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## President Lehmann Announces Plans to Step Down During Coming Academic Year

Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann, under whose stewardship Hebrew College has set a new standard for Jewish pluralistic learning and leadership, announced to the Hebrew College community earlier this week that he will step down from his position as president during the next

academic year.

As president for nearly a decade, Rabbi Lehmann has led Hebrew College to become the premier center of pluralistic Jewish education, focusing on the intersection of rigorous intellectual exploration, spiritual creativity, and communal transformation. A national leader in Jewish education and religious leadership, Hebrew College's academic programs and partnerships inspire and cultivate creative leaders across the Jewish world.

"After nine extraordinary and deeply fulfilling years at Hebrew College, I have decided it is the right time, both personally and institutionally, for a change. It has been a distinct privilege and blessing to lead this venerable institution and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a vibrant and committed community of learning," Rabbi Lehmann stated in an announcement to the Hebrew College community. "Teaching current and future Jewish educators, rabbis and cantors, as well as teens and adults, has been a great source of joy to me."

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## Hebrew College Welcomes Andy Offit, New Board of Trustees Chair

Hebrew College is pleased to share that Andy Offit, a 1999 [Me'ah graduate](#), has been elected the new chair of the Hebrew College Board of Trustees. Offit, who recently completed four years as president of Temple Reyim in Newton, MA, brings with him a breadth of experience from his work in the non-profit, public and private sectors.

Expressing his enthusiasm for his new leadership position with the college, Offit commented, "Although a relative newcomer to the governance of the College, I have long been a huge fan and supporter. Now I am ready to step up, working with the Board and leadership team, past and future, to sustain the college for the next 100 years."



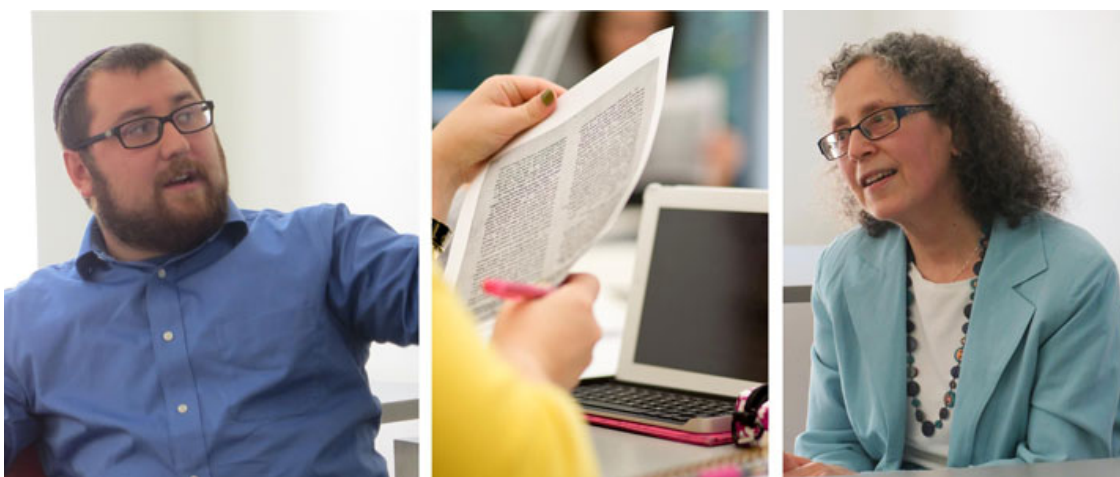
Andy Offit worked for the City of Somerville, MA as Special Advisor to Mayor Joseph Curtatone from 2011-2017. Prior to joining City Hall, Andy graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School with a Masters in Public Policy. From 1987 to 2010, he worked in the investment industry as a portfolio manager and analyst at Fidelity Investments, Chestnut Hill Management, and Wellington Management. Offit received his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School and his BBA from Emory University.

"Andy brings new energy, fresh perspectives and creative leadership to the opportunities and challenges before us, and he has already started in his new role enthusiastically," says President Lehmann.

Andy Offit is the husband of [Rabbinical School](#) alumna and former trustee, Suzanne Offit.

