

HEBREW COLLEGE VIRTUAL SPRING EVENT



Thirty minutes of uplifting music and inspiring ideas

May 2, 2021 | 20 Iyar 5781

# Order of the Evening

#### **Musical Welcome:** Hashiveini

Words from Lamentations 5:22 & Jeremiah 31:18 Music by Rabbi Micah Shapiro `17 & Aaren Alpert Featuring Rabbi Micah Shapiro and his students at the University of Pennsylvania Hillel Video by Lior Melnick Hashiveini v'ashuva chadesh yameinu k'kedem השיביני ואשובה חדש ימינו כקד

#### **President's Welcome: What Makes a Community?**

Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld President, Hebrew College

#### **Community Voices**

**Rabbi Marc Baker** CEO & President, Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston

Ruthanne Fuller Mayor, City of Newton, MA

#### **Expanding Our Sense of Community**

Rabbi Or Rose Director, Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership of Hebrew College

#### **Musical Interlude**

"Increase the Light" Featuring Rabbi David Fainsilber `14 spiritual leader of the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe, VT

Presented by the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe, with partners at Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center (Community and Education Fund), the Helen Day Art Center, Stowe Performing Arts, and the Greater Stowe Interfaith Coalition, including St. John's in the Mountains Episcopal Church, Stowe Community Church, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Stowe, and Bahá'ís of Stowe. Musical credit: "Banu Choshech Legaresh." Lyrics by Sarah Levi Tanai; music by Emanuel Amiran. "Light is Returning." Lyrics and Music by Charles Murphy.

#### **Blessing of the Honorees**

Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld President, Hebrew College

#### **Honorees' Voices**

Beverly Bavly Nancy Kaplan Belsky Susan Schechter Myra Snyder Diane Troderman

#### Presentation of the Esther Award to Jillian Segal, z"l

Rabbi Jordan Schuster `18 Faculty, Hebrew College

#### **Message from the Board Chair**

Andy Offit Chair, Hebrew College Board of Trustees

#### **Closing Music: Hodu**

Featuring Rabbi Micah Shapiro and the University of Pennsylvania Hillel students Jacob Hershman – Electric Guitar Drew Korn – Vocals Jay Fein – Drums Kelsey Jobalia – Vocals Joshua Gardos – Bass Edie Graber – Vocals Leah Lerner – Vocals Ben Moss-Horwitz – Piano, Vocals Jeremy Bender – Acoustic Guitar Rabbi Micah Shapiro – Midi Synth, Songwriting Music Production Lior Melnick – Video Production

Give thanks to The Source of Life whose loving kindness endures forever. Let the Jewish people proclaim that God's loving kindness endures forever. Let the House of Aaren proclaim that God's loving kindness endures forever. Let those who revere God proclaim that God's loving kindness endures forever.

Hodu l'Adonai ki tov, ki l'olam chasdo Yomar na Yisrael ki l'olam chasdo Yomru na veit Aharon ki l'olam chasdo Yomru na yirei Adonai ki l'olam chasdo

> הודו ליי כי טוב כי לעולם חסדו יאמר נא ישראל כי לעולם חסד יאמרו נא בית אהרון כי לעלום חסד יאמרו נא יראי יי כי לעולם חסדו

What Makes a Community?

Over the last year, we have all been challenged to be imaginative and resilient to ask ourselves what makes a community to consider who and *whose* we are to find creative ways to strengthen the bonds between us even in the face of our physical distance.

At Hebrew College, we have doubled down on our efforts to provide meaningful content and connection to prepare compelling and compassionate leaders to sustain the substance and spirit that is at the heart of our life together.

#### This spring, we celebrate the sustaining power of community in our lives.

We honor five wise and generous women who have been weaving the fabric of our community with vision, devotion, and joy not just for the last year, but for many decades!

> We ask you to join us, and to bring a friend. We ask you to help make a community.

# Our Honorees



**Beverly Bavly** is a champion of collaboration and partnership, bringing fresh thinking, energy, and creativity to her leadership at Hebrew College. She believes that Jewish education is core to the continuity and vitality of the Jewish people, and she works tirelessly to strengthen Jewish learning and leadership–

at Hebrew College and beyond. A consummate connector, Beverly serves as an ambassador in the community for Hebrew College and other organizations where she serves on leadership boards, including Boston Jewish Film, the Touro Synagogue Foundation in Newport, R.I., and AMIT Children. A proud parent and grandparent, Beverly worked in fine jewelry sales at Joseph Gann Jewelers in Boston, founded by her father, before retiring to volunteer. She remains inspired by her parents' legacy of *tzedakah*.



**Nancy Kaplan Belsky** has been passionate about and devoted to Jewish communal service for the past 40 years. She served as chair of CJP's task force that increased services and programs for people with disabilities, including those living with mental illness. She also worked closely with JF&CS to develop is lead for the program.

the CHAI residential and Employment Services programs. When her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, her focus broadened to advancing programs for seniors, especially those living with memory illness. She has also been a fervent supporter of Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Boston's "Friend 2 Friend" and LGBTQ+ programs. Nancy got involved in Hebrew College through "Torah Babes," an adult learning study group that now learns with Hebrew College President Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld. Through this group, Nancy learned about Hebrew College's compelling mission and transformative adult learning experiences and was inspired to invest in Hebrew College's innovative vision. Her family foundation is committed to an exciting collaboration between Hebrew College and 2Life Communities, which grants internships for Hebrew College rabbinical students to do pastoral work at the 2Life Community campuses. Nancy serves as Vice President of the Rita J. and Stanley H. Kaplan Family Foundation. She is past Board Chair of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston (JCCGB) and has served on the boards of Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, The Institute of Jewish Spirituality, and The Rashi School. Nancy, her husband, Mark R. Belsky, MD, and their two standard poodles, spend most of their time in Lenox, MA. Besides Jewish communal service, their numerous hobbies include biking and hiking. They have three children and three grandchildren.



