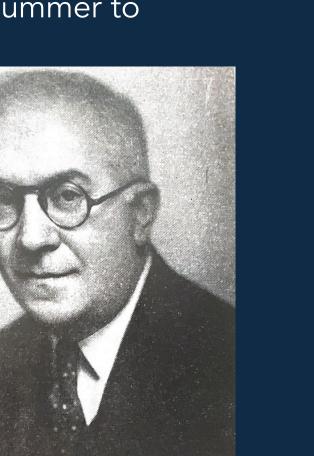
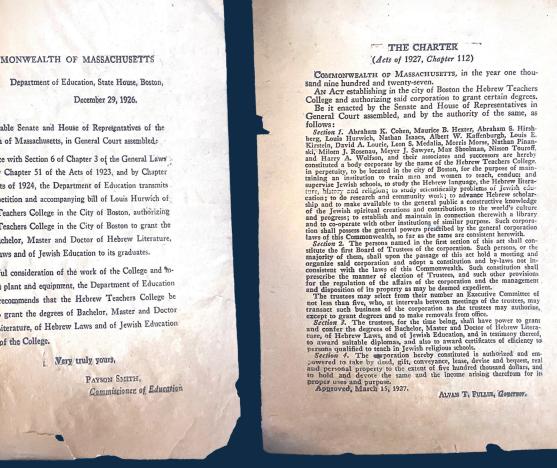
Summer 1917. Louis Hurwich, the eventual founder of the Boston Bureau of Jewish Education as well as Hebrew College, comes to Boston for the summer to

do a report on Jewish education in the city. His report noted the dearth of qualified teachers to impart Jewish knowledg to the next generation o Jews. This report sets the stage for the founding the College.





of Massachusetts granted a charter to the College enabling it to "award the degrees of Bachelor, Master and Doctor of Hebrew Literature, of Hebrew Laws and of Jewish Education...and to award certificates of efficiency to persons qualified to teach in Jewish religious schools." The President of the College Leon Medalia, spoke at a celebration, saying that the granting of the charter, passes the hopes and the dreams o the most optimistic...early pioneers and builders of this college."

years. The camp was founded by the Hurwiches out of their concern that after-school Jewish education was "anemic" and could not inculcate Jewish after-school learning and values in children when they were so distracted by secular life. Louis Hurwich wrote of the camp's founding, "Instead of wrestling with an indifferent environment, we decided to create an environment that would be our own. Instead of competing with general education for the spare time of the child, there would be no competition at all. The total child and all of his time would be left to our disposal.... The summer vacation became a gold mine for Jewish education!"

May 16, 1951. David Ben Gurion visits Hebrew College for the first time. In Boston to raise money for Israel bonds, Ben Gurion spoke to a soldout Boston Garden. Before his speech at the Garden he came to Hebrew College to speak to the students and faculty, lauding Hebrew College for its commitment

1966

Ben Gurion at Hebrew College the College.

ewish learning. Barry Shrage articulated the importance of Me'ah at

Assimilation." Cohen argued against the happen without meaning in their lives. That's what Me'ah [is] about."

David Starr with Me'ah students

2001. After almost 50 years in Brookline, Hebrew College moved to Newton Centre. The College moved next door to Andover Me'ah, the signature adult learning program of Hebrew Newton Theological Seminary, which held the College. Over the past three decades, thousands of students distinction of being the oldest seminary in America. The relationship between the two institutions

the time, "We [the Jewish people] had no trouble becoming totally were enriched by the proximity of the two seminaries. literate in English, and becoming Ph.D.s and doctors and lawyers — Out of this interfaith work came the Miller Center in one generation, a miracle occurred. It's because our grandparents valued it. At the same time, modernity seemed to be telling the Jewish people that Jewish learning and values were secondary, oldfashioned. Turning that around is a matter of helping an entire

Hebrew College's Newton Centre building

flourished. Faculty and students at both institutions

pluralistic Cantorial program to train

the next generation of musical leaders. The program trains students in the traditional skills of a hazzan (cantor) while immersing them in rigorous Jewish study. The program has attracted students with rich musical backgrounds who are keen to bring these skills to the Jewish world. Graduates of the program serve diverse Jewish communities throughout North America.

Anisfeld first came to Hebrew College ir of Students from 2005-2006. She went on to serve as Dean of the Rabbinical School for 11 years, from 2006-2017.

