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## Celebrate with Us

Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 pm  
 Back Bay Events Center | 180 Berkeley Street, Boston  
[Purchase Tickets, Tables and Tributes](#)

Hebrew College's 96 year-old legacy of educational innovation and leadership will be celebrated through storytelling and musical performance at Hebrew College Gala 2017 on Thursday, April 27, 5:30 pm at the Back Bay Events Center.

The diverse pathways to Jewish learning, life and leadership fostered by Hebrew College will be reflected in the stories of our honorees and the visual narrative for the evening.

**Susan Ain** (top left) will receive the Esther Award for Leadership and Philanthropy at the 2017 gala for her extraordinary devotion to Hebrew College and commitment to Jewish education. Ain is the immediate past chair and a current member of the Hebrew College Board of Trustees and received a Master of Arts in Jewish Studies from Hebrew College in 2011.

The Grossman family (founders of Grossman Lumber and the Grossman Companies) will be honored for their support of Hebrew College for generations through their munificence and exemplary community leadership. The family will be represented by siblings **Louis Grossman, Meah'00**, who is a member of the Board of Trustees at Hebrew College and **Rabbi Ma'ayan Sands** (top right), who received her ordination from the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College in 2016, each of whom has discovered pathways to leadership through Jewish learning.

Hebrew College's deep connection with Israel – past, present and future – will be featured in the evening's musical selections performed by an Israeli jazz quartet led by Rinat Tregerman, graduate of the Rimon School of Music and the Berklee School of Music International partnership. The quartet will fuse contemporary jazz and traditional Israeli music in anticipation of Yom Haatzmaut (Israel Independence Day) on the evening of May 1 (5777).

We invite you to be part of the unfolding story of Jewish inheritance and educational innovation as we build on the past with a renewed energy and vision for the future.

**PURCHASE TICKETS, TABLES AND/OR TRIBUTES NOW**



Questions, please contact Lauren Hobler at [lhobler@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:lhobler@hebrewcollege.edu) or 617.559.8847.

## Hebrew College Leaders Headline Adult Learning Summit



Sunday, January 29 | 9:30 am-12:30 pm  
384 Harvard Street | Free | [Register](#)

Discover all the adult learning offerings in the Boston area at the upcoming **Adult Learning Summit** on January 29. Organized by [Hebrew College Rabbinical School](#) student and Kehillath Israel Rabbinic Intern **Elizabeth Bonney-Cohen**, the Summit will provide an overview of winter and spring adult learning opportunities from Hebrew College, Kehillath Israel, Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Minyan Shaleym, CJP, and the Washington Square Minyan. Offerings include one-time events, weekly classes, and mini-series; class topics range from Jewish cooking to traditional text study to exploring ritual life and more.

"384 Harvard Street has become a campus of Jewish life in the heart of Brookline, bringing together a number of different kinds of Jewish communities under one roof," says Bonney-Cohen.

Rabbinical School faculty member **Rabbi Ebn Leader** will teach "Jewish Spirituality" as an introduction to a three-part spirituality series with **Rabbis Arthur Green, Nehemia Polen and Ariel Mayse**. In addition to Rabbi Leader, **Rabbi Jim Morgan, Rab'08** and [Rabbinical School](#) student **Micah Shapiro** will be teaching at the Summit.

Several other Hebrew College faculty and students also will be teaching winter/spring adult learning courses, including:

- **Rachel Adelman, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Bible: "Creative Writing"
- **Elizabeth Bonney-Cohen**, Rabbinical School student: "Weekly Torah Portion"
- **Rabbi Jane Kanarek**, Associate Professor of Rabbinics: "A Woman Walks into a Bar: Surprising Tales of Rabbinic Betrothal"

Please email [Elizabeth Bonney-Cohen](#) with questions. *Pictured l-r: Rabbi Ebn Leader, Rabbi Jane Kanarek, Rabbi Arthur Green, Rachel Adelman.*

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## Final Days to Register for Me'ah Select



Register Now! Winter/Spring [Me'ah Select](#) registration will be closing soon. Me'ah Select classes are one semester, in-depth courses that examine key themes, personalities or time periods in Jewish history. Choose from 12 classes—eight evening and four daytime offerings.