**Susan Schechter** has been engaged in Jewish studies at Hebrew College since 1998 with a group of women, fondly known as the "Torah Babes," an adult learning group at Hebrew College. She is also a recent alum of The Institute for Jewish Spirituality's Kivvun program. Susan retired in 2000, following a successful career in marketing, sales, and

financial communications, and has since been involved in educational, health and cultural organizations. She serves on the Foundation Board of Boston Arts Academy and is an overseer at MSPCA Angell. Previously, she served as a Trustee at Mass College of Art and chaired the Mass College of Art Foundation Board. She has been a long-term supporter and co-chaired annual fund philanthropic events for The Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center, the Mass Art Auction, and the MSPCA Angell gala. Susan and her husband, Bob, have been members of Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, Mass. for over 20 years. They have two grown sons, both living in Brooklyn, and enjoy traveling, hanging out with friends, and counting their blessings.



**Myra Snyder** is passionate about building Jewish community, supporting Jewish education, and championing the mission and vision of Hebrew College. She is a 1997 graduate of Me'ah Classic, Hebrew College's two-year, 100-hour community education program. She went on to earn a Masters of Judaic Studies from Hebrew College in 2001, the same year that

Hebrew College moved from Brookline to Newton Center. After graduating, Myra went from student to volunteer extraordinaire, serving on the Hebrew College Advisory Council and later on the Board of Trustees. Myra and her husband, Robert, are founding members of B'nai Torah in Sudbury, Mass.; Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland, Mass.; and MetroWest Jewish Day School in Framingham, Mass., where she has also served as president of the boards. She has been active in the Boston Jewish Film Festival, BOLLI: the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Brandeis University, and the northeast branch of University of Haifa and CJP (Lion of Judah). Myra graduated from the Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists at Tufts University and worked as a Registered Dental Hygienist, mostly in pediatrics with special needs children. She received her B.S. degree at Northeastern University.



**Diane Troderman** has spent the last 30 years devoted to the renaissance and renewal of Jewish life. She is passionate about Jewish education, culture, and values, and is committed to Hebrew College's future as a center for Jewish learning and leadership that emphasizes culture and collaboration. Diane was the founding chair of the Hadassah

Brandeis Institute, where she continues to serve on the board, helping to inspire fresh ways of thinking about Jews and gender worldwide. She also serves on the boards of Israel Sci-Tech; Hebrew Publics: A Hebrew Charter School Network; the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary; the Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and Shalom Learning. Together with her husband, Harold Grinspoon, Diane has been instrumental in the growth of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. She serves as a trustee and focuses on PJ Library, which sends children free, award-winning books that celebrate Jewish values and culture. In addition to education, Diane is also dedicated to women's issues and to the renaissance and renewal of Jewish life in the former Soviet Union. Between them, Diane and Harold have six children and eleven grandchildren.

## **COMBINED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES**

joins

### **Hebrew College**

in celebrating

Beverly Bavly Nancy Kaplan Belsky Susan Schechter Myra Snyder Diane Troderman

These remarkable women have been instrumental in shaping Jewish life in Greater Boston. With their passion, innovation, and spirit, they have enriched our community in countless ways, supporting many Jewish education programs that build on our strong relationship with Israel and bringing compassion and resources to those who are struggling. Through their efforts, they have motivated and inspired others to do the same, strengthening our community.



# We also celebrate **Jillian Segal (***z"I***)** 2021 Esther Award Recipient

Jillian's commitment to Jewish values and education is a gift to our community that will be felt for years to come. May her memory be a blessing.

# MAY YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Thank you for all you do.



#### PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL: MEYASDIM/FOUNDERS

# Honoring the first Balevav cohort!

- Anne Germanacos

"Community is the human expression of Divine love. It is where I am valued simply for who I am, how I live and what I give to others. It is the place where they know my name." – Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"I

Congratulations and thank you to Beverly, Nancy, Susan, Myra and Diane for all you have done over many years to help build and sustain both our wonderful Hebrew College community and the broader Jewish community.

Dan Miller, Me'ah `99

# Beverly, Nancy, Susan, Myra and Diane

You have taught us through your loving actions and dedication to Hebrew College the true meaning of community.

# You inspire us.

With love, gratitude and admiration, Rabbi Suzanne & Andy Offit Sending a special *mazel tov* to our friend, Beverly Bavly, who inspires us.

- Richard and Rosalyn Slifka

# **IN HONOR OF** Nancy Kaplan Belsky

In recognition of your leadership, wisdom, and vision. We are so proud of the work you do!

With love and admiration, The Rita J. & Stanley H. Kaplan Family Foundation Mazel Tov to my darling wife Nancy Belsky, whose love of Torah study grew her passion to assure the future of Hebrew College for generations to teach and study Torah.

- Mark R. Belsky, MD

#### PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL: BONIM/BUILDERS

Honored to be recognized with my esteemed colleagues on the Capital Campaign Development Committee. Heartfelt congratulations to:

> Beverly Bavly Andy Offit Diane Troderman Susan Schechter Myra Snyder

Continued gratitude to Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld and Rosa Franck for their inspiring leadership.

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." Isaiah 54:2

Hebrew College is enlarging its tent and stretching its curtains wide... The ground-breaking vision of a collaborative campus is a national model for Jewish communal sustainability, creativity, and growth. This vibrant collaboration with upwards of nine Jewish institutions becomes a living laboratory for spiritual and educational leadership and experimentation. Creative programmatic collaborations will deepen local and national impact.

Branching Out. Building Together. The Campaign for Hebrew College. Lengthen your philanthropic cords. Strengthen your stakes in Hebrew College's promising future.

