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Hebrew College Live! Stories in Honor of Our Teachers

Please join us on May 30 at Temple Beth Elohim for our annual spring fundraising event "[Hebrew College Live! Stories in Honor of Our Teachers](#)." This year we are honoring Hebrew College teachers from our graduate degree and community learning programs, as well as our alumni and students who are teaching in communities around the country. Learn, laugh, and share a connection with our five storytellers — all master teachers — each inspired by their own beloved teachers. We hope you will join us for this celebratory evening, hosted by Mark Oppenheimer, host of Tablet Magazine's podcast "Unorthodox," and consider [making a gift in honor of one of your treasured teachers](#).

Meet One of Our Storytellers

"My teachers at Hebrew College modeled a style of leadership that beautifully combined the qualities of warmth, humility, vulnerability, kindness, and brilliance. They continue to inspire me every day."
— Rabbi Jordan Schuster, Rab`18, MAJS`18 (pictured above)

Jordan is currently the Director of Mekerot at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College and Associate Director of Open Circle Jewish Learning, a Hebrew College Adult Learning program supported by CJP. Hear his story "Reb Nahman, Yiddish Nihilism, and That Time I Made Pilgrimage to a Jersey Mall" at the event. [Read more about Jordan](#).

[Learn more about our storytellers](#) and watch for profiles of our other storytellers in future issues of News & Views.

Make a gift to honor Jordan & his teachers



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

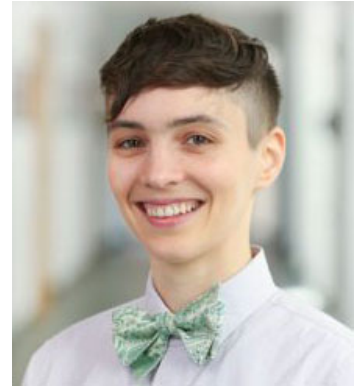
Unclench Those Hands

Parashat Metzora (Leviticus 14:1-15:33)

By Rabbi Gray Myrseth, Rab`17

Youth Programs Director

Kehilla Community Synagogue, Piedmont, CA



*He shall send away the live bird outside the city, into the open field.
This is how he shall effect atonement for the house and it will be ritually pure. (Leviticus 14:53)*

It seems to me there is no escaping
from the work of praise. No ground
outside its frame,
no spare reply or costume
of address. Send the live phrase

outside the city,
out into the open field.
Beyond the camp
it spreads its wings,
path an arrow's arc
across the sky.

When has the earthbound thing
grown smooth and whole and taken flight

When has the wind been strong enough
to lift my eyes from the ground

to fix them on the seething line
where ground (was it sand or sea?)
turns into trembling sky

The difference between thought and prayer
comes down to pressure. Can you open
your hand, let the form fly free?

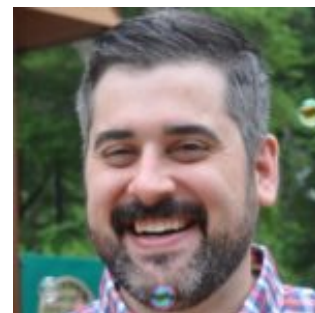
My winged mouth, my current bones.
I wake with salt upon my lips

STATE OF FORMATION

The State of Formation blog is a joint venture of the [Miller Center of Interreligious Learning & Leadership](#) and [Boston University's School of Theology](#).

“You’ve got to get your hands in the dirt!” And other lessons I’ve learned from teaching Interfaith Engagement

By Matt Hoffman
State of Formation Fellow
Instructor of Philosophy & Religion
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“Everybody’s hungry for something and everyone has something to offer.”

This is the sign that welcomes visitors to [The Lord’s Acre](#), a non-profit farm located outside Asheville, NC. Each Wednesday night during the growing season, I take a group of students in my Introduction to Interfaith Leadership class at Warren Wilson College to The Lord’s Acre to put theory and class discussions into practice.

This simple phrase on the sign offers much wisdom to all who enter, but especially to those of us interested in interfaith work. The opportunity to work together to plant, weed, and grow food for the local community satisfies physical hunger, but such work also responds to a larger call to community and dialogue across difference.

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EVENTS

Preparing Our Hearts for Passover & Easter

Featuring Hebrew College's Rabbi Ebn Leader,
Rabbi Or Rose, Rabbi Jane Kanarek, Tom Reid
April 12 | 8:30 am - Noon
Temple Beth Zion, Brookline, MA
[Information](#) | [RSVP](#)

Huzzah! la'Hazzan

Celebrating Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer and the
Establishment of the Scholarship in his name
May 6 | 1:30 pm
Hebrew College
[RSVP](#) | [Make a Gift in Cantor Mayer's Honor](#)

Nava Tehila Ensemble Concert

Co-sponsored by Hebrew College
May 12 | 7-9 pm
Temple Beth Zion, Brookline, MA
\$20 General Admission | \$15 Students & Seniors
[Purchase Tickets](#)

A Mini-Symposium: Ethnic Identity and Choral Singing

Sponsored by Zamir Chorale of Boston Alumni
Association and the School of Jewish Music at
Hebrew College
May 15 | 7:30-9:30 pm
Hebrew College
[Learn More](#) | Free Admission

Torah Godly Play

May 19-20
8 am-3 pm
Hebrew College
[Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

HONOR YOUR TEACHERS!**Hebrew College Live! Stories in Honor of Our Teachers**

With stories by Hebrew College Faculty & Alumni
May 30 | 6:30 pm
Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley, MA
[Information](#) | [Online Tickets & Gift Opportunities](#)

Commencement

June 2 | 10 am
Hebrew College
[Information](#)

Cantorial Ordination

June 2 | 1:30 pm
Temple Reyim, Newton MA
[Information](#)

Rabbinical Ordination

June 2 | 3 pm
Temple Reyim, Newton MA
[Information](#)

Ani Kinor: Prayer Leader Summer Institute Two-Day Intensive

June 3-4
Hebrew College
[Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

A Joyful Concert for Body & Soul

with Rabbi Jessica Kate Meyer `14, Dr. Hankus
Netsky & Cantor Becky Khitrik `14
June 3 | 7-9 pm
Hebrew College
\$10 General Admission
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