Shabbat.

PLSI is a wonderful feature of the School of Jewish Music's accelerated cantorial program, and a summer series which is open to all students and community members. PLSI runs June 5 through July 27 with flexible options to take classes for a few days or 1, 2, 3, or 4 weeks with with accomplished musicians and master teachers. Classes cover both classical and contemporary styles of service leading and may be taken individually, with no credit or degree requirements.



PLSI 2018 June 5 to July 27

Visit the [PLSI website](#) for [course descriptions](#), [schedule](#), [tuition](#) and [registration](#).

For additional information, please contact Marcia Spellman, Administrator of the School of Jewish Music, at sjm@hebrewcollege.edu or 617-559-8643.

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Hebrew College President-Elect **Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld** discusses gender and Jewish leadership in a February 26 Valley Beit Midrash interview with Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz of Valley Beit Midrash in Phoenix, AZ. Rabbi Anisfeld also spoke about "Purim: The Jewish Holiday of Friendship." [Listen to the podcast now.](#)



Celebrate with Us

Join us on May 3 at 6:30 pm at Gann Academy in Waltham as we celebrate Rabbi Daniel Lehmann's decade of leadership at Hebrew College. Visit the [Gala website](#) for information, tickets, sponsorships and more. (Invitations coming soon!)

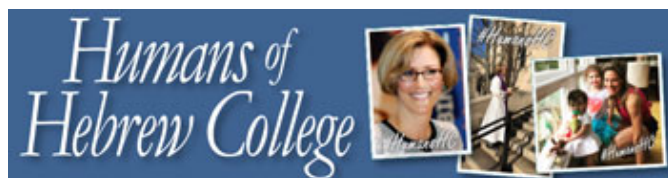
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'Talking with God' #HumansHC

"Deeply observant people from different faiths have more in common with each other than with more liberal members of the same faith." - Méli Solomon, [*Master of Jewish Liberal Studies student and State of Formation fellow.*](#)

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Bernstein Birthday Bash!

Concert featuring Kol Arev
March 22 at 7:30 pm | Free
Berenson Hall
Hebrew College

CEO Forum with Leonard Schlesinger

April 10
7:30 am | Free
Hebrew College
Includes breakfast
[Learn more and register](#)

The Tales of Rabbi Nahman

with Rabbi Arthur Green &
Jordan Schuster, Rab`18
Six Thursdays,
beginning April 12
7-9 pm | \$200 per person
Space is limited
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As part of February's Byzantine Music Festival at Hellenic College Holy Cross, **Cantor Lynn**



Torgove, Can`12, MAJS`11, taught "Chanting the Torah: Its Modes and Melodies."

Rabbi Or Rose, Director of the [Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership](#), and Baptist Minister Gregory Mobley discussed the current state of interreligious relations in the U.S. and Middle East, as well as their book "My Neighbor's Faith" on the Feb. 25 episode of [Yale University podcast](#) "*If there is One God, Why So Many Religions?*"



Watch "**Models of Interfaith Leadership in an Age of Polarization**," co-sponsored by the [Miller Center of Interreligious Learning & Leadership](#) and Harvard's Pluralism Project. The Feb. 26 event featured Miller Center Director Rabbi Or Rose.

Blogs



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

A Practice: To Live Life as a Contribution

By **Rabbi Alyson Solomon, Rab`09**
Associate Rabbi, Beth Israel in San Diego, CA



In **parshat Va'yakhel** we find the Israelites, convoked, regally assembled at the bottom of the mountain. Moses tells the community **eleh d'varim**, “these are the things” that connect us to YHVH – the Source (35:1-4). This we spend six days creating: we weave, paint, send emails, drive carpools, buy, trade, and cook—and on the seventh day, we rest. On **Shabbat**, we take in the beauty and grandeur of creation and are renewed, re-created.

Interestingly, in the very next verse (35:5) Moses says **zeh ha'davar**, “this is **thething**” that connects us to YHVH—the Source: to make “an offering to God.” The verse continues, “anyone whose heart moves them should bring an offering to God.” The Torah then lists various offerings one might set aside as gifts to God: gold and copper, fine linens, animal skins and precious stones. All of these will be collected and used to build the Tabernacle (**Mishkan**), the portable sacred shrine our ancestors carried with them through the wilderness.

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Shifting Roles in Different Communities

By Wendy Webber, [State of Formation Fellow](#)

I run in several belief-related communities. Most of my mom’s family is Jewish. Most of my dad’s family is Catholic. Both of my stepfamilies include members of several Protestant groups including Evangelical and Mormon. And there is a spattering of “nones” on all the various family trees. But the two belief-related communities I spend the most time in these days are humanist and interfaith. The fact that I am a secular humanist does not change regardless of where I am or who I’m with. However, my **role** as a secular humanist does change.

When I am with other humanists—maybe at a secular Sunday meeting or a humanist conference—I am an insider. Being an insider comes with the comfort of visibility and familiarity. There is shared history, inside jokes, friends, and insider jargon. There is also common ground in terms of our worldviews, though there is plenty of discussion about how our humanism should inspire our actions and places in the world.

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