Nancy Kaplan Belsky



We couldn't be more proud of our Mom for her impact on the world and the incredible example she sets for the next generation.

# We love you and congratulations!

Scott, Erica, Chloe, Miles, & Poppy Belsky
Julie Belsky
Gila & Alex Modell
The Rita J. & Stanley H. Kaplan Family Foundation

# Dear Nancy,

Congratulations on this wonderful honor. We are so proud of you!

Your commitment and dedication to Hebrew College is celebrated by this amazing tribute to you.

# Love, The Modell Family

## **Congratulations to the Capital Campaign Committee!**

Your dedication to building a new campus for Hebrew College deserves honor and praise

We wish Hebrew College much success in our new home

Beverly Bavly Shirley Saunders Rita and Herbert Gann *Todah rabah* to the event committee, honorees, faculty and staff for all that you do to build and sustain community within and across all ages and stages of Jewish learning!

- Myra Musicant and Howard Cohen

To our dear and esteemed honorees, Beverly, Nancy, Susan, Myra, and Diane,

Thank you for enlarging the tent of our community, for stretching our imaginations wide, for not holding back, for extending the possibilities of what we can create together.

Our community is stronger, wiser, and more loving because of you.

With your words, your deeds, your whole lives, you enact our tradition's deepest truth: that we are part of a greater wholeness, created in the image of the One who embraces and connects us all.

It is a privilege and a joy to be on this journey with you. We are so grateful.

Sharon and Shimi Cohen Anisfeld

#### **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:** BONIM/BUILDERS

My community at Hebrew College is a long term study group, The Torah Babes. And, of course, our teachers. Especially one so special to so many, Sharon Anisfeld.

The Torah Babes community for me represents acceptance and support. A forum for each to discover her own truth.

- Dorothea Buckler

# OUR HONOREES WOMEN OF VALOR

#### THESE WOMEN ANSWERED THE CALL TO ACTION WITH THE REPLY,

#### "HINEINI, HERE I AM"

Whatever the need:

• Fundraising

- Advancement of organizations' education goals
- Ambassadors for important causes and organizations in the community
- Filling leadership or committee volunteer rolls

### ALL THESE WOMEN HAVE ONE COMMON DEVOTION: That of perpetuating the vision of Hebrew College!

YASHER KOACH/Well Done BEVERLY BAVLY DIANE TRODERMAN NANCY KAPLAN BELSKY MYRA SNYDER SUSAN SCHECHTER Marsha & Harvey Chasen

# To Beverly, Nancy, Susan, Myra, and Diane



Your lives embody the sacred, as you embrace the world with your passion, commitment, and joy.

Thank you, from Ron and Deborah Feinstein

# **MAZEL TOV** to all the honorees.

Special thank you to Rabbi Cohen Anisfeld, Rabbi Judson, and the entire Hebrew College Rabbinical School community for allowing Jill to flourish and find her passion.

- David Segal

**PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:** TALMIDIM/LIFELONG LEARNERS

# Congratulations to a most deserving group of honorees!

All the best, Miho Sato and Mark Atkins **Our congratulations** to *Beverly, Diane, Myra, Nancy* and *Susan* on being recognized for their many contributions to Hebrew College and for strengthening our community.

- Linda and Michael Frieze

Mazal Tov to the wonderful women, including my wife Diane Troderman, who are ensuring the success of Hebrew College's capital campaign! May they continue to be blessed with good health, energy and determination.

- Harold Grinspoon

*Mazal Tov* to each of tonight's inspiring honorees and to all who make Hebrew College a shining light in the Jewish community.

- Winnie and Steven Grinspoon

#### **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:** SHUTAFIM/PARTNERS

"Music brings the service alive for me, and finally connects me to the experience and to community in a most profound way. And isn't connection to community, after all, the essence of being Jewish?"

> - Diane Troderman, 9/1/2001 Introduction to Bat Mitzvah Siddur

### Safta/Diane/Mom,

We are truly grateful for your exemplary leadership in building communities on both the local and national levels and delight in your honoring today. You continue to teach us by your actions, highlighted by a constant curiosity driving your desire to build relationships, networks and possibilities. We are blessed to receive your unconditional loving support and strive to give back to our own communities by following your gracious modeling. The gift of music fills each of our hearts with the songs of our lives: from weekly Kiddush to toe tapping, finger slapping joy on the piano, your songs are ours.

### With much love,

Lorin, Sussi, Dylan and Max Sarah, Sam, Maya and Noah Josh, Jill, Eden and Eli **Mazal Tov** to the honorees on this special recognition. Thank you for all you do to lead Hebrew College and to create community.

- Louis Grossman

# "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live"

Nancy Kaplan Belsky lives this each and every day in the way she chooses to engage and impact and lead in this community and beyond!

Giving so freely of her heart, humanity, and wisdom, Nancy is a force for change, for identifying needs and seeking ways to make a transformational difference.

It is an honor to celebrate Nancy and all the honorees as they are women of valor indeed!

*Mazel tov* to my dear Nancy and to Mark and all the Belsky Family! They too have embraced a life of activism and of being the change they wish to see in this world!

*Alavye*, 'til 120. May you go from strength to strength and know how much you are respected and loved!

Judi & Douglas and family!

**Congratulations to all the honorees** who have so generously shared their time, talents, and resources to help make Hebrew College the caring community it is–a community which enables each one to be loved and appreciated for her own unique spark of the Divine within.

- Rick and Rabbi Ma'ayan Sands

**Congratulations to Hebrew College** and to this year's honorees:

Beverly Bavly, Nancy Kaplan Belsky, Susan Schechter, Myra Snyder and Diane Troderman.

- Ellen and Steve Segal

# To our dearest MYRA

Building **COMMUNITY** means bringing together people of shared interests and common purpose.

