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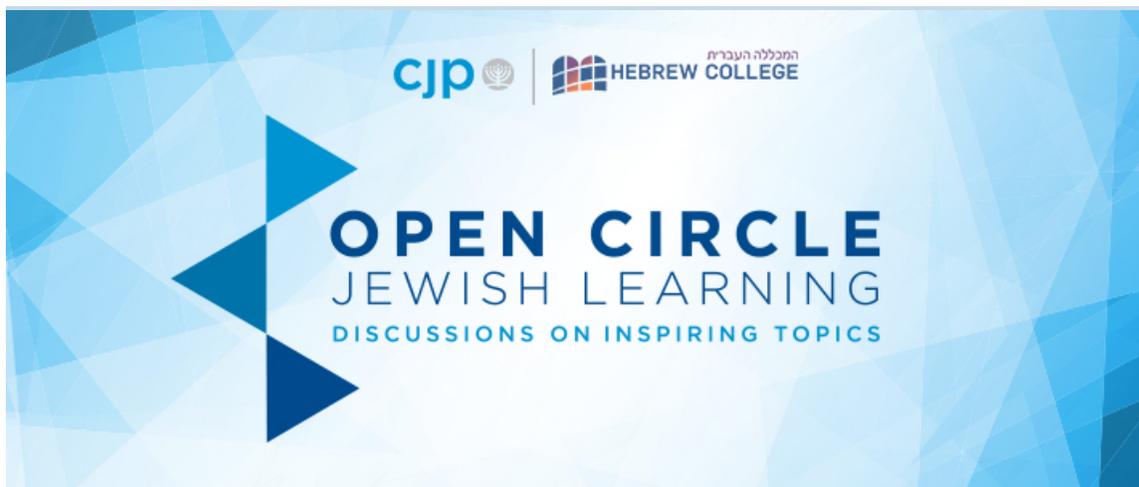
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Open Circle Jewish Learning: Small Groups, Big Questions

“The material was so good, the teaching stimulating, and the discussions useful.”

This is one of many rave reviews garnered by classes in [Open Circle Jewish Learning](#), the newest member of the Hebrew College Adult Learning family. Open Circle Jewish Learning (OCJL) brings together [exceptional teachers](#) with small groups of adults to dive into topics ranging from gender in the Torah to the nuances of kosher wine. Launched last September with support from [Combined Jewish Philanthropies](#), OCJL has grown to nearly thirty classes

around the greater Boston area.

Curious? Seven new Open Circle spring classes are open for registration now!

- [Creative Writing Beit Midrash](#), with Dr. Rachel Adelman
- [Honor Thy Children: Jewish Parenting through a Divorced Lens](#), with Jody Comins and Rabbi Dan Liben
- [Grandparenting through a Jewish Lens](#), with Margie Bogdanow
- [What Is Love in the Hebrew Bible?](#) with Rabbi Jamie Kotler
- [Wine Gladdens the Heart: Wine Tasting and Jewish Culture](#), with Dr. David Bernat
- [Reading and Writing our Jewish Lives](#), with Tova Mirvis
- [Israel and Zionism, 1948-present](#), with Dr. David Ariel

We often have new classes forming—if you have questions about our programs or registration, contact Betsy More, Associate Director, by [email](#) or at 617-559-8736.



Are you interested in exploring all kinds of Jewish learning options? Then check out [CJP's adult learning search tool on JewishBoston.com](#). You'll be asked four questions to find programs based on your interests and location preferences.



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Students in Hebrew College-Pardes Day School Educator Program Visit Campus



In a whirlwind week packed with intensive study, site visits and internship work, students in the [Pardes-Day School Educators program](#) spent time on campus as part of their week-long residency seminar in Boston. The four, pictured above with Hebrew College president, Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann, are in their first year of the two-year program which combines a [Master of Jewish Education from the Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education at Hebrew College](#) with traditional text study at the [Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem](#). Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared for a career in Jewish day school education and will serve for at least three years as full-time Judaic studies teachers in North American day schools at the elementary, middle or high school level. The program offers generous tuition assistance as well as a living stipend.

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Curious? Join us for A Taste of Me'ah!



If you're hungry to learn more and you're curious about **Me'ah Classic**, please join us for one of our *Taste of Me'ah* events in March. You will meet one of our Me'ah instructors, delve into some teaching and learning and have time to ask questions about the program.

Temple Beth David of Westwood
Sunday, March 3, 10-11:30am

Cambridge (contact us for location)
Sunday, March 12, 7:30-9pm

Kerem Shalom of Concord
Tuesday, March 28, 7-8:30pm

Fall 2017 classes are forming now and potential locations include:

- Concord (Kerem Shalom)
- Lexington (Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah)
- Newton (Hebrew College)
- Westwood (Temple Beth David)

[Learn more and register](#) or contact our office at meah@hebrewcollege.edu for more details. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!



