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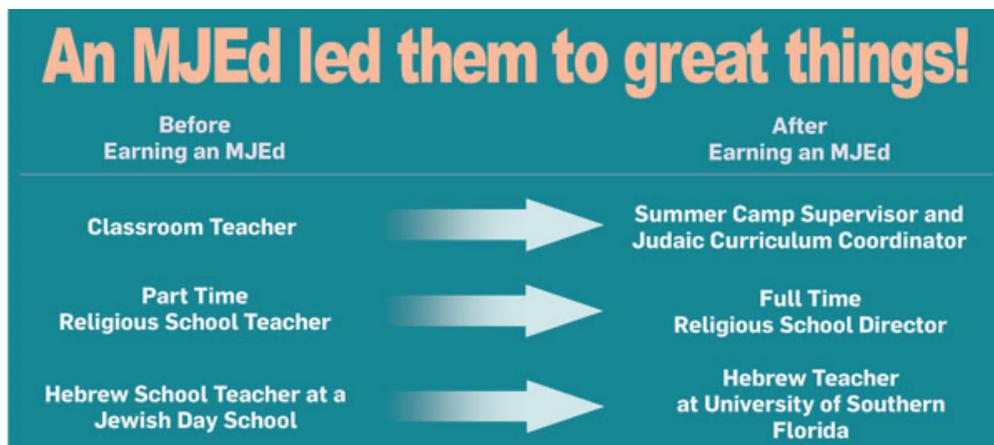
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New Fellowships Available for Hebrew College Master's Degrees in Education

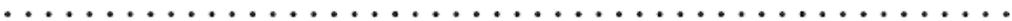
If you wonder where you'll find the time and money for a graduate degree in Jewish Education, Hebrew College students like [Andrea Shapiro](#), a single mother, working full-time and candidate for MEd`19 (above) are taking advantage of the **flexible, asynchronous online classes** in The Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education's online [Master of Jewish Education](#) program to fit graduate school into their busy lives. A generous Hebrew College scholarship alleviated her fiscal concerns, so she can concentrate on the rich mix of theory, pedagogy and field experience the robust program offers to help her advance her career as a Jewish leader.

Shoolman master's degree alumni have gone on to leadership positions like these:



Hebrew College is pleased to announce new, **additional fellowships** for master's degree study in Jewish Education and Jewish Studies **defraying up to 50 percent of tuition costs**. This allows more incoming students to have opportunities like Andrea's: to invest in and advance your career with less of a financial burden. Because of these new fellowships, **application review will continue until June 1**.

Learn more, schedule a time to talk to Deborah Skolnick Einhorn, Assistant Dean for Academic Development and Advising, or recommend someone for one of our programs by [emailing Dr. Skolnick Einhorn](#).



Summer Course Registration Open



Register now for Hebrew College summer courses, including online and on-campus [Hebrew language courses](#) and the School of Jewish Music's [Prayer Leader Summer Institute](#). Summer offerings also include courses in Jewish education, Jewish Studies, Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement, and classes in the Pardes Educator's Program in Jerusalem.



Gala Celebrates Leadership, Jewish Education and Innovation



Left to right, above: Harold G. Kotler, Chair, Board of Trustees; Susan Ain; Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann, President; Rabbi Ma'ayan Sands; Louis Grossman

Celebrating leadership, Jewish education and innovation, Hebrew College honored Louis Grossman (Me'ah`00), Rabbi Ma'ayan Sands (MAJS`93, Rab`16) and 2017 Esther Award recipient, Susan Ain (Me'ah`02, MAJS`11), at its annual Gala, attended by almost 350 people at the Back Bay Events Center in Boston. In an evening characterized by heartwarming and inspirational stories and narratives, the three were recognized for their exemplary leadership and commitment to Hebrew College and the Greater Boston Jewish community. > [READ FULL STORY](#)

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the many individuals, families and corporate sponsors who supported Hebrew College through their tributes to our honorees, and by celebrating with us at the Gala. Please take a moment to [read through our Gala 2017 Tribute Book](#) to learn more about our 2017 honorees and the many kind words shared in the tributes.



Jewish Studies Scholarship Fund Named for Myra Snyder



Left to right, above: Myra Snyder, Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann, Harold G. Kotler

The 2017 Hebrew College Scholarship Appeal is underway, launched at the 2017 Gala by a generous contribution from the Snyder family establishing the Myra Snyder Scholarship for Master of Arts in Jewish Studies. Myra, a member of the Hebrew College Board of Trustees, whetted her appetite for Jewish learning when she completed Me'ah. She then went on to earn her Master of Arts in Jewish Studies, graduating in 2001. Her husband, Robert Snyder – in a surprise presentation – commented that, "There's something about Jewish learning – it's intellectual, it's cultural, it's spiritual and it stays with you forever." Feeling fortunate that they had the means to pay for Myra's degree, he wanted to provide the same opportunity to others. He went on to say, "There are a lot of stories yet to be told, a lot of chapters yet to be written."

If you would like to help write the next chapter, please consider contributing today to the Scholarship Fund. [Contact Rabbi Lisa Keshet](#), Vice President, Institutional Advancement for giving options or [give online](#).



