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Rabbinical School Class of 2019 Helps Fund Scholarship

Ilana Zietman said she'd choreograph a dance for you. Jevin Eagle promised to help with your taxes. Hayley Goldstein offered to serenade you with a soulful *niggun*. Misha Clebenar secured you a guest spot on his podcast. And Shuki Zehavi said he would *shecht* you a fresh kosher chicken... if you gave a gift toward their Hebrew College Rabbinical School Class of 2019 scholarship campaign. And it worked!

The classmates created a [witty fundraising video](#) to reach their fundraising goal of \$20,000 to create a scholarship for an incoming Hebrew College student during the 2020 academic year. They not only met their goal. They exceeded it, raising over \$25,000 for the scholarship and, to their delight and surprise, securing an annual total of more than \$47,000 in total gifts from students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and family given by and on behalf of the Class of 2019.

“We’re very excited that we were able to beat our goal and make the Hebrew College experience more affordable for a new student coming to the school,” said Rabbi Mona Strick, Rab`19, who co-chaired the Class of 2019 Scholarship Gift Campaign with Stephanie Sanger-Miller, Rab`19. “There are many people out there who have the potential to be talented and strong leaders in the Jewish community and who may have financial challenges in coming to Hebrew College. We wanted to give something as a class that could really help people experience what we’ve experienced.”

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Professionals return to the classroom at Hebrew College

Carl Chudnofsky, MAJS`13, Me’ah`06, a business executive, enrolled in a [Masters of Arts in Jewish Studies at Hebrew College](#) and continued studying alongside rabbinical students because he wanted to enrich his Jewish knowledge. Shoshanah Zaritt, MEd`17, a former day school administrator, enrolled in *Mekorot* after completing her Masters in Jewish Liberal Studies so she could study with future rabbis in the *beit midrash*. And [Hebrew College Me’ah](#) alumnus Dr. Nathaniel Katz, a neurologist and biotech CEO, started taking classes with *Mekorot* students to create a stronger Jewish practice for himself.

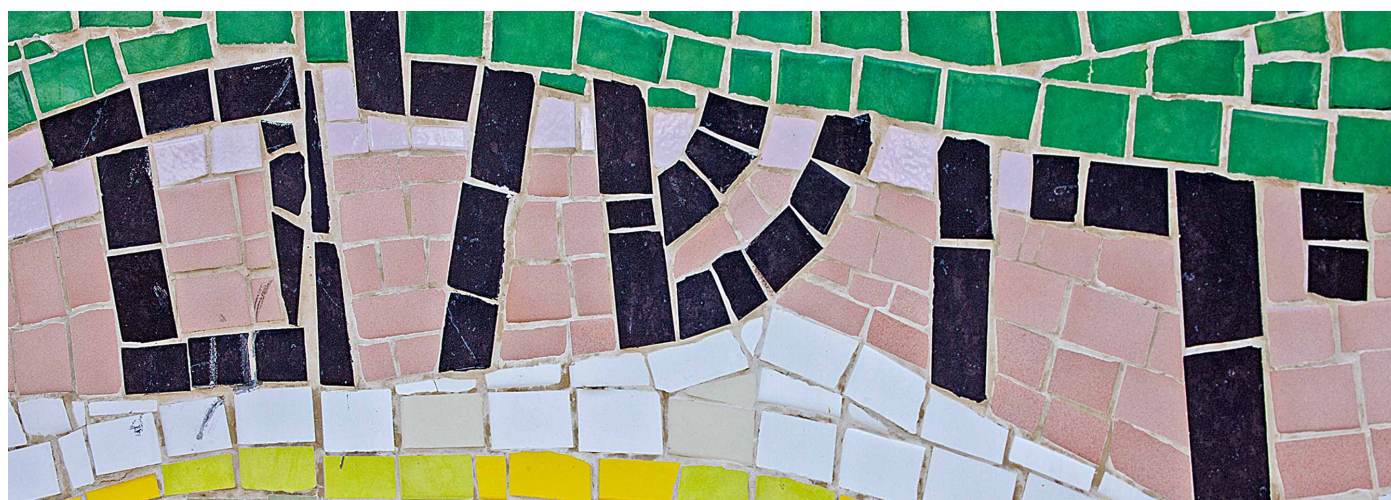
Chudnofsky (pictured above with his teacher, Rabbinical School Dean Rabbi Dan Judson), Zaritt, and Katz are three of the Hebrew College’s continuing education students who take rabbinical and cantorial

school classes, one of the many opportunities for community learning at Hebrew College. Dr. Katz has taken classes alongside rabbinical students for nearly 10 years. Chudnofsky, who also graduated from Me'ah, and Zaritt, who studied Hebrew at Hebrew College as an undergraduate, began their studies in the MAJS program more than a decade ago and have continued taking classes ever since.

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Small Acts of Kindness

Tisha b'Av

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On a warm and clear evening late last month, my son and I decided, last-minute, to go a Red Sox game. And so, we quickly bought two inexpensive tickets online and headed to Fenway Park! Arriving a few minutes after the opening pitch, we wound our way through the crowded stadium and found our seats midway between first base and the outfield. Soon after, another father-son duo made their way down the row and took their seats directly in front of us. The dad was in his late thirties and his son was an adorable seven years old, decked out in Red Sox gear—complete with hat, jersey, and glove.

We all began to chat as we took in the action. The little boy became more relaxed and talkative, explaining that he “really, really wanted to catch a flyball,” and that he hoped it would come off the bat of Red Sox outfielder, Jackie Bradley, Jr. because, like JBJ, he was also a “Jr.” (Peter), and they were both outfielders! My son, Aviv, age 12, was having a great time chatting with Peter, quizzing him on Red Sox trivia, and regaling the little boy with stories about his prowess as a hockey player.

Sometime in the fifth inning, Aviv asked me for a few dollars to go get a drink. He promised he knew how to get back to our seats and that he would return quickly. About ten minutes later, he reappeared at the end of our row with a big grin on his face, proudly holding a scuffed baseball in his hand. He mouthed to me that it was a game ball he procured from the Red Sox manager, Alex Cora.

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