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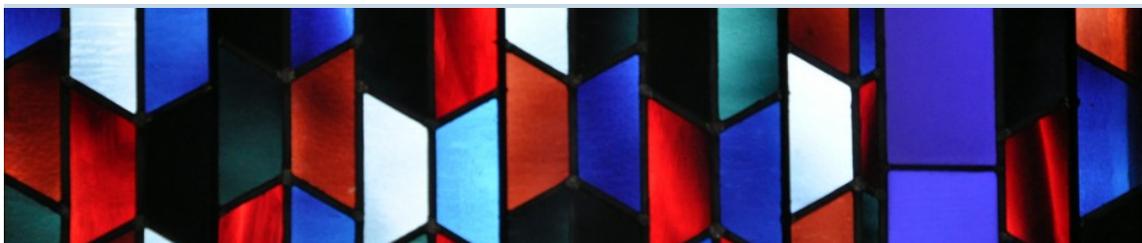
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## Jewish Spirituality Series

### Cultivating the Inner Life: The Meaning of Life

Sundays, February 5, 12, 19  
 Congregation Mishkan Tefila  
 384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA  
 10:30-11:45 am | Open to the public | [Register](#)

The Hebrew College-Congregation Mishkan Tefila Learning Series is back with winter offerings, including the upcoming Jewish Spirituality Series with an opportunity to study with three Hebrew College faculty members. Join Rabbis [Arthur Green](#), [Nehemia Polen](#) and [Ariel Mayse](#) in February as they examine loving and learning from Hasidism while choosing to live outside the world of the contemporary Hasidic community. Decide which of the many riches of Hasidic teachings might usefully be applied today as we re-tool and universalize Hasidism. Examine a Judaism that is spiritually alive. Attend one, two or all three programs.



Hebrew College's Rabbi Ebn Leader (top right) will be delivering an introduction to the series at Mishkan Tefila on Jan. 29 from 9:30-10:15 at their Adult Learning Summit.

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**February 5: Rabbi Nehemia Polen**  
**Professor of Jewish Thought at Hebrew College**

**“Uncovering the Spirit Within: The Life and Teaching of Rabbi Kalonymos Shapira, the Piaseczner Rebbe.”**

Rabbi Polen is a leading expert in Hasidism and Jewish thought. He will provide insights set forth in greater detail in his book, "The Holy Fire: The Teachings of Rabbi Kalonymos Kalman Shapira, the Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto."



**February 12: Rabbi Arthur Green**  
**Rector of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College**

**“Judaism and the Inner Life of Prayer”**

Rabbi Green is a leading independent figure in the Jewish renewal movement and the author or editor of more than a dozen books including his most recent book entitled "Speaking Torah: Spiritual Teachings from Around the Maggid's Table."



**February 19: Rabbi Ariel Mayse**  
**Director of Jewish Studies and Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish Thought at Hebrew College**

**“Neo-Hasidism and Halakhah”**

Rabbi Mayse's body of work in Jewish mysticism includes “From the Depth of the Well: An Anthology of Jewish Mysticism.”



*This program is part of the Hebrew College-Mishkan Tefila Learning Series. Watch for information about more programs in the series in upcoming issues of News & Views.*



## Study Modern Hebrew Online



If you want to learn to speak or read Hebrew, but don't live close enough to Hebrew College to attend our [on-campus class](#), [Modern Hebrew Online](#) is a great option. The program offers:

- **Multiple levels:** Beginner through intermediate.
- **Credit is optional:** Take classes for college credit or just to learn the language.

- **Two tracks:** Short-track (4 levels in 4 semesters) or a long-track (4 levels in 8 semesters).
- **Asynchronous classes:** Complete assignments in your own time frame, anywhere in the country, and anywhere in the world.
- **Easy-to-use online platform:** We use Schoology, a “social media-like” interface that is intuitive and easy to learn. Students have individual accounts, modify their own privacy settings, upload a photo to their personal profile page, and manage their account through a private password. Weekly call-in times allow students to speak with an instructor and each other. [Listen to what students have said about using Schoology.](#)

Registration is open now for classes beginning January 30. Watch for a future story on our third Hebrew language offering: [Hebrew Language and Culture: Understanding Hebrew Texts.](#)



