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**HEBREW
COLLEGE**



WELCOME TO HEBREW COLLEGE



Now in its tenth decade, Hebrew College builds upon the rich legacy of its past with a renewed energy and vision for the future.

Innovation, creativity, pluralism, and bold leadership characterize our sacred work to bring Jewish education into the global era. We remain fully focused on our dual commitment: the highest-quality community education for youth and adults, as well as rigorous graduate-level Jewish education to prepare a new generation of leaders, teachers, and scholars.

No ivory tower, Hebrew College strives to be a modern equivalent of Abraham and Sarah's tent, with all sides open to anyone who wishes to join our creative learning community. We do this because we believe that engaging with students from diverse backgrounds and various faith traditions clarifies our own values and enhances our understanding of each other.

Students at Hebrew College gain a deep knowledge of Judaism and the tools to experiment and innovate. In a rapidly changing world, we give our learners the skills and insights they will need to meet twenty-first-century challenges.

Hebrew College graduates—rabbis and cantors, educators and scholars, community professionals and lay leaders—have an abiding devotion to building inclusive and inspiring communities where Jewish identity is a source of pride, strength, and commitment to each other and the betterment of all humanity.

If this sounds like you, please join us! Our door—or tent—is always open.

Graduate Study

Through more than a dozen degree and certificate options, Hebrew College graduate programs prepare students for careers as Jewish professionals or for advancement in their existing careers. Many students also choose to study for their own personal enrichment.



Our Programs

RABBINICAL SCHOOL

Founded on Hebrew College's decades-long legacy of pluralistic advanced Jewish studies, the Rabbinical School prepares future rabbis for leadership positions in congregations, Hillels, chaplaincies, schools, and communal organizations. Through a rigorous five- or six-year full-time course of study under a renowned faculty of leading thinkers and teachers, students are steeped in traditional Jewish learning while encouraged to pursue their own authentic connection to Judaism. This prepares them to engage both well-established and emerging communities in personally meaningful and spiritually uplifting ways.

SHOOLMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Through a blended curriculum of online and classroom instruction, field-placement experiences, and professional-development training, the Shoolman Graduate School prepares professionals to transform and elevate Jewish educational settings for twenty-first-century learners. Students may pursue either a Master of Jewish Education or a joint MJEd and Master of Arts in Jewish Studies, as well as any number of professional certificates in Jewish education. Graduates teach and lead in day schools, congregational schools, youth groups, and camps.

GRADUATE JEWISH STUDIES

The graduate program in Jewish studies fosters in-depth exploration of the Jewish tradition that deepens the adult learner's knowledge of Jewish texts, culture, history, and thought. The Master of Arts in

Jewish Studies enables students to advance professionally in Jewish communal organizations, build a foundation for rabbinical or cantorial study, or prepare for a career in Jewish academic scholarship. The part-time Master of Arts in Jewish Liberal Studies is the ideal program for those seeking to define or refine their personal history via an interdisciplinary exploration of culture and civilization, viewed through the lens of the Jewish humanities.

SCHOOL OF JEWISH MUSIC

The School of Jewish Music nurtures future Jewish liturgical leaders through certificate programs, master's degree concentrations, and programs in the cantorial arts. Graduates integrate deep knowledge of text, liturgy, and tradition with musical creativity to provide spiritual, educational, musical, and pastoral leadership in congregational and Jewish communal settings.



HEBREW LANGUAGE

Through its many Hebrew language programs and classes, Hebrew College illuminates and celebrates the ancient texts and living language of the Jewish people. Our comprehensive and multifaceted curriculum is accessible to students at every point along the learning continuum—undergraduate or graduate, beginner through advanced, online or on campus.

Adult Learning

By delving into Jewish history, thought, and ethics, participants in Hebrew College's adult-learning programs embark on a path of meaning and discovery. Along the way, they gain a deeper understanding of their personal connections to Judaism, as well as an appreciation for Judaism's sage perceptions about the human condition.

Hebrew College, with its partner Combined Jewish Philanthropies' Commission on Jewish Life and Learning, offers multiple points of entry along the path of lifelong Jewish learning. Among these innovative and exciting programs are:

ME'AH

Me'ah is an intensive educational experience that gives adult learners of all backgrounds a framework for understanding and making meaning of their Jewish lives. For 100 hours over two years (Me'ah is Hebrew for 100), participants are immersed in reading core Jewish texts, grappling with concepts representing cultural and political movements from four historical periods—biblical, rabbinic, medieval, and modern. Me'ah can transform not only its graduates but also the communities in which these graduates live and work.

PARENTING THROUGH A JEWISH LENS

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens is a ten-week program that brings together caring parents and expert facilitators for energetic and memorable conversations around the vital topic of parenting. Classes are offered at synagogues and private homes throughout Greater Boston. Participants come from all backgrounds and faith traditions.

PARENTING YOUR TEEN THROUGH A JEWISH LENS

This eight-session program empowers parents of teens to embrace their changing roles, navigate murky waters, and enjoy their adolescents' journey to adulthood. Guided by a skilled facilitator, participants engage in thoughtful discussion and gain practical insights from ancient and contemporary Jewish sources.

ESER—YOUNG-ADULT LEARNING SERIES

Eser—Hebrew for “ten”—is an inspiring learning series for young adults in their twenties and thirties. Each ten-week program explores a different theme—for example, ten best-kept Jewish secrets. Classes are held in homes throughout Greater Boston, where participants learn, socialize, and create community in a relaxed atmosphere.

