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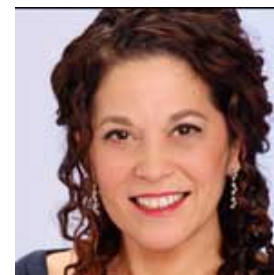
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Hebrew College Faculty are Coming to a Community Near You

Each semester, Hebrew College faculty go beyond our classrooms to bring compelling, relevant and creative ideas to your community. We share our love of Torah, our commitment to communal and social responsibility, and our diverse perspectives, to ask and help find answers to the most important and challenging questions of our time—and of our lives. Our faculty inspire, enlighten and engage.

This semester, faculty will be speaking on a breadth of topics including Hasidism, Zionism, pluralism, spiritual education, and #MeToo; serving as scholars-in-residence; leading workshops and conferences; judging a collegiate moot beit din; running a Jewish film festival; conducting at Lincoln Center; performing in an opera, and more.

We hope you will have the opportunity to spend a morning, weekend or evening with our faculty at synagogues, conferences, theaters, or institutions in greater Boston, across the country, and abroad in Canada, Israel or the Ukraine.

[View the speaking schedule through July](#)



New Rabbinical School-Pardes Institute Partnership

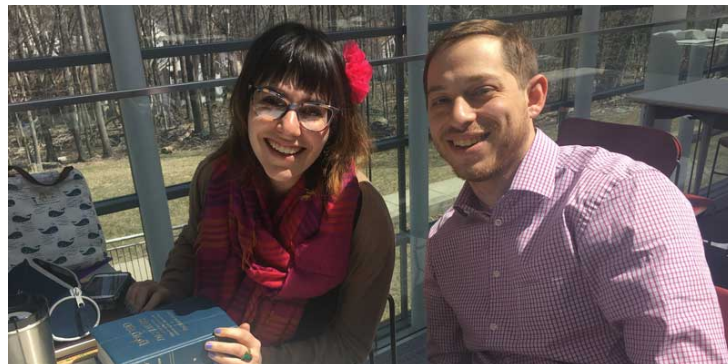
Longtime partners Hebrew College and Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies will, for the first time, jointly train outstanding rabbis who are passionate about day school teaching and leadership. Within this collaborative arrangement, the two years at Pardes as part of its Educator's Program count toward one year of rabbinical studies at the [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#).

"We are very excited about our partnership with Pardes," said Rabbi Dan Judson, dean of the Rabbinical School. "Our institutions share much in common, including a deep commitment to text learning alongside a pluralistic outlook. Having students learning in the Pardes Day School Educators Program will be an ideal springboard into rabbinical school, and we believe the combination of institutions will produce rabbis who have a profound impact on the American Jewish landscape."

The Pardes Day School Educators Program includes core components of the [Pardes Year Program](#), plus: holistic education courses preparing teachers for the 21st-century Jewish studies classroom; customized Hebrew language Ulpan; student teaching at Jewish day schools for one month each year in North America; seminars on Jewish history, spirituality, conflict resolution, Jewish thought and Israel education; one-on-one mentoring with expert teaching coaches; career coaching, job placement assistance and alumni support.

Graduates of Pardes Educators-Rabbinical School of Hebrew College joint program earn a Master of Jewish Education and a Certificate in Jewish Day School Education from Hebrew College's [Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education](#), a Certificate of Advanced Jewish Studies from the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, and rabbinic ordination from the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College.

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Hebrew College Winter/Spring Community Courses

Registration is open to community members for all Hebrew College non-credit and adult education courses. Study with your peers or alongside graduate students—on campus or off-campus at your synagogue or in private homes. Not sure? Check out our "[Find your journey](#)" page to find the right class for you.

- [Non-Credit Graduate Courses](#) - Learn alongside rabbinical, cantorial, or education students on campus in graduate courses taught by our world-class faculty.
- [Adult Education Courses](#) - Choose from [Me'ah Select](#) semester-long courses, [Eser: "Ten Millennial Updates to Jewish Living"](#), [Open Circle Jewish Learning](#) courses, or create your own [Parenting Through a Jewish Lens](#) or [Open Circle Jewish Learning](#) class.

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An excerpt from **President Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld's** Installation speech appeared in the current issue of [Lilith Magazine](#). The full text as well as Installation photos and videos may be found on the [Installation web page](#).

Rabbi Nate DeGroot, Rab` 16 was featured in the January 10 issue of *The Jewish Journal* in their "The Millennial" feature.

Rabbi Adam Lavitt, Rab` 12 was featured in a January 10 article in [Jewish Rhode Island](#) entitled "Rabbi Adam Lavitt is all about spiritual wellness, social justice."

Cantor Julie Newman, Can` 16 was featured in the January 9 [Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle](#) article "Studying community: Pittsburghers finding ways to worship beyond bounds of shul."

Dr. Keren McGinity, director of Hebrew College's [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement program](#), was featured in the January 21 [JewishBoston.com](#) article "Keren McGinity's #MeToo Moment."

EVENTS

HUMANS OF HEBREW COLLEGE

MONDAY!

Rabbinical School Winter Seminar Conference
"The Past and Future of Synagogues"

January 28

Hebrew College

9:15 am - 4:30 pm

Free | Lunch \$12

[RSVP for the event and/or lunch](#)

[View the schedule \[PDF\]](#)

Eser's The Nosh 2019: Jewish Stories Told Live

January 29

Mameleh's Delicatessen

One Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA

6:30-9:30 pm

\$10 | [Register](#)

Read "[Why Eser Wants to Hear your Stories](#)"



Jewish Genealogy: Discover Your Family HistorySponsored by the [Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston](#)

Eight Wednesdays, March 6- May 8

7-9:30 p.m.

Hebrew College

[Register](#)

“Parenting Through a Jewish Lens offered both my husband and me the opportunity to cultivate and curate the Jewish experience that we seek for ourselves -- as both independent adults, and as parents to the Jewish children we’re raising.”

(Sarah Spitz, [Parenting Through a Jewish Lens](#) participant)

[Read More](#)**Alternative Realities: Purim & the Possibility of Transformation**

Rabbis Ebn Leader, Nehemia Polen & Or Rose

March 18

Israeli-American Council of Boston, Newton

Free | 8-10:15 pm



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

Valuing Work and Setting Limits

Parashat Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)

By Rabbi Micha'el Rosernberg

Assistant Professor of Rabbinics, [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#)

I write these words on a Saturday night, after my kids have gone to sleep. I’m a rabbi, a teacher in a rabbinical school; I learn and teach Torah, write about it, for a living. In other words, this is my job. This is me, working on a Saturday night. Pretty depressing.

And on the other hand: I’m a Jew who loves Torah. I love my work, and I think it provides some value to the world. Even if I didn’t have a deadline, there’s a reasonable chance I’d be thinking about the upcoming week’s Torah reading anyway. And in any event, it has to get done.

The Talmud (Tractate Shabbat 10a) tells a story of two sages, Rav Hisda and Rabbah, son of Rav Huna, who would spend all day—“from morning until evening”—fulfilling their roles as judges for the Babylonian Jewish community. An early post-talmudic work called the *She’iltot* explains that these two sages were under the impression that they had to live up to the standard set by Moses in the opening of

this week's *parashah*: "Moses sat to perform judgment for the people, and the people gathered to Moses *from morning until evening*" (Exod 18:13). Moses set the standard; if he was willing to work nonstop on behalf of the people, then we too, reason our Babylonian rabbis, must toil in service of the community, without rest.

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