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### Rabbi Dan Judson Named New Dean of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College

*A Letter from President-Elect Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld*

Dear friends,

I am delighted to announce the appointment of [Rabbi Daniel Judson](#) as the new Dean of the [Hebrew College Rabbinical School](#).

Rabbi Arthur Green (founding Dean and Rector of the Rabbinical School) and I have asked Dan to assume this role. We are confident that he is the right person to carry the program forward, working closely with both of us as we articulate a vision for the future of rabbinic education and for the Jewish community our rabbis are to serve.

Dan has been at Hebrew College for ten years, and has played a key role in the formation of

our rabbis, both as a core faculty member of the Rabbinical School, and as our Associate Dean of Placement and Professional Development. During this time, Dan also completed his doctoral dissertation in American Jewish history (we look forward to celebrating the publication of a book based on his dissertation later this year!). As a former congregational rabbi and an insightful student of American Jewish life, Dan brings a deep understanding of the community within which we exist and for whom we seek to create leaders.

Dan's appointment as dean is effective immediately. I am personally honored to have the opportunity to work with him in this new capacity, and am excited to support him as he brings his many intellectual and interpersonal strengths to the leadership of the Rabbinical School. Please join me in welcoming him to this role, and wishing him a warm mazel tov on this appointment.

We will be launching a search for a new director of rabbinical school placement and professional development later this month.

As we move into the New Year, and I move into my new role as President-Elect, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated and talented community of colleagues at Hebrew College. I very much look forward to working together, with a renewed sense of commitment to our shared mission of revitalizing contemporary Jewish life through deep learning and inspired leadership.

With all best wishes,



*Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld  
President-Elect, Hebrew College*

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May 3, 2018 **Save the Date** 18 Iyar 5778

Hebrew College Gala  
Honoring Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann  
and his decade of leadership at Hebrew College

7:00 p.m. at Gann Academy, 133 Forest Avenue, Waltham, MA

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# Hebrew College Blog

## SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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

## With Strong Hands and Outstretched Arms Parashat Shemot (Exodus 1:1-6:1)

By Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld  
*President-Elect, Hebrew College*



The story of our departure from Egypt begins with a cry—the deep, inarticulate cry of pain and longing that rises up from the bellies of the Israelite slaves and ascends to heaven. It is their cry, in this week’s Torah portion, that—after generations of slavery—finally evokes a response from God, and sets the process of liberation in motion. “The Israelites were groaning under their bondage and cried out; and their cry for help from the bondage rose up to God. God heard their moaning, and God remembered the covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them. (Exodus 2:23-25)

The cry of the Israelites at this point in the story is particularly significant when we consider the profound silence that it pierces. For the horror of Pharaoh’s Egypt is epitomized by the effort to stifle, muffle, silence the human cry. The following midrash from Pirke d’Rabbi Eliezer brings that horror into full relief: “Rabbi Akiva says: Pharaoh’s police would strangle the Israelites in the walls of the buildings, between the bricks. And they would cry out from within the walls and God would hear their moaning, as it is said, ‘And God heard their moaning and God remembered the covenant . . .’ (Exodus 2:24)”

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