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Hebrew College will be closed April 10-18 for Pesah

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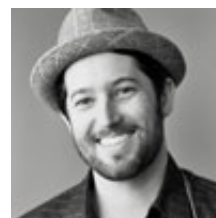
PLSI Adds Jewish World Music Week

If you're a lay leader, clergy, student, musician or teacher—or just interested in honing your musical skills and expanding your understanding of prayer, join us for the second year of the School of Jewish Music's [Prayer Leader Summer Institute](#) (PLSI) June 6 - July 28. Flexible options include credit and non-credit single morning master classes and/or one-, two- or three-week sessions.

Last summer saw a vibrant and robust eight weeks of Jewish music, with cantorial students and community members mingling for singing, learning, chanting and drumming. Join us this summer for another fabulous lineup of classes, taught by [School of Jewish Music](#) master teachers and alumni, and guest instructors from around the Jewish world.

An exciting new feature this summer will be **Jewish World Music Week**, July 24-28. Participants will have the opportunity to study the Jewish music of India with Rahel Musleah, Iraq and Yemen with George Mordecai and Zafer Tawil, Spain and Argentina with Joel Bresler and Elias Rosemberg, and Eastern Europe with Hankus Netsky.

In addition to Jewish World Music Week, PLSI will offer a full-day workshop on **Singing Communities, Thursday, July 13**, with guest instructor Joey Weisenberg (pictured right).



Throughout the summer, classes will also be available on Cantillation for High Holidays, Cantillation for Haftarah, Pedagogy of Music: Facilitating Tefillah, Liturgical Hebrew, Accompanied Repertoire for High Holidays, and Nusach and Liturgy of the Three Festivals.

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Ruderman Summit Sparks Future Dialogue



On Sunday, April 2, community leaders, activists, federation and foundation professionals, and community members with an interest in new models of Jewish engagement gathered in Berenson Hall at Hebrew College for the [Ruderman Summit on Philanthropy, Power and Democracy in the Jewish Community of the 21st Century](#). Co-sponsored by the Ruderman Family Foundation, the Jewish Funders Network, and Hebrew College, the Summit explored and discussed the ways in which we govern ourselves in the American Jewish community and how changes in recent years may require different structures to respond to the current political and social culture.

[Ruderman Family Foundation](#) President Jay Ruderman (right) said that for the past decade, he has been concerned by the outsized power “super-donors” have on setting the agenda for the Jewish world. “Our Jewish communities don’t seem to be democratically organized and I wanted this summit to explore how we can change this,” said Ruderman. “How do we ensure that every member of our community has a say in what the community should focus on, not just a powerful few?”



“The questions posed at the summit about the relationship between power and philanthropy in our community were quite provocative and the panelists responded with impressive candor,” said Hebrew College President Rabbi Daniel Lehmann.



(Pictured l-r) Allison Fine, social media expert; Dr. Steven Windmueller, Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk Emeritus Professor of Communal Service at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; JJ Goldberg, Editor-at-Large at The Forward; and Hebrew College President Rabbi Daniel Lehmann.

“We need to look critically at our communal structures and approaches,” commented Andrés Spokoiny, President and CEO of the Jewish Funders Network. “The Jewish community faces many challenging dilemmas, and has to strike the right balance when important values come into tension with one another. This summit provided a forum to ask the tough questions and begin to formulate new ideas.”

Among the Summit attendees was Elisa Deener-Agus, CJP’s Associate Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, who shared her views on the summit: “The Ruderman summit was excellent in raising some of the most pressing and essential questions facing the American Jewish community today — questioning the very concept of what it means to be an ‘American Jewish Community’ in this time of loss of civic discourse and common core values; rise of ‘boutique Judaism’ and consumer dominance; multiplicity of the community and single issue constituencies; and rise of a Jewish ‘aristocratic class.’ The summit brought together deep thinkers from a variety of different backgrounds — funders, foundations, Federation, organizations — who spoke with candor and insight on the tensions they are confronting. It was an important day, setting the stage for what will surely be more conversation over the coming years.”

For audio recordings, select presentations, and the program book, visit hebrewcollege.edu/rudermansummit2017.

In Memoriam: Ted Cutler

It is with great sadness that the Hebrew College community mourns the passing of Hebrew College Trustee Emeritus and past Board Chair, Ted Cutler (pictured left of Rabbi Arthur Green at the Hebrew College 2015 Gala). Ted was a major benefactor and supporter of Hebrew College over the years.

Ted was and always will remain one of the giants of the Greater Boston civic and Jewish communities. From Hebrew College, the Greater Boston Food Bank, to Outside the Box Festival, Friends of the IDF, the JCC, and Emerson College, bringing brilliant lights to Commonwealth Avenue, and in myriad other ways, Ted illuminated this city as only a great leader can.