Humans of Hebrew College



Learn more about Alachua Nazarenko, [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement \(IFJE\)](#) Program student and other Hebrew College #Humans on Facebook and [our blog](#). And don't miss [Alachua's blog post](#) from her early days in our online master's program, in the *Southern & Jewish* section of [MyJewishLearning.com](#). If you are interested in being featured, 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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Sights & Sounds



On April 27, Cantor Lynn Togove, MAJS`11, Can`12, Head of Vocal Arts in the [School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College](#), sang songs from the Ghetto as a co-presenter at the Museum of Fine Arts' presentation 'Music and the Lodz Ghetto' as part of the museum's photography exhibit 'Memory Unearthed: the Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross.' (Photo by Judith Pinnolis)



The [School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College](#) offered its spring recital on May 3. Students participating were the voice students of Lynn Torgove and Frank Kelley, accompanied by pianist I-Ying Lin. The performers included Aliza Berger (above left), Melanie Blatt (above right), Jennifer Boyle, Monica Braverman, Maayan Harel, SAM Luckey and Dara Rosenblatt

(above center).

Notable & Quotable

Rabbinical School alumnus **Rabbi Oksana Chapman, Rab`09** was featured in an April 13 [Interfaith Radio Chaplain Series interview](#) entitled, "I Got an 'A' in Atheism," about her work at Hebrew SeniorLife.



Dr. Keren McGinity's blog post "[Let's Stop Romanticizing the Jewish Womb](#)" appeared in the Spring 2017 print issue of Lilith magazine as "Interfaith Parenting: Jewish Fatherhood Needs a Makeover" (pp. 8-9). Dr. McGinity is head of the Schoolman School's [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement Program](#), which offers generous scholarships and is now accepting applications.



May & June Hebrew College Events

(hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)



Power of Music: Two More Sunday Mornings of Jewish Music

May 7 - Rabbi Nehemia Polen

May 21 - Cantor Becky Khitrik, Can`14 & Hankus Netsky

All classes run 9:30-11:15 am (come to one or both)

Congregation Mishkan Tefila

384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA

[Register](#)

**TONIGHT! Kol Arev at the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies
Jewish Art Music: From St. Petersburg to Palestine and Beyond**

May 4 at 6 pm
Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies
147 Bay State Road, Boston
Free | [Learn more](#)



Torah Godly Play Training

May 7, 2-7 pm and May 8, 2-5 pm
Hebrew College
\$85 | [Register](#)

CIRCLE House 10th Anniversary Celebration

May 18 at 8 am - 4pm
Berenson Hall | Hebrew College

NEW! President Trump, Jews, and The First 100 Days of the Trump Administration - A Look Back with Jonathan Golden, PhD

May 20 at 1pm, following Shabbat Services
Congregation Mishkan Tefila
384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA



A Taste of P4C: Philosophy for Children

May 25, 2017 at 7 pm
Hebrew College
Free | [Learn more](#) | RSVP to dron@hebrewcollege.edu

Hebrew College Commencement & Ordination

June 4 | General Ceremony 10 am-12 pm at Hebrew College
Cantorial & Rabbinical Ordination Ceremonies 1:30-4:30 pm, Temple Reyim, Newton
[Learn more](#)



Denotes program offered by the Hebrew College - Congregation Mishkan Tefila Learning Series



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From the Hebrew College Blog

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RABBINICAL SCHOOL

ICYMI: As we count each day and bless the counting, may we be reminded to count our blessings

By Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld
Dean, Rabbinical School of Hebrew College



Every day, from the second night of Passover to the festival of Shavuot, we literally count our days. The period is known as the Omer, originally rooted in the agricultural rhythms of ancient Israel, a time of both anxiety and anticipation, as farmers waited to see what the season’s first harvest would yield. Most of us are far removed from the experience of watching for signs of a successful crop of barley or wheat – but we are never more than a hairsbreadth away from the anxiety and anticipation of waiting to see what the next day or next year will bring into our lives.

When we stand to begin counting the Omer at the end of the second seder, we quietly, implicitly assert three things:

First, the story of the Exodus is not just an ancient memory. We haven’t just told it, we’ve eaten it, we’ve ingested it – we must metabolize it and carry it with us. It shapes who we are, it nourishes us and it demands something of us.

> [READ FULL POST](#)

PROZDOR - HEBREW COLLEGE'S HIGH SCHOOL

From Tzedakah Boxes to \$20,000 Grants

By **Bella Pucker**

Prozdor student and member of Jewish Teen Foundation of Greater Boston



I began by filling up my tzedakah box every week as a young kid and now I'm raising money and allocating large grants as a teenager—all through the lens of Judaism and philanthropy.

Growing up, the Jewish commandment of tzedakah was emphasized loudly at my house. It was put to practice each Shabbat as my sister and I deposited a few coins into our respective tin tzedakah boxes. Eventually, when those tin boxes were full, we had the (literal) privilege of allocating our money to an organization of choice.

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SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

Posts from this Hebrew College-hosted blog are published weekly in [Huffington Post Religion](#).

Intimacy Through Repair Parshat Aharei-Mot, Leviticus 16:1-18:30

By **Leora Abelson**

Student, [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#)



In an interview on NPR, Nadia Bolz-Weber—the founder and pastor of the House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver—talks about knowing that she will, at some point, disappoint or hurt the members of her community. For her, it is a question of when, not if. She names this often, and she invites her congregants to decide ahead of time to “stick around” when it happens. “Because if you leave,” she says, “you will miss the way that God’s grace comes in and fills in the cracks of our brokenness. And it’s too beautiful to miss. Don’t miss it.”

Making mistakes, disappointing or hurting one another—these are not only inevitable experiences of a human life, but they are also opportunities for profound connection with ourselves, with other humans, and with the great mystery of life itself. This is the “Torah”, the deep wisdom or truth, that Bolz-Weber shares in her interview and that animates her theology and her church.

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