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Chag Sameach!



Last Call for Me'ah Fall Registration Generous Financial Aid Available

Are you interested in learning more about the history and texts of the Jewish people? Fall Me'ah courses, held at Hebrew College and throughout Greater Boston, are in their final days of registration.

Me'ah Classic takes students on a two-year, 100-hour journey through the narrative of the Jewish people. Broken into four semesters, the course explores Bible, Rabbinics, Medieval, and Modern Jewish history in a thoughtful, in-depth approach taught by local university

professors and experienced rabbis. Me'ah is a unique and rewarding opportunity to deeply explore our rich and varied history.

Me'ah Classic classes begin in October 2017, with both day and evening options. We warmly welcome students of all backgrounds and faiths, and **generous financial aid is available**. See the Me'ah website for details and more information about [Me'ah Classic](#), [Me'ah Select](#), and [Me'ah Online](#).

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SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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A Pink Sukkah: A Suggestion for a New Ritual

Sukkot, Leviticus 22:26-23:44

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There is a story told of Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev that he was feeling chalisha [weak] before the holiday of Sukkot began. He had worn himself out with the fervency of his Yom Kippur prayers. His students gathered around him and waved an Etrog under his nose and the strong and unique smell of the fruit revived his spirits and he entered the season with the appropriate energy and joy.

I appreciate Levi Yitzhak’s tiredness. It feels like it takes a lot of energy to arouse oneself from the long fast of Yom Kippur to move to the tasks of building a sukkah. While I didn’t have my students waving an Etrog under my nose, last year on the morning after Yom Kippur I woke up to my daughter waving a disgusting pink acrylic spray paint can and asking me to get up.

Last year as part of preparing for her bat mitzvah, my daughter committed to a year of raising money for cancer research in honor of her grandmother and other family members who suffered from breast cancer. Somewhere in a conversation between my daughter and my wife, the idea arose of making our sukkah entirely pink and then inviting people over to make a sukkah decoration in memory of loved ones they had lost to cancer...

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In Memoriam: Rabbi Reuven Cohn

It is with profound sadness that we share with you the sad news that Rabbi Reuven Cohn passed away on October 1. Reuven was a beloved and passionate teacher of hundreds of adults through Me’ah as well as Hebrew College’s graduate Jewish Studies program. He also taught generations of teens at Maimonides, and adults at CJP, Ma’ayan and other institutions throughout the greater Boston Area for over forty years. He will be sorely missed by our entire community.



May his family be comforted among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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