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Shoolman School Summer Visit Day: July 19

For Prospective Jewish Education & Jewish Studies Graduate Students

On Campus: 8:30 am-1:30 pm | Online: 10:45-11:45 am

We invite you to join us for Hebrew College's [Shoolman Graduate School of Education](#) and [Jewish Studies](#) programs Summer Visit Day on July 19. Campus will be busy with summer seminars in Jewish education, Jewish Studies and Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement

– the one-week residential component of these online master's and certificate programs.

This is a great opportunity to meet our students and tour our beautiful hilltop campus. You'll also have a chance to:

- Sit in on one of our summer classes
- Meet the program deans
- Have lunch with our students
- Meet members of the Admissions Office team

If you can't visit with us in Newton, we invite you to participate online by joining a one-hour morning session. [Learn more and view the schedule of the day.](#)

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New Jewish Education & Jewish Studies Fellowships Available

Application deadline extended to July 15



This is the ideal time to spread the word about the Shoolman School's graduate master's programs in [Jewish Education](#) and [Jewish Studies](#). The School just received news of **increased fellowship funding** for these programs, so we have extended the fall 2017 application deadline until July 15 to allow prospective students to take advantage of the generous scholarship awards.

If you have questions or would like to refer someone for either of these programs, please [contact Bob Gielow](#) in the Admissions Office.

APPLY ►

The Sounds of Jewish Music



This July, students and faculty from the [School of Jewish Music \(SJM\)](#) will be traveling to Kerhonkson, New York, to participate in the 28th annual North American Jewish Choral Festival (NAJCF).

According to the NAJCF, “The North American Jewish Choral Festival is the premiere Jewish choral event anywhere. It brings together singers and choirs from across North America and beyond, with a renowned teaching staff, conductors, composers and other music professionals to sing, learn and share the joy of Jewish music.”

For students in Hebrew College’s cantorial ordination program — who are participating in Hebrew College’s [Prayer Leader Summer Institute](#) — participation in this year’s NAJCF is a required element of their summer studies. Students will sing each day in small and large ensembles, and participate in classes and workshops. SJM faculty who will be teaching at the festival include SJM Dean Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer, Adjunct Instructor Cantor Jeff Klepper, and former SJM Dean Rav-Hazzan Scott Sokol.

SJM Senior Consultant, and Founding Director of the Zamir Chorale of Boston, Joshua Jacobson, will be presented with the festival’s Hallel V’Zimrah Award. This award is conferred annually to “individuals who have made an important contribution to the world of Jewish music.” The Zamir Chorale of Boston will perform on the opening night of the festival in Professor Jacobson’s honor.

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This year, the week-long Festival is part of SJM's Prayer Leader Summer Institute, which runs until the end of July at Hebrew College. For the first time, the Institute is hosting a special [Jewish World Music Week](#) July 24-28, which is open to anyone interested in studying with masters of Jewish music of India, Iraq and Yemen, Sephardic and Ladino influences, and the music of Eastern Europe. There is still time to register for individual session(s) or the entire week.

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Pictured l-r: SJM Dean Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer; COSEL students Maayan Harel and Melanie Blatt; SJM Administrator Marcia Spellman; and COSEL students Jennifer Boyle, Monica Braverman and Dara Rosenblatt.

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens Classes



Share the joys and challenges of raising kids today with other thoughtful parents and expert educators. From toddlers to teens, we've got a class to meet your needs.

Here's what parents are saying about [Parenting Through a Jewish Lens](#):

"PTJL has created a place for me to think through critical matters that get lost in the day-to-day. It has opened conversations between me and my spouse and has given me access to ideas that I hope to pursue long after the class ends."

"I felt a sense of camaraderie; hearing lots of stories/perspectives makes me think, learn, and grow!"

"The class gave me new ideas, new strategies, and new insights. Our facilitator was great at making the material relevant to real life situations that we face as parents."

