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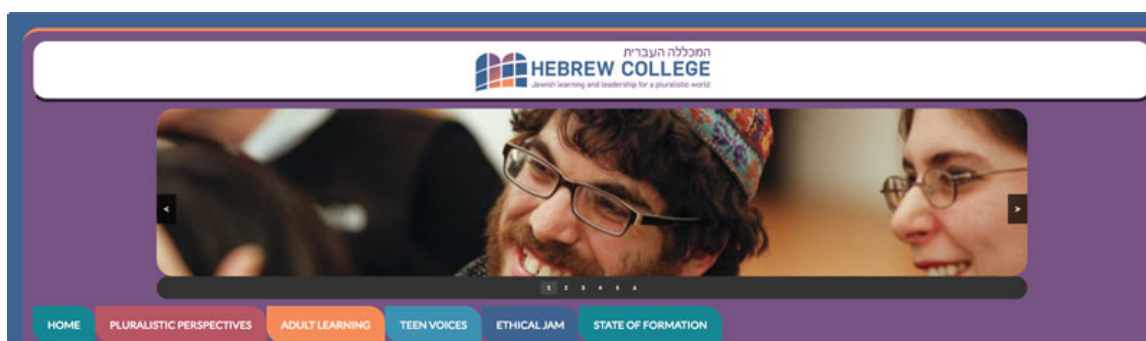
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## NEWS & VIEWS

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### From the Hebrew College Blog ([blog.hebrewcollege.edu](http://blog.hebrewcollege.edu))

#### SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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

## To Be a Stranger and a Resident Parashat Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

By Rabbi Daniel Lehmann  
*President, Hebrew College*

Toward the beginning of this week's Torah portion, Chayei Sarah, Abraham describes himself to those with whom he lives with the phrase, "ger v'toshav anochi imachem, I am a stranger and a resident among you" (Gen. 23:4). Various Jewish commentators have interpreted this self-description as much more than just a statement about Abraham's relationship to his immediate neighbors in the context of purchasing a burial plot for his dearly departed wife, Sarah. Rather, from their perspective, this phrase becomes a more general claim about Jewish religious identity in relationship to broader, universal concerns.



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## Fall Events

<http://hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events>

### AMIT's Tribute to Educational Excellence

Honoring Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann

Keynote by Jonathan Sarna

November 14 at 6 pm

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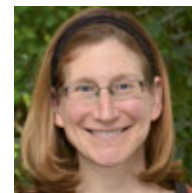
### If All the Seas Were Ink

A Presentation by author Ilana Kurshan

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm

Beit Midrash, Hebrew College

Free Admission



### Jewish Art Music from St. Petersburg to Palestine and Beyond Open Rehearsal & Concert

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

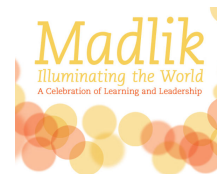
Temple Israel of Boston

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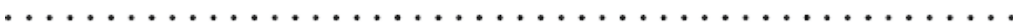
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**Madlik: Illuminating the World:  
A Celebration of Learning and Leadership**  
Rabbinical School of Hebrew College  
Dec 2 at 7 pm  
Hebrew College  
[Purchase Ticket](#)



**NEW! The Rag Trade: How Jews Made It in America  
with Adam Mendelsohn**  
December 10 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm  
11th Annual Lecture on Jewish Genealogy  
Co-sponsored by: Hebrew College and  
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