Within every community are special people who leave their unique imprint on those they meet, things they touch and what they do.

And your imprint, dearest Myra... Mom, extends to communities of schools, synagogues, organizations, family and friends. And above it all is your **COMMUNITY** of **LOVE**.

How blessed are we, your family, to be members of it. We love you.

- Robert, Mark, Barry & Emma

We celebrate these visionary women whose dedication helps us to unlock new doors.

Beverly Bavly Nancy Kaplan Belsky

Susan Schechter

Myra Snyder

**Diane Troderman** 

"All new beginnings require that you unlock a new door."

- Nachman of Breslov

- Carol and Steven Targum

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much. (Helen Keller) We join in honoring Hebrew College, Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld and her leadership team, and these amazing community builders

> Beverly Bavly Nancy Kaplan Belsky Susan Schechter Myra Snyder Diane Troderman

וְשַׂמְתִי עֲלֵיהֶם וְנָשְׂאוּ אִתְךָ בְּמַשָּׂא הָעָם וְלֹא־תִשָּׂא אַתָּה לְבַדֶּךָ במדבר 11:17

...and I will draw upon the spirit that is on you and put it upon them; they shall share the burden of the people with you, and you shall not bear it alone. Numbers 11:17

May you go from strength to strength,

Arnee R. and Walter A. Winshall

#### **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:** SHUTAFIM/PARTNERS

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# Official Citation

Be it Known, that the Massachusetts Senate Hereby extends its Congratulations to:

HEBREW COLLEGE

### In Recognition of:

HEBREW COLLEGE'S SPRING EVENT AND THE COLLEGE'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSE JEWISH CULTURAL EDUCATION, JEWISH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP ; and

Be it further Known, that the Massachusetts Senate extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Citation be duly signed by the President of the Senate and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the Senate.

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Clerk of the Bena	te Michael D. Hurley
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State Senator	Cynthia Stone Creek
Date:	filay 2, 2021

Thank you Beverly, Nancy, Susan, Myra, and Diane for your inspiring leadership at Hebrew College and in our Greater Boston Jewish community.

- Geraldine Acuña-Sunshine

Congratulations to all the honorees. You are inspiring role models for our community. We honor your leadership with **Hebrew College** 

and are proud to support this organization for promoting Jewish learning and leadership. We admire the commitment and dedication

# **Hebrew College**

has to making our world a better place.

# Joan & Steve Belkin

### "WHO IS HONORED? THOSE WHO HONOR ALL PEOPLE" Pirkei Avot, 4:1

Mazel tov to our beloved Hebrew College Honorees who truly honor all people: Beverly Bavly, Nancy Kaplan Belsky, Susan Schechter, Myra Snyder and Dianne Troderman

*Todah Rabah* for your leadership and commitment to building our wonderful community.

- Carol and Carl Chudnofsky

#### Honoring

Beverly Bavly Nancy Kaplan Belsky Susan Schechter Myra Snyder Diane Troderman

Congratulations to the amazing women being honored this evening. Your leadership has created strong and dynamic Jewish communities both here and around the world. Your mentorship of next generation leaders is "more precious than rubies."

#### **Renée and Steven Finn**

We are pleased to honor such deserving women for their dedication to such an important Jewish Institution.

- Marvin Israelow and Dorian Goldman

#### **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:** HAVERIM/FRIENDS

Kudos to Myra Snyder and the many Volunteers and Staff who are guiding Hebrew College today. - Lillian and Richard Gray Dorit Harverd and Richard Dale and family are honored to support President Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld and all the faculty and staff of Hebrew College – a beacon of love of Torah and a pillar of learning for the Boston community.

We wanted to take this celebratory moment to recognize two Hebrew College leaders, without whom we would be "wandering in the desert":

**Andy Offit** has dedicated his life to championing the Jewish community. We so appreciate his leadership in orchestrating our new home and enabling our future.

**Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld** inspires everyone who has the opportunity to work with her. At the helm of Hebrew College, she has led our new strategic direction, expanded our horizons, and further distinguished our reputation – we are well poised for the future. Her leadership is unmatched.

> With much respect and admiration, Beryl and David Hoffman

Mazel Tov to Beverly, Diane, Myra, Nancy and Susan on this wonderful honor. Thank you for all you have done for Hebrew College and the community.

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#### **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:** HAVERIM/FRIENDS

# My dear Torah Babes,

Your leadership and your fierce and fearless commitment to Hebrew College's mission of open inquiry and sacred texts are remarkable. You have the respect of the community and of course, of us.

With friendship and blessings, Ronni Sachs Kotler and Wayne Diamond We are proud to support Hebrew College for its vision and impact on our Jewish Community and its project to build a collaborative campus of Jewish learning. And we are pleased to celebrate and honor the five dedicated woman who have devoted so much energy to creating this visionary community campus. In particular, we honor Myra Snyder, our dear friend, who has worked so many years on the board of Hebrew College. Myra, you are deeply appreciated!

Rosalie and Jim Shane

Susan ... with gratitude (and a bit of *kvelling*) for your care, diligence, and creativity in support of this wonderful community of Jewish learning. *Yasher Koach* to my #1 Torah Babe!

- Bob Schechter

*Mazal Tov* To An Extraordinary Group of Talented Honorees and To All Who Are Helping to Shape the College's Future!

*"Im Tirzu, Ein Zo Agadah" "If you will it, it is no dream." (Theodore Herzl)* 

– Susan Shevitz and Larry Bailis

# Honoring my dear Torah Babes with love and thanks for their hard work.

- Polly Slavet

I want to honor Myra Snyder, who recently joined the erstwhile Kent Street Group to learn Tanakh with us. And I'd like to dedicate this tribute to the memory of Enid Shapiro, one of the learning group's founders.