May his memory always be for a blessing and his legacy and impact continue to shine for generations. May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Humans of Hebrew College



Learn more about Hebrew College's first [rav-hazzan-to-be](#), [Aliza Berger](#), who will be ordained as a rabbi by the [Rabbinical School](#) and as a cantor by the [School of Jewish Music](#) this June. If you are interested in being featured, 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



This week, **Rabbi Ebn Leader**, faculty member at the [Rabbinical School](#), led the free webinar *Pesah: What If We Were Truly Free? Reflections on Celebration & Responsibility*. Rabbi Leader grew up in Jerusalem and learned Talmud and studied under Rabbi David Hartman and Amos Hetz. He has a growing international reputation as a Jewish spiritual teacher in the neo-Hasidic tradition and is an authority on Jewish prayer. If you missed the webinar, you may [watch it here](#) or [read Rabbi Leader's related blog post](#).



Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer, Dean of the [School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College](#), rehearsing at the Met on March 26 before conducting the gala concert of HaZamir, the international Jewish High School choir. "400 kids were under my baton!," said Cantor Mayer.

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Notable & Quotable

Rabbi Getzel Davis, Rab`13, associate rabbi and director of graduate programming for Harvard University Hillel, was featured in a March 31 [The Jewish Advocate](#) (paid subscription only) article entitled, "Harvard Hillel rabbi selected for fellowship." He is one of a new class of fellows for Rabbis Without Borders, a program and network run by the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.



Rachel Raz, director of the Early Childhood Institute at Hebrew College, had an [article](#) published on March 27, 2017 in Jeducation World entitled "Ayeka, Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9).



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April and May Hebrew College Events

(hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)



Liberation & Renewal: Preparing for Passover and Easter
A Morning of Interreligious Learning for Boston College, Boston University,
and Hebrew College Students, Faculty, and Staff

April 7 from 8 am-noon

Temple Beth Zion

1566 Beacon St, Brookline, MA

Free | [Register](#)

Hebrew College Gala 2017

April 27 at 5:30 pm

Back Bay Events Center

[Learn more](#) | [Purchase Tickets and Tributes](#)

Power of Music: Three Sunday Mornings of Jewish Music

April 30 - Cantor Lynn Torgove, MAJS`11, Can`12

May 7 - Rabbi Nehemia Polen

May 21 - Cantor Becky Khitrik, Can`14 & Hankus Netsky

All classes run 9:30-11:15 am (choose 1, 2 or 3)

Congregation Mishkan Tefila

384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA

[Register](#)



NEW! I'm Jewish, My Partner Isn't

featuring Dr. Keren McGinity, Director of the Shoolman School's
 Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement Program

April 30 at 6 pm

Congregation Mishkan Tefila

384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA

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



Till We Have Built Jerusalem:

A Conversation with Adina Hoffman and Rafi Segal

May 1 at 7:30 pm

Hebrew College | Co-Sponsored by the Jewish Arts Collaborative
 with the Israeli American Council and Jewish Book Council

\$18 | [Purchase Ticket](#)

NEW! Kol Arev at the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies

Jewish Art Music: From St. Petersburg to Palestine and Beyond

May 4 at 6 pm

Elie Weisel Center for Jewish Studies

147 Bay State Road, Boston

[Learn more](#) | Ticket information coming soon

Torah Godly Play Training

May 7, 2-7 pm and May 8, 2-5 pm

Hebrew College

\$85 | [Register](#)

NEW! A Taste of P4C: Philosophy for Children

May 25, 2017 at 7 pm

Hebrew College

Free | [Learn more](#) | RSVP to dron@hebrewcollege.edu



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Hebrew College - Congregation Mishkan Tefila
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RABBINICAL SCHOOL DIVREI TORAH

"Questions Unite People, Answers Divide"

Them" (Elie Wiesel)

By Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld
Dean, [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#)

"The essential questions have no answers. You are my question, and I am yours — and then there is dialogue. The moment we have answers, there is no dialogue. Questions unite people, answers divide them."

I can't think of a time when we have more needed to hear these wise words from our teacher Elie Wiesel, of blessed memory.



We are living in a world where we are constantly pummeled with answers — answers offered by pundits and preachers, politicians and salespeople, promoters and self-promoters of every persuasion. Wiesel reminds us that all those easy answers keep us from truly meeting each other in that tender and honest place, where we stand facing each other with our shared questions.

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SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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

Sacred Clean-up

Parashat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36

By Rabbi Micha'el Rosenberg
Assistant Professor of Rabbinics, [Rabbinical School of Hebrew College](#)

When my wife and I lived in Jerusalem, we had good friends who would often invite us for Shabbat meals. This particular couple had a very specific division of labor in their marriage, because while one partner loved to cook elegant, multicourse meals, the other partner, Abe (the names have been changed to protect the innocent) had no interest in cooking. So while Cora would be in the kitchen cooking, Abe would slave away in the rest of the house, doing all of the pre-Shabbat cleaning; when Cora was done in the kitchen, Abe would move in to do the clean-up there as well.



There was only one problem with Cora and Abe's arrangement. At dinner, as we'd eat the delicately plated hors d'oeuvres, or the masterful main course—and especially when we'd get to an inevitably addictive dessert—we would all praise Cora's performance, while Abe's immaculately clean floor earned no comment; no one would gush over how we'd never seen a book shelf so well-arranged and carefully dusted.

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