## Miller Center-BU Collaborative Course

### Voices of Conscience: Jewish & Christian Advocates for Social and Ecological Justice



**Thursdays, 6:30-9:15 pm**  
**January 19, 26 | February 2, 9, 16, 23 | March 2, 16, 23, 30 | April 6, 20, 27**  
**Boston University School of Theology**

In this new interreligious, cross-cultural seminar – jointly-taught by Rabbi Or Rose (pictured above left), Director of Hebrew College’s [Miller Center for Interreligious Leadership & Learning](#), and Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore (pictured above), Dean of the [Boston University School of Theology](#) – explore the lives and work of eight influential Jewish and Christian figures involved in social and environmental activism in the 20th and 21st centuries. This course is part of the [Master of Jewish Liberal Studies Global Interreligious Leadership Program](#), but also is open to community members who wish to take it not-for-credit.

- Delve into the autobiographies, biographies and writings of these selected figures, encountering and analyzing the social-religious contexts in which they lived, their theological and ethical commitments, and the dynamics of individual and communal transformation revealed in their lives.
- Analyze how the ideas and experiences of these individuals illumine contemporary social and environmental issues and point to potential responses by religious seekers and leaders, with particular attention to Jewish and Christian communities.
- Engage in interreligious learning, drawing upon skills and practices of Judaism and Christianity, and of interfaith dialogue and partnership.
- Share in a common meal each week and other relevant practices.

This course is part of the new collaboration between the Miller Center and the Boston University School of Theology. [Read more about the partnership.](#)



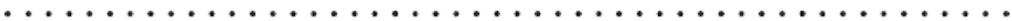
## Memorial Service for Shira Tzur

Sunday, January 22  
11-11:30 am  
Hebrew College Berenson Hall



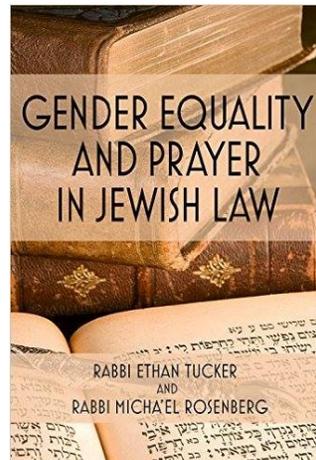
All are invited to [Prozdor](#)'s memorial program for Shira Tzur, a Reali graduate who was killed in the recent terror attack in Jerusalem. Shira was a 2010 participant in the Prozdor-Reali Pirke Dorot partnership and stayed in touch with her Prozdor friends throughout her high school years and army service.

The program will feature remarks from Prozdor alumni Ben Gladstone and Aaron Corn (P' 13), Hebrew College President Daniel L. Lehmann, and CJP President Barry Shrage. Please plan to arrive at 10:50 if you would like to attend.



## Examining Gender and Prayer Rabbi Micha'el Rosenberg Co-Authors New Book

[Rabbi Micha'el Rosenberg](#), Assistant Professor of Rabbinics at the [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#), and Rabbi Ethan Tucker's new book *Gender Equality and Prayer in Jewish Law* (Urim Publications 2017) opens the reader's eyes to the wealth of Jewish legal material surrounding gender and prayer, with a particular focus on who can lead the prayers in a traditional service and who can constitute the communal quorum—or minyan—that they require.



With honesty, transparency, and rigor, *Gender Equality and Prayer in Jewish Law* is a powerful resource for grappling with these complex questions. Rabbis Rosenberg and Tucker explore this specific issue in depth and model how we can mine the Jewish legal tradition for its underlying values, enabling its complex sources to serve as effective guides for contemporary communal decision-making.

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## Humans of Hebrew College



Learn more about [Rabbinical School](#) alumna [Rabbi Lila Veissid, Rab' 11](#) and other Hebrew College #Humans on [Facebook](#) and [our blog](#). If you are interested in being featured, 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!)

# Sights & Sounds

**Jewish Stories about Meaningful Work:** Hear from three second-career [Rabbinical School](#) alumni about how the meaning they find in their work. You may also be interested in reading [Rabbi Dan Judson's](#) piece "[Jewish Lessons on Meaningful Work](#)." Please "share" these insights with friends, family or colleagues who may be interested in a career in the rabbinate.