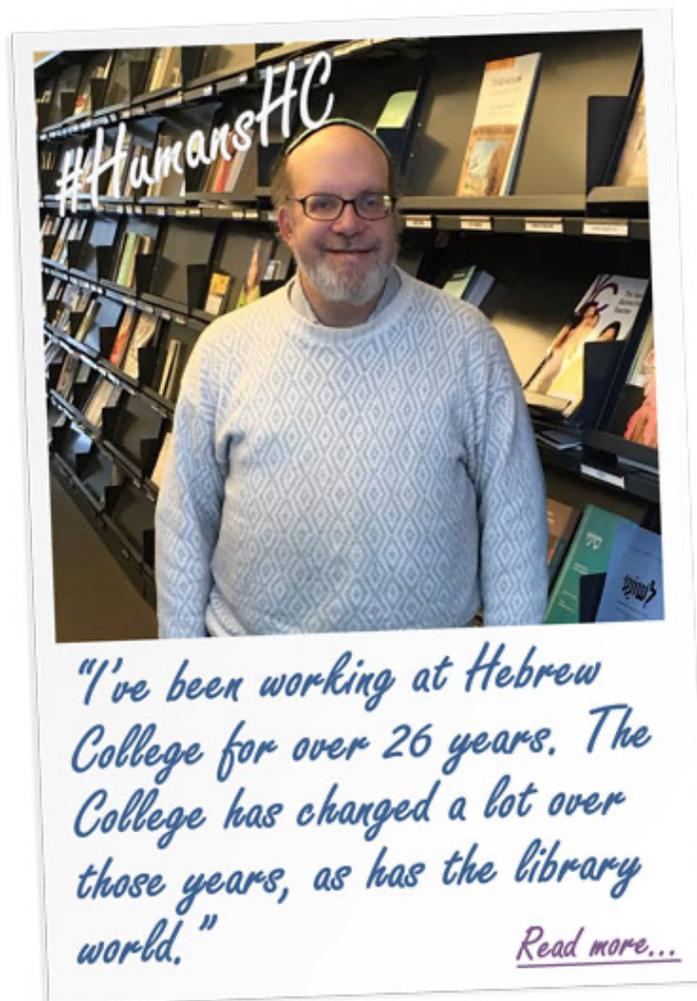
A promotional banner for the "Gala 2017". On the left, the word "Gala" is written in a large, purple, cursive font, with "2017" in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font below it. The background features a faint purple grid pattern. On the right side, the text is arranged in a column: "Innovation" and "חדשנות" (Chadshonot) in teal; "Jewish Education" and "חינוך יהודי" (Chinuch Yehudi) in teal; and "Leadership" and "מנהיגות" (Mehigot) in teal. At the bottom right, the date "Thursday, April 27, 2017" is written in teal.

Don't miss this year's [Gala celebration](#) at the Back Bay Events Center in Boston. Join us at 5:30 pm for an evening of inspirational stories to celebrate Hebrew College's profound impact on Jewish learning, Jewish life and Jewish leadership – past, present and future.

We are delighted this year to honor the **Grossman Family**, represented by siblings **Louis Grossman, Me'ah`00** and **Rabbi Ma'ayan Sands, MAJS`93, Rab`16**, and to present the prestigious Esther Award for Leadership and Philanthropy to **Susan Ain, Me'ah`02, MAJS`11**.



Humans of Hebrew College



Learn more about [Harvey Sukenic](#) and other Hebrew College #Humans on [Facebook](#) and [our blog](#). If you are interested in being featured, please contact webmaster@hebrewcollege.edu.

Sights & Sounds



During February break, a group of [Prozdor](#) students traveled to Israel on a special service trip focused on doing volunteer work to help Haifa recover from November's devastating wildfires.

Students volunteered at Kehillat Moriah, a synagogue near Merkaz Horev in Haifa, working to restore their garden, dedicate new siddurim, and clean up damage from the wildfire that destroyed the entire third floor of the synagogue. Students also spent a day in the field with the Jewish National Fund, clearing dead trees and other potential fire hazards from the Ofer Forest south of Haifa in the Hof HaCarmel district. Beyond their volunteering, students also spent four nights with host families from the Reali School in Haifa, had a Shabbat in Jerusalem, and did much, much more. We are very proud to have traveled to Israel, and to Haifa, to show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Haifa, and hope that this service trip to Israel becomes a new Prozdor tradition.



[Learn more](#) about how [Rabbinical School](#) founder and rector, Rabbi Arthur Green, understands the meaning of halakhah, tikkun olam and the joy of mitzvot.

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Upcoming Winter & Spring Events

(hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)



Grandparenting Through a Jewish Lens
 March 22, 29 and April 5 from 10 am-12 pm
 Congregation Mishkan Tefila
 384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA
 Open to the Public | [Register](#)



[CJP 2015 Greater Boston Community Study and Strategic Planning Community Input Session](#)

March 15 at Hebrew College's Berenson Hall
 Doors open at 6:30 pm | Program at 7 pm

Learning to Read Talmud with Habits of Heart and Mind
 with Rabbi Jane Kanarek, PhD and Marjorie Lehman, PhD
 March 23 at 7:30 pm
 Hebrew College
 Free | [Register](#)



Ruderman Knesset Mission Town Hall Meeting
Strengthening the Relationship: Town Hall Meeting with Israeli Knesset Members & Interactive Conversation with the Community
 March 29 at 7:30 pm
 Congregation Kehillath Israel | 384 Harvard Street, Brookline
 RSVP to rsvp@rudermanfoundation.org

[Ruderman Summit on Philanthropy, Power and Democracy in the Jewish Community of the 21st Century](#)

April 2 from 11:30 am - 6pm
 Hebrew College
 \$50 | [Register](#)

[Hebrew College Gala 2017](#)

April 27 at 5:30 pm
 Back Bay Events Center
[Purchase Tickets and Tributes](#)



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



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From the Hebrew College Blog (blog.hebrewcollege.edu)

SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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

The Sacred Space Between Us Parshat Terumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19

By Rabbi Adam Lavitt, Rab'12
Campus Rabbi, Swarthmore College

Over the course of the fall semester, several swastikas appeared on the college campus at which I work. When I first saw a picture of one, spray-painted on the inside of a bathroom stall in the library, I was pained by the depiction of a symbol that is inextricably bound up with the systematic murder of many of my family members.



What was particularly disconcerting about these symbols was that nobody knew who had painted them. Lacking any evidence to the contrary, I started to suspect that someone at the college had done it; while on campus, I began to experience a creeping self-consciousness about making myself visible as a Jew by wearing a kippah.

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