In Parenting Through a Jewish Lens (PTJL) you can:

- Explore the many ways Jewish values can enrich your family life
- Enjoy discussions about what matters most to you as a parent
- Find time for personal inspiration and reflection

[View our wide range of class locations and times.](#) Free childcare is available for daytime PTJL classes. We welcome participants from all backgrounds, including interfaith couples, LGBTQ parents, and single parents. **Register by Friday, June 30 and save \$20!**

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Humans of Hebrew College #HumansHC



Learn more about [Shoshanah Zaritt](#), retired Director of Junior and Senior Programs at Gann Academy and 2017 graduate of Hebrew College's [Master of Jewish Liberal Studies](#) program. Interested in a Jewish Studies degree? Hebrew College has recently received increased

fellowship funding for this program and extended the fall 2017 application deadline to July 15. Contact [Admissions](#) with questions.

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



Dr. Keren McGinity, Director of the Shoolman School's [Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement Program](#) (front row, second from left) pictured with educators who attended her workshop "Understanding and Engaging Interfaith Families" at the Commission for Jewish Education of the Palm Beaches (FL) 2017 Summer Institute for Educators.

Notable & Quotable

The Jewish Advocate (paid subscription only) featured [The Jewish Teen Foundation of Greater Boston](#) in a June 2 article entitled, "To learn giving, teens grant \$47K." The Jewish Teen Foundation is a year-long program for Jewish high school students from across the metro Boston area. In the past year, 55 teens in two philanthropy boards, one based at [Prozdor of Hebrew College](#) and one at Gann Academy.



Dean of the [Rabbinical School](#) Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld's article "[Messy over Messianic](#)" was published in the June 15 issue of Sh'ma, A Journal of Jewish Sensibilities hosted by The Forward. "What captured my imagination about Israel in my youth – and has claimed my heart ever since – was not the promise of redemption, but the drama of human connection and aspiration," writes Rabbi Anisfeld.



2015 [School of Jewish Music](#) alumna Cantor Risa Wallach's article "[What's it Like to Be a Queer Female Cantor](#)" appeared in the June 10 issue of The Forward.



[Shoolman School](#) faculty member Allison Kent's article "[Ideas in Jewish Education and Engagement](#)" was published in the June 8 issue of The Jewish Federation of North America blog.

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June & July Hebrew College Events

(hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)



Prayer Leader Summer Institute 2017

Now through July 28 | Hebrew College

Hebrew College's Prayer Leader Summer Institute (PLSI) offers a broad range of courses from single-morning master classes to multi-week programs.

[Learn more and register](#)

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July 24 - 28 | Hebrew College

[View schedule and register](#)

PLSI Presents: A Journey of Jewish Music from Baghdad to Boston - George Mordecai,

with special guests Mitch Gordon, Hankus Netsky and Zafer Tawil
 July 24 | 6:30 pm reception - 7 pm concert
 Hebrew College | \$10
[Purchase tickets](#)

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SEVENTY FACES OF TORAH

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

The Blossoming of the Beloved Community Parshat Korach, Numbers 16:1-18:32

By Rabbi Adina Allen

Co-Founder and Creative Director, [Jewish Studio Project](#)

As this week's parsha begins, Korach—along with 250 chieftains of the community—criticizes Moses and Aaron for devising a system of religious practice in which only a select few are designated for Divine service. Where there was once an unmediated relationship, there are now layers—both physical and metaphorical—between the majority of the people and God. “Kol ha edah kula kedoshim u’bitocham Adonai—All of the community is holy, all of them, and the Divine is within/among them,” Korach and his followers assert. “Why then do you raise yourselves above the community?”



Just wait until tomorrow, Moses answers, and you'll see whom God chooses in holiness. And

see they do. The next day, having been challenged to a ritual duel by Moses, Korach and his followers offer incense to God. In response, the ground splits open and the earth consumes Korach and his followers alive. Moses's authority is validated, Korach's question is obliterated, and the existing power structures are reinforced. The people are left stunned and fearful; later in the parasha, they exclaim, "Everyone who approaches the mishkan, the tabernacle, dies - have we been consigned to die?!"

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