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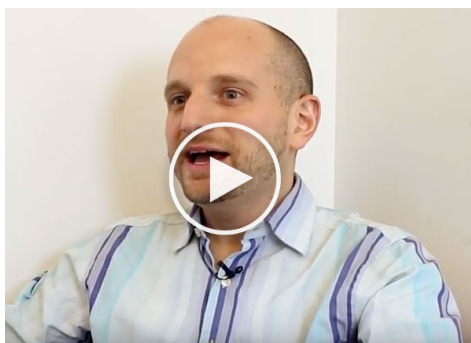
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Ta Sh'ma

Come & Hear

Fall Ordination Programs Open House & Day of Learning
November 6, 2017



Meet our vibrant, pluralistic learning community.

Ayalon Eliach (left), a student at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College left law to pursue the rabbinate. "I thought I could practice law and keep my Judaism on the side. What I eventually found is that I really needed it front and center...and that I wanted to be in a profession where I could bring my excitement for Judaism to work every single day."

According to Cantor Hinda Eisen Labovitz, Can`14, "There is holy work in finding the people who will live in and love in the Jewish community." Her former intern, Jessica Woolf, is a new student in the School of Jewish Music's accelerated three-year Cantorial Ordination for Spiritual and Education Leadership Program (COSEL).

If you or anyone you know is interested in the rabbinate or cantorate, join the students and faculty in Hebrew College's pioneering [rabbinical](#), [COSEL](#) and [rav-hazzan](#) programs at our fall Open House for an inspiring day of learning, conversation, music and prayer.



Hebrew College HIGH HOLIDAY Companion

Purchase a copy for yourself, friends, or your shul

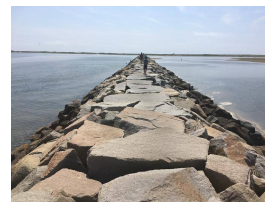
There's still time to purchase your Hebrew College High Holiday Companion with options for individual copies or bulk orders. The book was a collaborative process across all Hebrew College programs, spearheaded by Rabbinical School Dean Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, Associate Dean at the Rabbinical School Rabbi Daniel Klein, Adult Learning Director Dr. Bernice Lerner, School of Jewish Music Dean Cantor Dr. Brian Mayer; Miller Center Director Rabbi Or Rose, and Chief Academic Officer Rabbi Dr. Michael Shire, several of whom have authored pieces in the booklet.

We hope that something you read in it helps you enter the words of the liturgy in a new way this year.



In Memoriam

The Hebrew College community mourns the passing of Rabbinical School Rector Rabbi Art Green's beloved wife, Kathy Green, קריינדל בת שמעון ולאה on August 31. Our hearts and spirits are with our teacher, Rabbi Art Green. As a community, we pay homage to Kathy, an educator who shared her love of Judaism with family, friends, and community. May her memory be a blessing.



Fall Hebrew College Events (hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)

[Knocking at Our Hearts: Transforming Teshuvah with Song](#) with Joey Weisenberg

Sunday, Sep 10, 2017 - 3:30-6 pm
Temple Reyim, Newton, MA
Sponsored by Mayyim Hayyim & Hebrew College
Admission: \$36
[Register](#)



[Webinar: Prophets on Guitar \(Jewish Songwriters & the Music of Protest\)](#) with Cantor Jeff Klepper

Monday, Sep 11, 2017 - 4:00 pm
Admission: Free
[Register](#)



[The Heart of Torah, Essays on the Weekly Torah Portion](#) with Rabbi Shai Held (right) in dialogue with Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

Sunday, Sep 17, 2017 - 7:30 pm
Hebrew College
Admission: Free
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Will We Listen?

Parashat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

By Rabbi Adina Allen, Rab` 14

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



In this week's parsha, Moses sets two paths before the Israelites as they prepare to enter the land. If they heed God's word, the Israelites will be blessed in every way possible and will be established as am kadosh, a holy people to God. If, however, they do not heed God, they will be cursed in every way imaginable. Their communities will be torn apart, their cities ravaged, their flocks decimated, their spirits broken, their hearts to be forever consumed by terror and dread.

Introducing these two paths to the Israelites Moses says, "If you listen, listen to the voice of Adonai your God" all blessings will follow, however, "if you do not listen to God's voice" then every curse will ensue. From this choice of words we can understand that listening, more than any other action, is the essential practice for living a life in service to God and is at the heart of what it means to bring blessing into the world.

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