Spring Fundraiser Musicians Share Passions for Hebrew College and Yiddishkayt
Cantor Ken Richmond and Rabbi Shira Shazeer Rab’10 are committing to sharing their passions for Jewish music, texts, culture, and traditions — as well as yiddishkayt — with the next generation.

They do this every day through their roles at Temple Israel of Natick — where Richmond is the cantor — and MetroWest Jewish Day School (MWJDS) — where Shazeer is the Rabbi. And as parents to three boys — Zalmen, a sixth grader at MWJDS, Velvel, a third grader at MWJDS, and Betzalel, a pre-kindergartener at Temple Israel of Natick — whom they speak to at home only in Yiddish.

And in two weeks, these teachers and lifelong Hebrew College students — Richmond is an adjunct faculty member at the Hebrew College School of Jewish Music and a first-year student in the Rabbinical School and Shazeer is an alumna of the Rabbinical School and a second-year student in the Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education — will share their passions with the Hebrew College community, performing klezmer music on stage with their children — in Yiddish — at Hebrew College’s May 30 fundraiser at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, “Hebrew College Live! Stories in Honor of Our Teachers.”

“We’re very happy to be part of this event and to be able to honor our teachers in this way,” said Shazeer. “As a teacher myself, I try to follow my Hebrew College teachers’ lead, to be authentically myself, and to value and encourage students who have come from different backgrounds and different perspectives -- each with their own questions, challenges, and interactions with tradition.”

Read More about the Band  Hebrew College Live! Info & Tickets

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Speakers of Infinity and Finitude

Parashat Emor (Leviticus 21:1-24:23)

By Rabbi Jordan Schuster, Rab’18
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A few weeks ago, my mother sent me the novel A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin. One wizard from that book in particular has been pouring through my mind ever since. His name is Ogion. He says things like
to hear one must be silent,

then spends his life wandering the woods and mountains alone, wordlessly listening to the shape of unity, the language and life that blossom out of this unity.

Images of wizardly hermits like this set my daydreaming mind on fire — not only because I like the idea of being so consistently close to forests, pines, rocks, sky, but because I like the idea of absenting myself from a world that demands I produce thoughts on cue and spin them into words.

Over and over, Le Guin focuses our attention on how — when thoughts come to wizards like Ogion and they do transform these thoughts into language, their words are not frenzied or groping, stammering or appeasing or diffuse. On the contrary, when wizards like Ogion speak, they do so because some swirling bit of Infinity has presented itself to them, has demanded that it be bordered up into a discrete form, then transmitted to others. As a result of a wizard’s carrying Infinity into language, the people who hear him lose their sense of loneliness, division and alienation. For the wizard’s words contain within them slivers of wholeness, warps and woofs - weaves - of connection.
This year's **Prayer Leader Summer Institute, Ani Kinor**, kicks off with a special 2-day intensive on June 3-4 where you can study with Rabbis Art Green & Ebn Leader, and Cantors Brian Mayer and Lynn Torgove. Read this translation by Rabbi Green for a taste of the experience....then register if you want to learn more!

**Read Rabbi Art Green's Translation**

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**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](#)

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**Spring Fundraiser:**  
Hebrew College Live! Stories in Honor of Our Teachers  
May 30 | 6:30 pm  
Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley, MA  
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**Commencement**  
June 2 | 10 am  
Hebrew College  
[Information](#)

**Cantorial Ordination**  
June 2 | 1:30 pm  
Temple Reyim, Newton MA  
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**Rabbinical Ordination**  
June 2 | 3 pm  
Temple Reyim, Newton MA  
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**Ani Kinor: Prayer Leader Summer Institute**  
**Two-Day Intensive**  
June 3-4  
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**A Joyful Concert for Body & Soul**  
with Rabbi Jessica Kate Meyer Rab`14, Dr. Hankus Netsky & Cantor Becky Khitrik Can`14  
June 3 | 7-9 pm  
Hebrew College  
$10 General Admission  
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June 5 | 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hebrew College  
[Information](#)