I have begun to see community as clear windows that we share into each other's lives, like the windows between the walls of water at the Splitting of the Sea of Reeds (in Exodus 14-15). According to midrash, the Reed Sea divided into twelve corridors, corresponding to the twelve tribes, as the people traversed the Sea on dry ground, following the invisible steps of God. So we are for each other, connected through windows, following a path, drawn after – perhaps a common commitment or an ideal – that leaves no footprints in the sand, casts no shadow.

It has been a deep source of joy and sustenance for me to be part of the Hebrew College Community and the erstwhile Kent Street learning group for so many years!

Rachel Adelman, Ph.D.

### THANK YOU, HEBREW COLLEGE,

for being a community that has supported and nourished our family with Jewish learning at all ages and stages of our lives across several generations.

# THANK YOU, too, to this year's honorees:

Beverly Bavly Nancy Kaplan Belsky Susan Schechter Myra Snyder Diane Troderman

For your devotion to ensuring that **HEBREW COLLEGE** will go from strength to strength for many generations to come.

In honor of our parents, Herbert and Barbara Goldberg Louise Citron, Debra Goldberg and Janet Greenfield

# In honor of our teachers:

Jordan Schuster, Dan Berman, Susie Tanchel, Or Rose, Ebn Leader, and Sharon Anisfeld.

- Ruth and Ed Feinberg

We share the future with Temple Reyim. A deliberate double feature with love and devotion.

– Esther and Sumner Feldberg

Thank you, Myra, for your dedication and effort in helping to bring high quality Jewish education to the greater Jewish Community.

> Warmly, Jay & Barbara Gainsboro

# Diane,

Kol HaKavod for your steadfast commitment to the future of the Jewish people. Your tireless service to Jewish institutions is inspiring. You exemplify how a life of giving is a life of purpose. Thank you for your devotion to Hebrew College, an institution which is special to our family and so many others.

# Chazak Chazak v'nitchazek.

May we be strengthened through all your good work.

- Jason & Dena Glasgow

Inspiring women are the heart and soul of a community. *Mazal Tov* to all of the honorees, especially Nancy Kaplan Belsky.

– Jody Dushay and Paul Gompers

We are deeply grateful for the support for Hebrew College by all the people associated with this event, and particularly grateful for all that our honorees do for the College as we head into our second century.

- Alice and Rabbi Van Lanckton

Mazel Tov to the Honorees and the entire Hebrew College Community Hebrew College has helped build the thriving and vibrant Jewish Community that we have here in Boston. We look forward to many more years of learning, sharing and growing this community in the future.

Marcia & Alan Leifer

#### In Honor of Beverly Bavly -

Inspirational role model of *chesed*, wisdom, devotion, leadership, and *ma'asim tovim*. You are so deserving of this honor and our Community gratitude. *Yasher Koach*! We cherish your friendship. With admiration and love, Taren and Ralph Metson

#### Mazel Tov to Nancy Kaplan Belsky on this well-deserved honor!

With many thanks and appreciation for your Community leadership, Taren and Ralph Metson

#### Mazel Tov to:

Beverly Bavly, Nancy Kaplan Belsky, Susan Schechter, Myra Snyder, and Diane Troderman – for all they have done & continue to do for Hebrew College.

May these special women & the college continue to move from strength to strength.

In memory of Jill Segal, *z"l*, our Esther recipient who valued, nurtured and loved the Hebrew College community.

### Beth & Michael Moskowitz

Avot 1:6 "Yehoshua ben Perahiah used to say: appoint yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a study partner, and judge all people with the benefit of the doubt."

I am grateful to Sharon Cohen Anisfeld and Dan Judson for facilitating my Torah study. Special thanks go to Rachel Adelman, a wonderful teacher of Torah, and to my fellow students who amaze me with their insights and generosity of spirit.

- Aviva Orenstein

# Mazel Tov to Diane Troderman

For all of the wisdom, energy, and vision Which she has devoted to the Jewish Community In Boston and beyond. With love and admiration,

Suzanne Priebatsch

#### PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL: YEDIDIM/COMPANIONS

#### "כל העוסק בצרכי צבור כאלו עוסק בתורה"

"Those who occupy themselves with the needs of the community, it is as though they occupy themselves with Torah"

Congratulations to all of the honorees. May you proceed "from strength to strength"!

– Jonathan D. Sarna & Ruth Langer

# Mazal tov!

With gratitude to the honorees and all those who build our community in so many ways,

Ori Noked & Sarah Sonnenfeld

Congratulations and thanks to Beverly Bavly, Nancy Kaplan Belsky, Myra Snyder, Susan Schechter and Diane Troderman for their leadership and contributions and thanks to Hebrew College for educating and inspiring our community.

– Lisa & Neil Wallack

Thank you from all of us to all our honorees for your devotion to community and to Nancy, Susan and Diane for your friendship.

**Rose Zoltek-Jick** 

Congratulations and best wishes to Susan Schechter, Myra Snyder, Diane Troderman, Nancy Kaplan Belsky, and Beverly Bavly.

Thank you for your service to the Hebrew College community!

*"For each little effort toward holiness, Heaven endows one richly."* Talmud: Yoma, 39a

~Susan & Aron Ain

Congratulations, Myra, for this well-deserved honor. Your commitment and hard work on behalf of Hebrew College and the Jewish Community sets a beautiful example for all of us.

Love, Susie and Joe

*Mazal Tov* to Hebrew College and to all the Honorees, each of whom has enriched our community through extraordinary vision and generosity. We are proud to be counted among your friends!

- Joyce and Michael Bohnen



Beverly, Nancy, Susan and Diane...leaders who inspire as they model what's really important.

Myra, you also embody the above as we enjoy our treasured friendship.

