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Spring Course Registration Open

Add some Jewish learning to your life this spring! Peruse our [course listings](#) and register for a spring semester course. Hebrew College is offering some exciting new courses and new tuition options. Courses are available in Jewish Education, Jewish Studies, Jewish Music, and in our Rabbinical School, for credit or not-for-credit, online or on campus.

Community Education Courses

For community members who are not currently pursuing degrees at Hebrew College, a few select online courses are being offered for a special rate of \$500, plus a \$55 registration fee (if taken as non-credit courses, also known as "auditing".) There include:

- **History and Memory: Medieval & Modern Periods**, with Professor Barry Mesch, offered through the [Department of Jewish Studies](#)
- **Music of the Jewish People**, with Adjunct Instructor Judy Pinnolis, offered through the [School of Jewish Music](#).

Hebrew Language

On-campus and online [Hebrew language](#) classes continue to be available for beginning through advanced Hebrew students.

- **Ulpan: Modern Hebrew**: An on-campus language immersion program, Ulpan offers classes on weekday mornings, evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Designed for individuals interested in learning conversational Hebrew through the lens of Israeli culture, the Ulpan program uses the linguistic-immersion method developed and popularized in Israel. Ulpan is a full-language program that teaches grammar, reading comprehension and conversation skills.
- **Modern Hebrew Online**: New interactive curricula utilize learning materials in written, audio, and video formats. The program focuses on everyday language relating to personal introductions, food and eating, transportation, and even some Hebrew slang. Students also learn about Israeli culture by listening to popular Israeli music, viewing segments of Israeli television programs and documentary clips, and learning about Israeli currency.

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NEW! MODERN HEBREW ONLINE WEBINAR

We are pleased to offer a free, [30-minute webinar](#) about our new Modern Hebrew Online courses. Join Mekhina instructor [Shir Twerski](#) on January 14 from 1 to 1:30 pm for a program overview, to sample the new interactive platform, and to ask questions.

>> [REGISTER NOW](#)

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Visit Hebrew College at the URJ Biennial

If you are going to be at the URJ Biennial this week, stop by the Hebrew College booth #123 (or send someone from your congregation to see us).

Come talk to us and learn why you and your colleagues will benefit from our Jewish education [master's and certificate programs](#) and [online and on-campus Hebrew language programs](#).



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Humans of Hebrew College #Humans HC



[Learn more about Rabbi Philip Sherman, Rab`13](#) and how [The Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#) helped to shape his journey to the rabbinate.

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!)

Sights & Sounds



The Hebrew College community gathered in the beit midrash on November 30 to celebrate current Rabbinical School Dean, **Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld's**, appointment as the College's next president. After a nationwide search, the Hebrew College Board of Trustees voted unanimously on the appointment. Rabbi Anisfeld will oversee the College's full array of campus and online programs in educational and spiritual leadership, and youth and adult learning. She will succeed **Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann**, who earlier this year announced his intention to step down as President at the end of this academic year. [Read the press release](#). Pictured left (l-r): President Lehmann, Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, and Board Chair Andy Offit.



Madlik: Illuminating the World - A Celebration of Learning and Leadership. More than 200 local alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#) gathered last Saturday evening for *havdalah* and an evening of study, story and song to celebrate the Rabbinical School's impact in Greater Boston and Beyond. Read more about the event in [JewishBoston.com](#) and [view the Madlik photo album](#) on Facebook.

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Notable & Quotable



Several Hebrew College faculty and alumni presented at **LimmudBoston** on Dec. 3. Presenters and panelists with Hebrew College connections included:

- Rabbi Daniel Berman, Rab` 10
- Rabbi David Finkelstein, Rab` 14
- Rabbi David Jaffe, faculty, Jewish Studies program
- Cantor Jeff Klepper, faculty, School of Jewish Music
- Rabbi Daniel Lehmann, President, Hebrew College
- Cantor Jeri Robbins, Can` 13, alumna, School of Jewish Music
- Dale Rosenberg, student, MJEd/MAJS program
- Rabbi Ma'ayan Sands, Rab` 16
- Rabbi Ora Weiss, Rab` 15

Rabbi Arthur Green, Rector of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College, was featured in the 92 Y's livestream show 92Y On Demand in the Oct. 17 program "[An Evening with the Zohar](#)." The program celebrated the completion of *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*.



Linna Ettinger, Assistant Director of the Shoolman School's Early Childhood Institute (ECI), published two articles in Jeducation World about the ECI's [upcoming conference "People of the Book"](#) on Dec. 11 & 12: "[Nurturing Intentional \(American\) Judaism](#)" (Nov. 27) and "[A Tree and Me: How the Israeli Ministry of Education uses agriculture to instill Jewish Identity](#)" (May 11).



Dr. Keren McGinity, Director of the [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement](#) program, was featured in a Nov. 6 [article in Moment Magazine](#) entitled "Is Intermarriage Good for the Jews?"



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Fall Events

(hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)

The Rag Trade: How Jews Made It in America
 with Adam Mendelsohn
 Dec. 10 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm
 11th Annual Lecture on Jewish Genealogy
 Co-sponsored by: Hebrew College and
 The Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Boston



Torah Godly Play Practitioner Training
 New and current practitioners welcome
 December 10 and 11
 Hebrew College
[Information and Registration](#)



Early Childhood Institute Conference:
People of the Book
 Dec. 11-12
 Hebrew College
[Information and Registration](#)



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From the Hebrew College Blog

(blog.hebrewcollege.edu)

SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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

Lighting Up the Darkness One Good Point at a Time

Parashat Vayeishev (Genesis 37:1-40:23)

By Cantor Ken Richmond
 Cantor at Temple Israel, Natick, MA

As someone who, by nature of my profession, has the privilege of leading my congregation in prayer on a regular basis, I have long taken inspiration and instruction from a quote from the Hasidic master Rebbe Nachman of Breslov (1772-1810), who said in his teaching “Azamra”:

...The one who can create these melodies by finding the good points in every Jew... is fit to be the prayer leader. The leader of the communal prayers must represent the whole congregation. He [or she] must find and gather all the good points in each of the worshippers. All these good points must be joined together in him so that when he stands before God in prayer he comes with the power of all this good.



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