LEADERS IN ADULT LEARNING

Hebrew College recruits and trains community organizers to promote and facilitate adult Jewish learning throughout Greater Boston. An outgrowth of this initiative, People of the Book, brings together small groups of adults to study and discuss, over the course of one year, the twenty-four books of the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible).



CENTER FOR GLOBAL JUDAISM

The Center for Global Judaism sponsors lectures, colloquia, and conferences dealing with a range of spiritual and ethical issues of importance to the Jewish community and to the world at large. Topics include social and environmental justice, interfaith and cross-cultural engagement, and Israel-Diaspora relations.

Youth Education

Drawing upon Hebrew College's expertise in Jewish education, Prozdor and Makor supplemental community schools ignite in teens and emerging teens a passion for learning, a love of Israel and its people, and a desire to make the world a better place.

PROZDOR

Building on its more than ninety-year history as a national leader in Jewish teen education, Prozdor recently introduced an entirely new curriculum, retooled for the twenty-first-century learner. Course offerings have not only been greatly expanded, they have also been restructured to give students the freedom to pursue the topics about which they are most passionate. New technologies have been embraced and leveraged, punctuated by a renewed emphasis on volunteerism, community building, experiential education, and travel. The result is a program rich in meaningful connections for students—to each other, to their communities, to Israel, and to the greater world.

MAKOR

Makor of Hebrew College offers an innovative and collaborative approach to Jewish middle-school education through partnership with Boston-area synagogues and Combined Jewish Philanthropies. Calibrated to the unique cognitive, physical, social, and emotional needs of emerging teenagers, the program fosters strong positive relationships across its learning community, and empowers its students as learners and leaders.





Frequently Asked Questions



What is pluralistic Jewish education?

Hebrew College's embrace of pluralism means that we are open to all forms of Jewish expression, commitment, and practice. We seek to engage multiple perspectives on any Jewish topic, both to encourage a dynamic exchange and to foster respect for other points of view. Hebrew College, true to its roots, strives to encompass the broadest spectrum of Jewish life and to model *k'lal Yisrael*—a community of all Jews—while welcoming members of other faiths to join our vibrant conversation.

How does Hebrew College engage the global Jewish community?

The Center for Global Judaism at Hebrew College, founded in 2011, convenes critical discussions on contemporary Jewish life and thought among scholars and public intellectuals locally, nationally, and internationally. The center is at the vanguard of rich pluralistic discourse on issues of vital concern to the Jewish community and to the world at large. It publishes regular blogs and commentaries on Torah, ethics, and economic and environmental sustainability.

What is it like to study online at Hebrew College?

Hebrew College has been named one of the top colleges in the country for distance learning. When taking one of our online courses, students interact one-to-one with their instructors and fellow students. All of our online courses are designed to emulate the same quality interaction between faculty and students found on campus; they are backed by user-friendly learning platforms and technical support. Students may take one course at a time, earn a degree or certificate online, or integrate classroom-based courses with online counterparts to complete their degree or certificate program.



What opportunities exist for interfaith studies?

Through the Center for Inter-Religious and Communal Leadership Education, Hebrew College and its neighbor Andover Newton Theological School have developed a strong shared commitment to interfaith initiatives, including adult-learning courses on Christianity, Islam, and Judaism; graduate courses on major themes in Jewish and Christian thought; and workshops and conferences on the intersection of religion and public policy. Additional interfaith opportunities exist through Hebrew College's membership in the Boston Theological Institute, a consortium of ten university divinity schools, schools of theology, and seminaries in Greater Boston.

Tell me about the Newton Centre campus.

Hebrew College's award-winning campus, designed by the renowned Israeli architect Moshe Safdie, is sited on nearly seven acres on a hillside abutting Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Massachusetts. Four interconnected buildings, totaling 72,000 square feet, comprise the light-filled and pastoral college campus. Shops, restaurants, and public transportation are located just a short walk away.

Do you have to be Jewish to attend Hebrew College?

Although most of our students are Jewish, many of our graduate and adult programs welcome students of all faiths, backgrounds, and beliefs.

Join Us

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

Hebrew College believes that Judaism, at its best, is a creative, intellectual, and spiritual encounter among the individual, the community, and the received tradition. We embrace music, literature, and the visual and performing arts as sources of inspiration and as vital modes of Jewish discovery and expression.

In this spirit, the college opens its doors throughout the academic year for concerts, book discussions, holiday celebrations, and community gatherings designed to entertain, enlighten, and engage audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Recent events have included a performance by renowned world-music flutist Amir Milstein, a talk by the archivist of the Dead Sea Scrolls, a panel discussion on assisted dying, and a two-day community Shabbaton.

Join us, and you'll soon see that some of the most meaningful learning and artistic expressions at Hebrew College take place outside the confines of the classroom.

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Hebrew Language

- Hebrew 1-8
- Ulpan

Jewish Studies

- Master of Arts in Jewish Liberal Studies
- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies

Rabbinical School

- Rabbinical Ordination

School of Jewish Music

- Cantorial Arts and Certificate Programs

Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education

- Master of Jewish Education
- Certificate Programs

Undergraduate Degree Completion

- Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Education

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Pluralism and Interfaith Programs

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- Annual Fund
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