With great respect and admiration, Chester and Diane Black

## Nancy,

Your endless support of Jewish life and education is a constant inspiration to us all!

*Yasher Koach,* Betty Ann

## Beverly and Nancy,

We wish you a hearty *mazel tov* on this wonderfully well-deserved recognition of your inspired leadership and unwavering dedication.

Lois *z"*/ and Mickey Cail & Bernard and Faith Kaplan

## Congratulations to all of the Honorees.

Thank you for all you do to support Hebrew College.

- Jane and Howard Epstein

## To our special friend, Nancy

"The real voyage of discovery lies not in discovering new lands, but in seeing with new eyes" – Marcel Proust

## With love and admiration, Ann and Myron

When we think of Jill, her commitment and love of learning immediately comes to mind. Her study in the Rabbinical Program was so impactful and added purpose and enjoyment to her last days. For all who knew her this was inspirational, and I know that for her peers in the program as well as her professors she had a lasting impact.

We also stand in awe of David's incredible love, support, and attentiveness to Jill as she coped with her illness over many years. He was and is a model of commitment and love for his spouse for which all who knew them both had the ultimate respect and admiration.

- David & Sydney Feldman

Jonathan and Amy Fleming are delighted to honor their friends Nancy Kaplan Belsky and Susan Schechter for their leadership and generosity at Hebrew College and in the countless other ways they make our world a better place.

### Nancy,

*Mazel tov* on this wonderful honor! Your care for the community is as boundless as your dedication. Hebrew College is fortunate to call you a friend.

## Myrna Freedman

Susan's sparkle, warmth and goodness are just a few of the many reasons we love her and honor her today!

Hilary and Richard Glovsky

Nancy and Susan:

Two wonderful and accomplished women whom I admire!

*Mazal tov* on this honor!!

– Bob Goldman

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Her mouth is full of wisdom, her tongue with kindly teaching. (Proverbs 31:26)

The Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS) congratulates Susan Schechter, IJS Board Member, Nancy Belsky, former IJS Board Member,

and all of tonight's honorees.

We also share our deep appreciation for all of our friends and supporters in the Hebrew College community. We look forward to continuing to build meaningful partnerships with Hebrew College.



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Congratulations to our dear friend Nancy, and to Diane, Susan, Myra & Beverly...all fabulous women who inspire us with your vision, compassion, and beautiful spirit.

Mazel Tov! Liz & George Krupp In celebration of our honorees:

Beverly Bavly Nancy Kaplan Belsky Susan Schechter and Fellow trustees Myra Snyder Diane Troderman

And with deep appreciation for the leadership and vision of Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld and Andy Offit.

Lydia Kukoff

Susan is the heart of our community. She makes sure that everyone feels welcome and that they belong. She builds a level of trust practicing open communication showing her genuine care and concern for everyone.

– Nancy Monaghan

### Dear Susan,

Congratulations on being honored by Hebrew College. You not only show care in your individual relationships, but understand the importance of leadership on a larger scale. You set an example for us all and we appreciate our deep friendship.

Love, Donald and Neal Congratulations to the honorees, and also to Myra Musicant and Howard Cohen for their tremendous support of Hebrew College.

- Ruth Nemzoff and Harris Berman



Nixon Peabody LLP proudly joins **Hebrew College** in recognizing the vision and dedication of this year's Spring Benefit honorees: **Beverly Bavly**, **Nancy Kaplan Belsky**, **Susan Schechter**, **Myra Snyder**, **Diane Troderman**, and Esther Award recipient **Jillian Segal z"l**.

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## In honor of Myra Snyder

- Janet and Edward Polansky

"Make for yourself a teacher; acquire for yourself a friend; and judge every person favorably." - Pirkei Avot 1:6

To our honorees:

Thank you for your leadership, for supporting our community actively and passionately. Thank you for giving your minds and hearts so freely, for bringing light and life to a Torah that understands that the inner work of transformation and the outer work of social justice need each other to thrive.

Blessings upon blessings to you all for listening and hearing the call, for responding to the call.

With gratitude and love, Terry Rosenberg and Elliot Schildkrout

# *Mazel tov* to our dear Nancy!

With much admiration and love, Susan and Glenn Congratulations to Hebrew College and all the honorees, with special best wishes to the magnificent Nancy Kaplan Belsky, our dear friend, dear partner, and dear teacher.

Love, Jeffrey Savit and Lori Barnet

*Kol HaKavod* to our special friends Nancy and Diane for their dedication to Hebrew College and their love of community. *Am Yisrael Chai!* 

– Carol and Irv

*"Happy are they that keep justice, that do righteousness at all times."* Psalm 106.3

Congratulations to the women honored tonight– they are true visionaries, pioneers, and exemplary community leaders.

- Susan and Alan Solomont

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TBE celebrates our congregants Nancy Belsky and Susan Schechter and the other honorees for their dedicated acts of tzedakah.

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We are thrilled to join with Hebrew College in celebrating one of our synagogue's founders, Myra Snyder.

We are so lucky to have Myra as a member; her care and dedication to the Jewish community sets an example for others to follow.

Thank you, Myra, for all that you do; you are our blessing.

Mazal Tov from your Temple Shir Tikva family

## To Susan Schechter, my sister.

Congratulations for the well-deserved recognition. You are an inspiration.

- Dorothy Terrell

Myra is an extraordinary member of our learning community here at the Hebrew College. Her deep roots in Judaism reflect her love for Israel and the Hebrew language. Myra brings a spiritual energy to the class every day and this spirit resonates throughout the hearts, souls and the minds of her classmates.

Ulpan level 4, Monday and Wednesday class

*Mazel tov* to all of the amazing honorees, extraordinary women who model how to be engaged and impactful community members.

Thank you for all you do to enhance our community.