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## Sights & Sounds



[Rabbinical School](#) alumna [Rabbi Shoshana Friedman, Rab'14](#) (on screen, at the podium) led the crowd in song at the Boston Women's March for America on January 21. [#BosWomensMarch](#)



The [Rabbinical School](#) Winter Seminar "Science and the Soul" drew full crowds all week. Pictured l-r: Jonathan Morgan, Lindamood Fellow at Boston University's Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion; Judith Donath, Faculty Fellow at Harvard University's Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society. [Learn more about the speakers and events](#). Photo by *Matthew Mandrus*.



Under the leadership of [Rabbinical School](#) Dean Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, a dedicated group of alumni, students, and faculty met for a thoughtful and inspiring conversation about development efforts on behalf of the school. A particular focus of the evening was how to highlight and celebrate the distinctive impact of our students and alumni, in the greater Boston Jewish community and beyond. The evening was hosted by Rabbi Suzanne Offit, '09. *Photo by Alan Sherman.*

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## Humans of Hebrew College



Learn more about [Rabbinical School](#) alumna and [Gala 2017](#) honoree [Rabbi Ma'ayan Sands, Rab'16](#) 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).

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## Save the Date: Upcoming Winter Events

([hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events](http://hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events))



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

With Rabbi Nehemia Polen (above right) and Musician Lev Friedman (above left)

Hebrew College

February 4 at 8 pm

\$10 | [Purchase Ticket](#)

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

With Rabbi Nehemia Polen, Professor of Jewish Thought

at Hebrew College

February 5 at 10-11:45 am

Congregation Mishkan Tefila

384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA

Open to the Public | [Register](#)



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

With the Yuval Ron Ensemble & Friends

Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30pm

Hebrew College

Free | [Register](#)

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

With Rabbi Arthur Green, Rector of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College

February 12 at 10-11:45 am

Congregation Mishkan Tefila

384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA

Open to the Public | [Register](#)



### **Religious Diversity & Human Dignity**

Featuring Rabbi Or Rose, Director of the Miller Center for Learning & Leadership

February 12 at 2 pm

Edlavitch DCJCC

1529 16th St NW, Washington, DC

General Admission \$18; Student Admission \$10 | [Purchase Tickets](#)



**“Neo-Hasidism and Halakhah”**

With Rabbi Ariel Mayse, Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish Thought at Hebrew College  
 February 19 at 10-11:45 am  
 Congregation Mishkan Tefila  
 384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA  
 Open to the Public | [Register](#)

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

March 1-April 26, 2017 at 7 pm  
 Hebrew College  
 \$250 | [Register](#)

**Grandparenting Through a Jewish Lens**

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

**Hebrew College Gala 2017**

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### SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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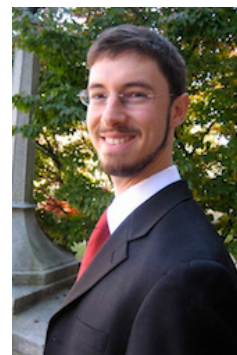
## What's Truth Got to Do With It?

### Parshat VaEra, Exodus 6:2-9:35

By Rabbi Lev Meirowitz Nelson, Rab'13

*Director of Education, T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights*

A colleague calls me to vent: A congregant had told her angrily that she should not talk about climate change in her sermons, because climate change isn't real.



My mother-in-law tells us about a client who says that he voted for Donald Trump because Hillary Clinton is one of the worst mass murderers in history.

2016 brought America's public discourse to a new, dangerous place. We can and will certainly hold different values, policy preferences, and visions for our future while remaining a single society—these are the mahlokot l'shem shamayim, debates for the sake of heaven, of which Jewish tradition is so fond. But if we each live in our own reality, with different facts and fundamental truths, how can we even talk with each other? How can we live together in the same country, in a single universe of shared discourse?

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