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Celebrate 10 Years of Rabbinical School Alumni

The Rabbinical School of Hebrew College is hosting Madlik—a joyful evening of study, story, and song to celebrate the impact of our alumni in Greater Boston and beyond.

This year, the Rabbinical School will mark the tenth anniversary of its first ordination and will celebrate the addition of 13 new graduates to a thriving community of over 100 alumni! These alumni—and over 60 current students—are changing the landscape of Jewish life in Boston and around the country. While they are intentionally and exuberantly diverse, there is much that they share: a love of Torah and Jewish life, a sense of intellectual and spiritual honesty, depth, and creativity, a desire to be of service, and a humble appreciation for what and how we learn with and from each other when we listen with open hearts and minds.

We are particularly excited to celebrate their work this December with the many people in the Greater Boston area whose lives have been enriched by their leadership, their service, their creative and caring presence.

Whether you live in Newton, Cambridge, Somerville, Brookline, downtown Boston, Jamaica Plain, Metro West, or anywhere on the North or South Shore, chances are you’ve encountered one of our students or alumni. Perhaps you’ve been engaged by one of them through an innovative program for teens, or energized by their dynamic approach to Torah study in one of our many adult learning programs. Perhaps they’ve been there for your family during a time of illness or loss, or perhaps they’ve officiated at a wedding or a baby naming in a way that felt particularly meaningful. Perhaps you’ve been inspired by their courageous work on issues of environmental or social justice, or touched by their
compassionate presence when you needed it most. Perhaps you’ve been given hope by the way they’ve helped Judaism come alive for a child, a teen, or a college student in your life; perhaps you’ve been uplifted by their music, their prayer leadership, their words of Torah from the pulpit.

Please join us in honoring these remarkable teachers and leaders and the life-giving work that they are doing in our community. Mark your calendars for Madlik: Illuminating the World at Hebrew College on December 2, at 7:00 p.m.!

Open Rehearsal & Concert: Jewish Art Music From St. Petersburg to Palestine & Beyond

Thursday, Nov 16 - 7:30pm
Hebrew College | Berenson Hall
Free and Open to the Public

Join us for a journey through time, to the waning years of the Russian Empire, as we listen to an Open Rehearsal of rare Jewish classical music with Kol Arev, Hebrew College’s Chamber Choir-in-Residence. The evening will include choral music, solo songs and chamber music and will also feature musicologist Sam Zerin, who will guide us through the program with historical commentary. Music Director: Amy Lieberman | Artistic Director: Cantor Lynn Torgove, Can’12, MAJS’12
Humans of Hebrew College #Humans HC

“I don’t want to glorify myself on stage, but to do something beautiful people can connect to—so I can help them have meaningful, spiritual and holy experiences.”

Learn more about David, first-year student in the School of Jewish Music’s accelerated Cantorial Ordination for Spiritual and Educational Leadership (COSEL) progran.

If you are interested in being featured as one of our #Humans, please contact webmaster@hebrewcollege.edu. You can also find Hebrew College alumni and students on the Hebrew College LinkedIn page. (Remember to update your LinkedIn profile!)

Fall Events
(hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)
TONIGHT!
An Evening of Learning, Tribute, and Appreciation
in Memory of Rabbi Reuven Zvi Cohn (z"l)
Nov. 2 at 6:45 pm
Maimonides School (34 Philbrick Rd., Brookline)
Sponsored by Hebrew College, Ma'ayan, Maimonides School,
Shaarei Tefillah, and CJP
Register

Ta Sh’m’a (Come & Hear)
Ordination programs Open House & Day of Learning
November 6
Hebrew College
Register

AMIT’s Tribute to Educational Excellence
Honoring Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann
Keynote by Jonathan Sarna
November 14 at 6 pm
Hebrew College
Information and Registration

OPEN REHEARSAL
Jewish Art Music from St. Petersburg to Palestine and Beyond
Kol Arev - Hebrew College Chamber Choir-in-Residence
November 16 at 7:30 pm
Hebrew College
Free Admission

The Environmental Crisis: Our Spiritual Responsibility
2017 Burstein Scholars-in-Residence Weekend
Featuring Peter Fox Penner, Mitch Thomashow, and
Rev. Mariama White-Hammond (pictured)
Nov. 17-19
Temple Israel of Boston
Co-sponsored by Hebrew College
Information and Registration

Madlik: Illuminating the World:
A Celebration of Learning and Leadership
Rabbinical School of Hebrew College
Dec 2 at 7 pm
Hebrew College
Purchase Ticket

If All the Seas Were Ink
A Presentation by author Ilana Kurshan
Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm
Beit Midrash, Hebrew College
Free Admission
Crisis Parenting: Walking Together Through Bitter and Sweet
Parashat Vayera (Genesis 18:1-22:24)

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Last week, my four-year-old announced gleefully, “It’s almost Kislev!” He is joyfully anticipating the next Jewish month because of my personal custom to declare the holiday-free month of Mar-Cheshvan a family-wide post-holiday sugar detox. My son’s excitement makes perfect sense - except that it is only the second day of Cheshvan. I answer somewhat incredulously, “It’s almost Kislev?” “Yes,” he says, “Only twenty-eight days!” Somehow, what is for me a necessary moment of rebalancing, and for my older children a long ordeal to endure, is, for this child, an opportunity to anticipate the sweetness to come. This same child declares, “Only eleven months ‘til I’m five!” I wonder at his patience, his optimism, his certitude that his desires will all be fulfilled in good time, that the order of his world will not disappoint him. I congratulate myself on not responding “No, it’s not.” Who says 28 days until next month isn’t “almost”?

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