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Hebrew College will be closed April 25-26 for Passover





JTFGB Director to Receive Hebrew College Esther Award for Leadership & Philanthropy

On May 30, Leah Goldstein, the Director of [Jewish Teen Foundation of Greater Boston \(JTFGB\)](#) at Hebrew College, will be honored with the Esther Award at Hebrew College's annual spring fundraiser, [Hebrew College Live! Stories in Honor of Our Teachers](#). The event, to be held at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, recognizes Goldstein's work in helping Boston-area teens learn the ins and outs of professional philanthropy and raise nearly \$150,000 for 22 different non-profits.

"Leah Goldstein is a devoted teacher and mentor who has been and continues to be an inspiration to hundreds of teens, empowering them to become part of the unfolding story of the Jewish people by nurturing their own passion for leadership, philanthropy, and social change," said Hebrew College President Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld. "As we present the Esther Award this year at our spring fundraising event honoring generations of teachers at Hebrew College, we are delighted to honor Leah and celebrate the profound impact of her holy work."

Goldstein has spearheaded the highly successful JTFGB program, now in its fourth year, since its inception. The program offers Jewish high school students from all different denominational backgrounds across the greater Boston area the opportunity to learn through a Jewish lens how to successfully run a foundation and move through the grant-making cycle. Students raise funds and allocate grants to effect real change in the causes they care about most.

"I get really proud. When teens finish the program, a lot of them say, 'I want to go work for a nonprofit,' or 'I can't wait to be able to donate myself to non-profits.' That melts my heart," says Goldstein. "I love seeing that the teens are taking what they've learned from their JTFGB experience and applying it to their everyday lives. Given the world that we live in now, it gives me hope for the

future.”

Please join us on May 30 for *Hebrew College Live: Stories in Honor of Our Teachers* – with host Mark Oppenheimer, host of Tablet Magazine's podcast "Unorthodox" – when we honor Goldstein, and please consider supporting the College with your ticket purchase and/or [a gift in honor of Leah or a treasured teacher](#). Tickets and gifts can be designated to support JTFGB or any program that you choose.

[Read more about Leah](#)

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70 FACES OF TORAH

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

The 8th Day of Passover: A Mo'ed For New Leadership

By Dan Brosgol
Director, [Prozdor at Hebrew College](#)



Congratulations, friends, you have journeyed through another Passover, and hopefully feel a greater sense of liberation as the holiday draws to a close on Saturday night.

In truth, the last few days of *Pesach* are a poor man's parallel to the final hours of Yom Kippur – but you've made it this far, so why not go all the way! In fact, consider going to synagogue to listen to one of the more remarkable texts from the ancient prophet Isaiah.

The text focuses on the prophet's vision of Assyria's defeat and the return of the Jewish exiles to the Land of Israel, which will usher in an era of peace and harmony. Perhaps the most famous verses from this messianic reading come from chapter 11, verses 6-9:

*The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard lie down with the kid/
The calf, the beast of prey, and the fatling together, with a little boy to herd them/
The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together/
And the lion, like the ox, shall eat straw/
A babe shall play Over a viper's hole/
And an infant pass his hand over an adder's den/*

*In all of My sacred mount Nothing evil or vile shall be done/
For the land shall be filled with devotion to the LORD/
As water covers the sea.*

Embedded in Isaiah's inspiring language, is a significant intergenerational message. Hang in there for a moment while I set the table for you.

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EVENTS



Prozdor Graduation

May 5 | 12:30 pm
Hebrew College
[Information](#)

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

SPRING FUNDRAISING EVENT!

Hebrew College Live! Stories in Honor of Our Teachers
May 30 | 6:30 pm
Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley, MA
[Information](#) | [Purchase Tickets](#) | [Make a Gift](#)

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](#)

Torah Godly Play

May 19-20

8 am-3 pm

Hebrew College

[Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

JTFGB Grant Ceremony

May 29 | 6-8 pm

Hebrew College

[Information](#)

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

[Learn More](#) | [Purchase Tickets](#)

Me'ah Graduation

June 5 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Hebrew College

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