All the best, Jackie and Alan Weinstein We have known and loved Myra since 1962.

She can create giant-sized accomplishments in an economy package!

Mazel tov on this honor.

Much love, Oblio and Barry Wish **Congratulations to Beverly Bavly**, a dear friend.

- Justin L. Wyner

#### Honoring Jill Segal z"l, Our Beloved Classmate

As we celebrate the end of another year at the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College, our hearts turn to the memory of our beloved classmate, Jill Segal *z*"*l*. It is sad to think that this much time has passed without Jill by our side--without her passion, witty humor, and joy. Jill was a warm and open host who welcomed all of us into her life as her own family. She reminds us to live each day with gratitude for the gift of life.

Jill's final dvar Torah before her passing highlighted Rav Naḥman's dedication to "העבדו את ה׳ בשמחה" - Serve God with joy" (Psalm 100:2). This was Jill; she was always joyful. She was absolutely in love with Torah, and it speaks volumes that she chose to spend the last years of her life engulfed in the rabbinical school's beit midrash. Jill was joyous while wrestling with her own personal prayer experience, studying Sefer Bereshit (the Book of Genesis), and even when we would spend hours analyzing the minutiae of Biblical Hebrew grammar. She was always happy to be swimming in the waters of Torah at Hebrew College, and Jill was the epitome of serving God with joy.

As our cohort gets ready to move onto another year without Jill in our lives, her Torah and commitment to "Serve God with joy" is with us each and every day. May our community continue to honor Jill Segal in our learning each and every day, and may she continue to be a blessing.

With joy and love for our classmate Jill,

- Lorin Troderman Danny Dubin Jackson Mercer Eric Feld Elyse Pincus Abrahms Ryan Leszner
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## In honor of Nancy Belsky.

- Hope and Joe Albert

Nancy's deep wisdom, boundless generosity and exquisite style are evident in every corner of my existence. Nancy's support has literally changed the trajectory of my artistic endeavors. She is an inspiration in the quest to live a meaningful and beautiful life.

#### Joanie Block

Please accept this gift for your Hebrew College virtual spring event honoring our friend philanthropist and community leader Nancy Kaplan Belsky. Congratulations to Nancy for being recognized for all the wonderful contributions she has made to our Jewish community. Amy and Benjamin Bloomstone	Congratulations Susan and Nancy on this great honor. xoxo Alice
In honor of Lynn Torgove and Amy Lieberman - Elaine Bresnick	Congratulations to our dear friend Myra Snyder for your strong and profound commitment to Hebrew College! Your leadership and dedication are inspiring. Cindy and Harvey Creem

<i>Mazal tov</i> to the honorees, who have done so much for the Jewish community. Your light shines bright. - Anita Diamant and Jim Ball	Congratulations on a well-deserved honor. Danny Dubin
Congratulations to my classmate, Myra! - Janet Dolgin -	In honor of Rabbi Dan Judson and the Hebrew College Community. וְתַלְמוּד תּוֹרָה כְּנֶגֶד כּוּלָם The study of Torah is the greatest of them all. - Rabbi David Lerner, Temple Emunah

Thank you, Myra, for your steadfast devotion to Hebrew College and the wellbeing of the Jewish Community. - Linna Ettinger	In honor of Nancy Belsky, a visionary leader. - Andie Finard
Congratulations to Nancy Belsky on this well-deserved honor. <i>Yasher Koach!</i> - Ivy Feuerstadt & Barry Becken	In honor of our dear friend Beverly Bavly and her devotion to Jewish learning and the future of Hebrew College. - Sharlene and Richard Finkel

For Susan Schechter: *Mazal tov*! May you continue to be a source of inspiration to our community.

- Carolyn Flammey

#### Beverly, Nancy, Susan, Myra, and Diane,

**Rosa Kramer Franck** 

Working closely with you is a joy. Your passion, your tirelessness, your bravery, and your vision are inspiring. I'm so grateful to each of you for all you do and for all you give of yourselves so selflessly. Hebrew College's future shines brightly with you by its side! With great fondness, respect, and gratitude,

In honor of Jillian Segal *z"l*, a dear family friend and member of our community. - Lindsay Flammey

Congratulations to all the honorees! I am so happy to have a child in the rabbinical school and to be part of this community. - Jessica R. Friedman

## Nancy,

You have always been an inspiration and it is a joy to see your gifts being recognized by your community and peers.

Keep making the world a better place! Laurie and Jerry Friedman

## In honor of the ordination Class of 2021.

- Rabbi Shoshana Friedman & Yotam Schachter

A tribute in honor of Jill as a *hevruta* and part of her cohort. – Micah Freidman We extend our deepest gratitude to this year's honorees, Beverly Bavly, Nancy Kaplan Belsky, Susan Schechter, Myra Snyder, and Diane Troderman. I have had the distinctive pleasure and privilege of studying Torah with a small group including Nancy and Susan for many years, and for the past several years we have studied and learned with Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, who brings light, life, and vision to the building blocks of the Hebrew College Community. *Kol HaKavod*!