# New Jewish Education & Jewish Studies Fellowships Available

Application deadline extended to July 31



This is the ideal time to spread the word about the Shoolman School's graduate master's programs in [Jewish Education](#) and [Jewish Studies](#). The School just received news of **increased fellowship funding** for these programs, so we have extended the fall 2017 application deadline until **July 31** to allow prospective students to take advantage of these generous scholarship awards.

If you have questions or would like to refer someone for either of these programs, please [contact the Admissions Office](#).

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## Humans of Hebrew College #HumansHC



Learn more about [Dr. Deborah Skolnick Einhorn](#), Associate Dean of the [Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education](#). Interested in a Jewish Education or Jewish Studies graduate degree? Hebrew College has recently received increased fellowship funding for this program and extended the fall 2017 application deadline to July 31. Contact [Admissions](#) with questions.

If you are interested in being featured as one of our #Humans, please contact [webmaster@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto: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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## Notable & Quotable

News coverage of President Daniel Lehmann stepping down from Hebrew College's presidency included July 12 articles in [The Boston Globe](#) and [Jewish Philanthropy](#); July 11 articles in [The Forward](#) and The Jewish Advocate (paid subscription only); and mentions on the July 12 episode of PBS's television show *Greater Boston* and the July 13 episode of WBUR Boston Radio's [Morning Edition](#).





Rabbinical School alumna **Rabbi Alana Alpert, Rab`14** was a guest on the July 6 WBUR's *On Point Radio* episode "[Have Faith, Millennials](#)." Rabbi Alpert is rabbi at Congregation T'chayah in Michigan and Director of Detroit Jews for Justice.



Dr. Keren McGinity, Director of the Shoolman School's [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement program](#), wrote the article "If Jews are People of the Book, Why Aren't We Studying Intermarriage?" which was published in the June 30 issue of [Lilith Magazine](#) and the July 5 issue of [eJewish Philanthropy](#).



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## Sights & Sounds



[Rabbinical School](#) faculty, alumni & families spent June 25-29 together at the Isabella Freedman Retreat Center for their annual retreat. [View more photos](#) from the event.



Students in Cantor Ken Richmond's "Pedagogy of Music: Facilitating Tefillah class" enjoyed class outside this week. The class is part of the School of Jewish Music's [Prayer Leader Summer Institute](#), which will be hosting Jewish World Music Week July 24-28. [Learn more and register.](#)

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## June & July Hebrew College Events

([hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events](http://hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events))



**Shoolman School Visit Day**  
for prospective Jewish Education and Jewish Studies Students  
July 19 | 8:30 am - 1:30 pm  
[Learn more and register](#)

## Prayer Leader Summer Institute (PLSI) Jewish World Music Week

July 24 - 28 | Hebrew College

[View schedule and register](#)

PLSI Presents: A Journey of Jewish Music from Baghdad to Boston - George Mordecai, with special guests Mitch Gordon, Hankus Netsky and Zafer Tawil

July 24 | 6:30 pm reception - 7 pm concert

Hebrew College | \$10

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### SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

Posts from this Hebrew College-hosted blog are published weekly in [HuffPost Religion](#) and [Patheos](#).

## Wonder Woman and Pinchas: The Persistent Appeal of Zealotry

Parashat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-30:1

**By Rabbi Jim Morgan, Rab`08**

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In the film *Wonder Woman* (2017), the heroine, played by Israeli actress Gal Gadot, intervenes in World War I on the side of the Allies. She zealously seeks the destruction of Ares, the god of war (the gods are almost Greek, but seem not to be immortal). Along with her multicultural group of allies, she determines that Ares has incarnated himself as the supreme German commander, General Erich Ludendorff. She expects that once she has killed him—he is, after all, the source of conflict in the world—the war will end and peace will break out. Pursuing Ludendorff relentlessly, she finally defeats him by stabbing him through the heart with her sword. Sadly, the war continues apace: the general is not Ares after all. However, when Ares himself conveniently appears for a final showdown, there is another violent battle. Again, *Wonder Woman* prevails and the closing scenes show German and British soldiers hugging like the brothers they had forgotten they were.

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