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Global High Holiday Leadership 5778

Hebrew College is proud of the impact that our faculty, alumni and students are having serving as spiritual leaders for High Holiday services all over the country and abroad. In more than 30 states and countries—from the U.S. and Canada to Singapore—Hebrew College's spiritual leaders are creating meaningful and engaging High Holiday experiences for more than 150 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 FACULTY, STUDENTS & ALUMNI ARE SERVING](#)

Incoming Ordination Classes Largest Ever



The Hebrew College community held Hakhel/Convocation on Monday, September 11 to welcome the new academic year with words of hope. But there was also cause for celebration in the [Rabbinical School](#), and School of [School of Jewish Music](#) – both welcomed their largest classes with 22 new incoming Rabbinical School students and 6 new [cantorial students](#).

Hakhel speakers included Rabbi Danny Lehmann, President of Hebrew College; Rabbi Michael Shire, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Judith Kates, a Bible teacher in the Rabbinical School, and Dara Rosenblatt, a third year COSEL student in the School of Jewish Music. Fifth-year Rabbinical School student Lev Friedman and Rosenblatt (above) also led the community in song. The ceremony concluded with Rabbinical School Associate Dean of Admissions Rabbi Daniel Klein (right) blowing the shofar.



Ta Sh'ma *Come & Hear*

Fall Ordination Programs Open House & Day of Learning

November 6, 2017



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. Travel stipends available.

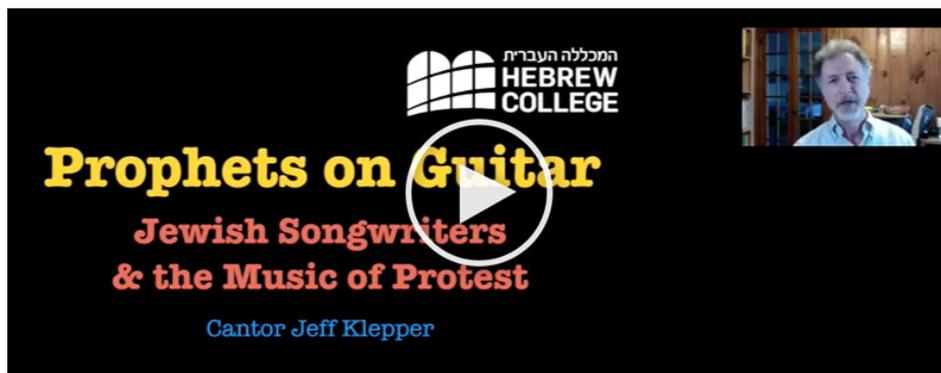


Presidential Search Update



Since July, when Rabbi Daniel Lehmann announced his intention to step down from the Presidency of Hebrew College, a presidential search committee was formed with members representing key constituencies of Hebrew College. This committee is charged with identifying potential candidates and developing a process for evaluating candidates for the position of President. The committee hopes to have completed the search process and identified the next President of Hebrew College by late fall 2017.

Sights & Sounds



ICYMI: Adjunct [School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College](#) faculty member Cantor Jeff Klepper presented a free webinar on Monday entitled "Prophets on Guitar: Jewish Songwriters and the Music of Protest." In his webinar, Cantor Klepper wove together 20th-century American history, popular music and Jewish social conscience, examining how Jewish songwriters have used the power of music to deliver potent political and social messages. Using songs, stories, videos and photos, Klepper offered a powerful tribute to the visionary song-poets of our time. [Watch a recording of the webinar now.](#)

Humans of Hebrew College



"Pluralism is central to who I am religiously. Yes, I identify as a conservative Jew, but I take pieces from reform, orthodox, reconstructionist, chasidism—a little bit of everything... Hebrew College supports that."

[Read more...](#)

Learn more about [Brian Freedman](#), who is earning a Master of [Jewish Education/Master of Jewish Studies dual degree at the Shoolman School](#).

If you are interested in being featured as one of our #Humans, please contact webmaster@hebrewcollege.edu. You can also find Hebrew College alumni and students on the Hebrew College LinkedIn page. (Remember to update your [LinkedIn](#) profile!)

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Fall Hebrew College Events

<http://hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events>

[The Heart of Torah, Essays on the Weekly Torah Portion](#)

with Rabbi Shai Held (right) in dialogue with Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld
Sunday, Sep 17 at 7:30 pm
Hebrew College
Admission: Free
[Register](#)



[Ta Sh'ma: Ordination Programs Open House & Day of Learning](#)

Rabbinical School and School of Jewish Music
Hebrew College
November 6, all day
Hebrew College
[Information and Registration](#)

Ta Sh'ma
Come&Hear

[Jewish Art Music from St. Petersburg to Palestine and Beyond](#)

Kol Arev - Hebrew College Chamber Choir-in-Residence
Music Director: Amy Lieberman (pictured) | Artistic Director: Cantor Lynn Torgove, Can`12, MAJS`11
Hebrew College
November 16 at 7:30 pm
Ticket information coming soon.



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SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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Not in Heaven: Neutrality or Responsibility? Parashat Nizavim/Vayelech, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20,31:1-30

By Rabbi Jane Kanarek, PhD

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Like all too many, I had an ambivalent relationship with my childhood Hebrew School. As a young child, I enjoyed it. I loved learning to read Hebrew, to chant the Shema, and to tell the Torah’s stories. But as I got older, I started to rebel against my four-day-a-week school. Much as I loved playing the ballgame gaga during break and relished sneaking in candy from the store across the street, I distanced myself from the actual in-class learning.

Nevertheless, the words of one teacher—I don’t even remember his name—have stayed with me. This teacher was deeply involved in the struggle to free Soviet Jewry, traveling to Soviet Russia to meet with refuseniks and bring them Jewish ritual objects. One day he told us, “Neutrality equals complicity.” I took that simple message to heart: silence in the face of injustice furthers that injustice; working against injustice demands speech and action. I would not then have been able to translate my teacher’s words into the language of the Torah. But many years later, I know that the Torah also goads me to pay attention and to choose to move beyond silence.

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