#### Marjorie Freiman

Nancy, We honor you today for your immense generosity, enormous sense of compassion, and your agency propelling you to always be observant of the needs of others and to take action to meet those needs. Your respect for all and your ability to listen distinguishes you from others. We admire you for your wisdom, gentility, sincerity and strength of conviction. You so deserve this recognition. Thank you for all that you do for our community. <b>C &amp; R Herman</b>	In honor of Myra Snyder who has devoted so much energy and talent to the support of Hebrew College throughout the years. <i>Kol HaKavod!</i> - Elaine Kamowitz
We join in honoring these remarkable women, truly visionary leaders who have enriched our community and far beyond through their efforts. We thank you, and celebrate you! <i>Mazal tov</i> , Josh and Ronda Jacobson	In loving tribute to Nancy Kaplan Belsky, a seeker and giver of peace, knowledge, and truth. - Rochelle S. Kaplan and Art Lipson

<i>Mazel tov</i> Nancy! We are very proud on your being an honoree at this very meaningful event. Love, Sherri and Roy Kaplan	The theme of community is especially important as we come out of the past year - be it a physical, emotional, virtual, intellectual, or spiritual community (or a combination thereof). We salute Nancy Kaplan Belsky as a connector to the very concept of shared experience and as a generous model of our community who makes us think, learn, and be our best selves. Susan and Vinny Lloyd
With thanks and love to Myra Snyder for all she has done to create and maintain a strong Jewish community in the Boston area. <i>Yeshir Koach. Todah raba.</i> - Toby Kleban Levine	Honoring Beverly Bavly with respect and admiration. – Naomi and Carl Lopkin

In honor of our classmate Jill Segal, <i>z''l</i> . Laura Mandel	The profound and amazing contributions of these awardees add to the legacy of the Hebrew College Mission Statement. <i>Mazel Tov</i> to all the recipients. - Elaine L. Matisoff
In honor of the wonderful Beverly Bavly. <i>Mazal tov</i> and <i>Kol HaKavod!</i> – Amalia Mark and Louis Gordon	<i>Mazel Tov</i> to all of this year's honorees and to all the staff and volunteers who make the Hebrew College community the powerful network of love, study, and joy that it is. With deep respect, Anne and Rim Meirowitz

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To our good friends Nancy, Beverly, Susan as well as Myra and Diane: Thank you for all you do for our community! Marilyn and Dale Okonow	MAZEL TOV and YASHAR KOACH!!! Elana and R. Jim Ponet
To Myra, "A woman of worth worth her value in Rubies" Thank you for your support and friendship. - Rabbis Michael Shire and Marcia Plumb	Congratulations to all of the honorees! - Nancy and David Poorvu

In loving memory of Jill Segal. We miss you. - Shayna Rhodes	women who have built our community! Thank you for your commitment to enriching our lives. Beverly, you are the ultimate community builder – combining your bold fundraising instincts with warmth and a wonderful sense of humor. Thank you for your generosity, your creative energy, and your constant commitment to our community. - Jaymie Saks
It is our privilege to honor Susan	The light that shines out from the Hebrew College
Schechter and Nancy Kaplan Belsky,	community is a beacon of peace, justice, open-hearted
our friends, for their dedication to	kindness, and understanding – burning brighter

Hebrew College and for enriching our community in so many ways. Mazel Tov - June and David Rokoff each and every day. *Mazel tov* to our honorees who embody these qualities and thank you for all the ways in which you shine!

Beverly, Nancy, Susan, Myra, and Diane - trailblazing

– Jinny Sagorin

## Contributing to tribute in memory of Jill from her cohort.

- Rachel Sampson

Nancy – An amazing woman who makes a world of a different in everything she touches!

Linda and Harold Schwartz



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Thank you, Hebrew College, for all you do to build our community.

- Gail Schulman & Bob Sullaway

In honor of Beverly Bavly. A truly great lady of charm and wit. Love, Phyllis and Larry Sheftel	Congratulations to all of Hebrew College's outstanding honorees! Marsha Slotnick '64
With Appreciation to Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, her team and all the honorees for assuring a great future for our important and essential Hebrew College.	Susan, I am so awed by all the wonderful work you have done and continue to do for the Boston Jewish communities. You are truly a source of inspiration and dedication to all who know you, and you have touched so many lives. <i>Mazel Tov</i> on this great honor.
	Diana Smith

– Ellie and Barry Shrage

– Diana Smith

Thanks, Susan, for all you do to make it possible to continue growing and learning together! Love, Priscilla and Geoff	In honor of Susan Schechter and with lots of love, Lisa Sussman
In gratitude for our honorees Beverly Bavly, Nancy Kaplan Belsky, Susan Schechter, Myra Snyder, and Diane Troderman In memory of my classmate and friend Jillian Segal <i>z"l</i> In honor of my teacher Rabbi Art Green and the Torah he is sharing with our community Jamie Silverstein Stolper Expected Ordination June 2021	<i>Mazal tov</i> to all the honorees. Thank you for all you do to make Hebrew College the wonderful place that it is. Cantor Louise Treitman

So proud of Aron Wander in his journey to becoming a Rabbi. His wisdom, caring and "menschlikeit" will add immeasurably to the soul of the Jewish community. - Bob Wander & Julie Hatterer	Honoring Nancy Belsky for her friendship empathy and love. Gail Weingast
In honor of our esteemed Open Circle teacher Rachel Adelman, and our wonderful colleague, Myra Snyder. - Jane Weingarten and Daniel Deykin	Nancy, Wonderful you support this. So meaningful and beautiful, makes a difference when you are there. Best, Rose Ann and Jeffrey

Remembering our beautiful Jill Segal *z"l* with love and a few words from "The Art of Blessing the Day" by Marge Piercy:

"...the discipline of blessings is to taste each moment, the bitter, the sour, the sweet and the salty, and be glad for what does not hurt. The art is in compressing attention to each little and big blossom of the tree of life, to let the tongue sing each fruit, its savor, its aroma and its use."

Your example, like your friendship, is a blessing. We miss you, Jill.

Congrats to all of the honorees, and our gratitude to Hebrew College for the many communities it creates and nurtures.

- Heather Zacker and David Harlow

Congratulations to the Fabulous Five with a special accolade for our dear friend, Myra Snyder.

- Barbara and Rabbi Henry Zoob

## In honor of Jill Segal

May her memory always be a blessing to all of us, fellow classmates and teachers alike, who were privileged to study with her.

- Shoshanah Zaritt



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