## Notable & Quotable

**Dr. Deborah Skolnick Einhorn**, [Shoolman School](#) Associate Dean for Academic Development and Assistant Professor of Jewish Education, is in South Florida this week meeting with heads of school at the Arthur Meyer Jewish Academy in Palm Beach Gardens and Donna Klein Jewish Academy in Boca Raton. She will also be doing a presentation about Shoolman's graduate programs at the Orloff Central Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) in Davie, at a meeting of the education directors of (Broward) County congregational programs. Over the weekend, she will be teaching parents and educators in Stuart, Florida from Temple Beit HaYam's Religious School.

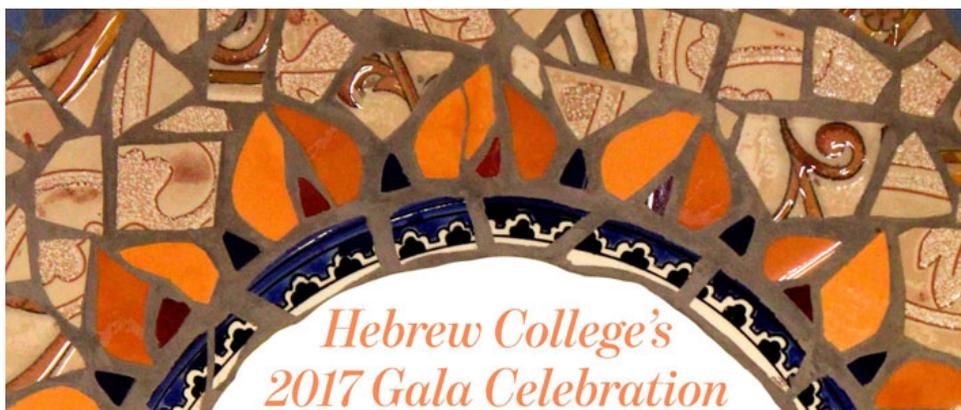


**Rabbi Arthur Green**, Rector of the [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#), was in Israel for a month on a book tour promoting the Hebrew language version of his book, *Radical Judaism* (Miskal - Yedioth Ahronoth Books and Chemed Books 2016) which he adapted for the Israeli reader. The book has been described as "a call from the heart for spiritual seekers who couldn't find meaning in the Judaism that was presented to them" and "setting a new foundation for a renewal of Judaism for our generation." Copies of the book in Hebrew are available through [Laurena Rosenberg](#) at a cost of \$18.



# Hebrew College Upcoming Events

(hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)



## Science and the Soul

The Rabbinical School's January 2017 seminar will include presenters from the fields of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Astrophysics, Mind-Body Medicine, Neuroscience, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, Physics, and Physiology. Two new sessions have been added to the week-long series. [View the updated offerings](#) which are free and open to the public.

Hebrew College

Jan. 23-27

Free | [Register](#)

## Transitioning to a New Week: A Community Havdalah and Post-Shabbat Celebration

With Rabbi Nehemia Polen and Musician Lev Friedman

Hebrew College

Feb 4, 2017 - 8pm

\$10 | [Purchase Ticket](#)

## In Search of Peace and Wholeness: An Evening of Music and Storytelling

With the Yuval Ron Ensemble & Friends (pictured above)

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 - 7:30pm

Hebrew College

Free | [Register](#)

## Jewish Genealogy: Discover Your Family History (8 sessions)

March 1-April 26, 2017 - 7pm

Hebrew College

\$250 | [Register](#)

## Hebrew College Gala 2017

April 27 - 5:30pm

Back Bay Events Center

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## From the Hebrew College Blog

([blog.hebrewcollege.edu](http://blog.hebrewcollege.edu))

### SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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

## Going Toward Egypt Parshat Shemot, Exodus 1:1-6:1

By Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman, Rab'14  
Assistant Rabbi at Temple Sinai, Brookline, MA

The other day while visiting my parents, I overheard my mom on a call. The woman on the other end of the phone had helped my parents with home decorating in the past, and they had called to ask her advice about an old couch. But within moments I heard my mom exclaiming, “Oh, sweetie! I’m so sorry. When will you be in Boston for chemo?”



The woman had recently been diagnosed with stage four cancer, and my mother, who hadn’t spoken to her in years, was now making plans to sit with her during treatments.

I was moved by my mother’s instinctual drive to be with this woman at one of life’s hardest moments, to choose to sit in a hospital room when she could have been anywhere else.

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