

NEWS & VIEWS

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Celebrating Leadership, Learning, and Love at Hebrew College's Spring Event

Each year, Hebrew College educates and inspires thousands of graduate, professional, youth, and adult learners with a love of Torah and Jewish life. That love will be the central theme of this year's Spring Event: [Leadership, Learning & Love](#).

"Hebrew College is about leadership and learning, but it's also about a commitment to pluralism, to each other, and beyond, which is a commitment rooted in love," said Rabbi Sonia Saltzman, [Rabbinical School](#) alumna and event co-chair.

"We're going to talk about meaning and purpose with some amazing Jewish thought leaders, be inspired by music, and honor and celebrate two beloved

Hebrew College's commitment to leadership, learning, and love," added Rabbi Suzanne Offit, event co-chair and Rabbinical School alumna.

The event, which will be held on April 29 at Temple Israel, Boston, will feature "What's Love Got To Do with It?," a conversation with:

- [Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld](#), President, Hebrew College
- [Rabbi David Ellenson](#), Chancellor Emeritus, Hebrew Union College
- [Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit](#), Director, Hebrew College Innovation Lab
- [Dr. Susie Tanchel](#), Head of School, JCDS, Boston's Jewish Community Day School
- [Rabbi Marc Baker](#), President & CEO of Combined Jewish Philanthropies (moderator)

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Learning the Importance of Giving Back

When Jeffrey Drucker learned about Hebrew College's [Jewish Teen Foundation of Greater Boston](#) five years ago, he knew he wanted his children to be involved.

The Hebrew College program, launched in 2015, teaches teenagers about fundraising, civic leadership, grant-making, consensus building, and collective giving. Drucker, a real estate professional and board chair at [Hebrew SeniorLife](#), wanted his children to learn about the importance of giving back. He also wanted them to be part of a community of Jewish teens.

"I'm very active both in the Jewish and non-Jewish worlds, and I wanted to pass that down to the next generation," said Drucker, who will speak on March 3 at [JTFGB's Teens Take Action Open House](#), an evening for parents and community members to learn what JTFGB teens have done over the past five years to make a difference in our community.

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

Turn It Over to God: *Parashat Terumah* (Exodus 25:1-27:19)

By Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Rab`15, Director of National Learning Initiatives at [Hadar](#)

A transatlantic flight to Israel. Two adults, two small children, two perfectly packed

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(chocolate chips!), veggie straws, dried cranberries. Another bag chock full of smart travel toys: magnetic puzzle sets, shiny new crayons and coloring pads, stickers galore. There are cell phones, headphones, books with flaps, books without flaps, books that make noise (for the kids), books that don't make noise (for the sake of the other passengers). We have thought through and prepared for every possible scenario. Except, it turns out, just one.

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Growing with Me'ah: The Reward is Equal to the Struggle

By David Bernat, Ph.D., Me'ah Instructor

I literally grew up in—and with—the [Hebrew College Me'ah program](#). When I started in 1998, I was a new parent and a new doctoral student in Biblical Studies at Brandeis. The Me'ah program was about three years old and expanding rapidly. My mentor, Marc Brettler, one of the founding Me'ah instructors, recruited me along with a cohort of my peers, mainly from Brandeis and Harvard. At that point, my approach to scholarship and

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IN THE NEWS

Miller Center Director **Rabbi Or Rose's** [article](#) "Life in the 'World House': Cultivating Leaders for a Pluralistic Age," appeared in the February 19 issue of [Patheos.com](#).

Rabbi Josh Weisman, Rab`18, co-authored the [article](#) "The Urgency of Now: Building Community by Connecting Values in Action," in the February 19 issue of eJewish Philanthropy.

An [article](#) by **Cantor Vera Broekhuysen, Can`16**, "Cantor Seeks Justice in Guatemala," appeared on February 19 in *The Jewish Advocate* (subscription required).

Hebrew College Rector Rabbi Arthur Green was [interviewed](#) on February 13 on Israeli Radio's "Esh Zara."

Rabbi Sarah Tasman, Rab`12, co-authored an [article](#) in the February 12 issue of eJewish Philanthropy, "A Deeper Kind of Professional Development."

EVENTS

March at Hebrew College

Teens Take Action Open House: Learning Philanthropy to Make Change

An evening of learning how teens are making a difference in the Greater Boston community.

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March 3 | 7-8:30 pm | [Learn more](#)

Hebrew Roots, Jewish Routes: Tribal Language in a Global World Featuring Dr. Jeremy Benstein

A discussion and book signing with Dr. Jeremy Benstein, author of [Hebrew Roots](#). Local co-sponsors: [Hebrew at the Center](#) and [Hebrew College](#).

March 18 | 7:30 pm | [Learn more](#)

Let My People Sing! Workshop

A free evening workshop with [Let My People Sing!](#), a cutting-edge organization that brings Jews together for powerful group song.

March 21 | 8:15 pm | [Learn more](#)

"Seeing Torah" Gallery Opening

A visual diary documenting artist Anita Rabinoff-Goldman's study and artistic response to each of the 54 portions of the Torah over the cycle of a single Jewish year. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored through the generosity of Deborah Feinstein and Susan Schechter.

March 24 | 6 pm | [Register](#)

Re-envisioning Jewish Inclusion in 2020 and Beyond: How Interfaith Couples & Families Belong

A one-day program including panel discussion, text study, and presentations. Supported by the [Hebrew College Innovation Lab](#).

March 26 | 8 am-4 pm | [Register](#)

CEO Forum with John Hirschtick

A free kosher breakfast and networking event for Jewish professionals featuring Jon Hirschtick, EVP, President of SaaS at PTC and former cofounder and CEO of SolidWorks and Onshape, and moderator Aron Ain, CEO of Kronos.

March 25 | 7:30-9 am | [Register](#)



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