2018

President Anisfeld (middle) with Inauguration co-chairs Rabbi Sonia Saltzman and Rabbi Suzanne Offit

2023. Hebrew College moves to a new shared campus in Newton. "Our new campus will create pioneering opportunities for the College to grow, meet evolving needs, and prepare Jewish spiritual and



collaboration." - President Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

the world, we are enlivened by

this vision of deep partnership and

educational leaders to meet people at many different

doorways to Jewish life. At a time of so much division in

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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HEBREW COLLEGE המכללה העברית



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1927

Fall 1921. Hebrew Teachers College opens its doors in Roxbury as a home for educating students – both men and women from different religious backgrounds started in the first year and by the second year the

born in Minsk to a traditional family but left to receive his doctorate in the philosophy of Education from the University of Lausanne in Switzerland before moving to Palestine where he would become the superintendent of all Jewish schools. Soon after, in 1923,

1932

College had 50 students. The first Dean was Nissan Touroff who was

Prozdor was founded.

Fall 1932. The creation of the New England Women's Association of the Hebrew Teachers College. One hundred women were initially enrolled as members. The Association was crucial to the stability of the College. An early article about the Association noted the following accomplishments: "The New England Women's Association of the Hebrew Teachers College gives scholarships to able and needy students; it conducts a student lunchroom to help keep the

students health at par; it adds hundreds of books to the library yearly

to be used by students and others; it pays off a college mortgage through its life memberships; nd it endeavors to bring the importance of higher lewish education before the ommunity." The Women's ssociation also started The Vomen's School for Jewish udies, which focused on

dult education for women,

ionism and Hebrew.

articularly around themes of

A 1960's meeting of the New England Women's Association of Hebrew Teachers College

1947

1944

lberschlag would serve in this role r decades and be one of the most gnificant figures in the College's nistory. Born in Poland, he received doctorate from the University o enna and was an internationally renowned poet, translator, and literary critic. He was one of the first people to translate classic Greek dramas into Hebrew, and won the Tel Aviv prize for his translation of Aristophanes. Silberschlag wrote scholarly books on Zionist thinkers and 19th century terature. He was also an accomplished poet who won the Louis Lamed Award almost 50 years in its Brookline home. for the best book of Hebrew written in America for a poetry collection entitled Aleh Olam be'Shir (Rise, World, in Song).

1951

1952



Dorchester declined and moved to surrounding suburbs, Hebrew College found a new home in Brookline, a large estate house that was being used as a Protestant Divinity School but was originally built as an estate. The College's move would allow it to attract hundreds of students to its programs which at this point included a Master of Jewish Education, as well as Prozdor, the Hebrew High School. The College would spend

1977



Dr. Mordecai Wilensky





before moving to Israel and getting his doctorate in philosophy from Hebrew University. Dr. Wilensky wrote significant works on Jewish history including a study of the role of Baptists in the readmission of Jews to England. This work caught the attention of President-to-be Carter who was interested in Baptist history, and invited Professor Wilensky to discuss his research with him. Upon Dr. Wilensky's retirement, an editorial in the local newspaper written by a former student said that it was inconceivable that anyone else could teach Jewish history at the College, not because other teachers did not have the intellectual capabilities to teach it, but Dr. Wilensky quite simply was Jewish history.

1994

2003

2001

In 2003, Hebrew College launched the first accredited non-denominational rabbinical school. Its focus on deep textual learning alongside a commitment to pluralism and spirituality quickly made the Rabbinical School into an important institution in the national Jewish landscape. The Rabbinical School currently has 75 students. Since its inception, the school has ordained close to 150 students who are serving in positions of Jewish leadership throughout North America and around the world and around the world.



2016

2004





Dan Miller and Rabbi Or Rose, Miller Center Founder and Director

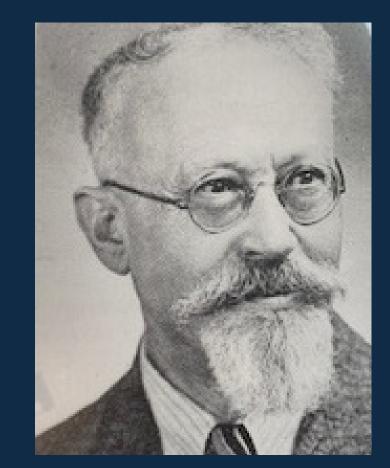
2016. The Betty Ann Greenbuam Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership was founded, thanks to a generous gift by Dan Miller. Working with clergy, academics, communal leaders, high school, undergraduate, graduate students and seminarians, the Miller Center provides current and future religious and ethical leaders with the knowledge and skills to serve in a religiously diverse society.



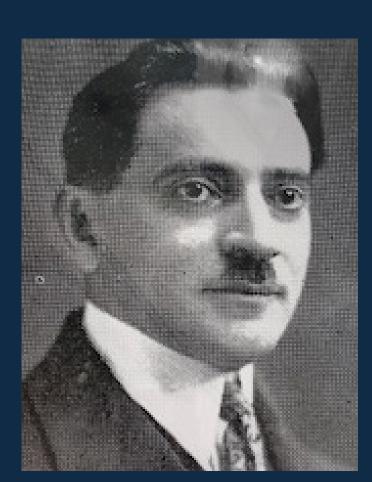


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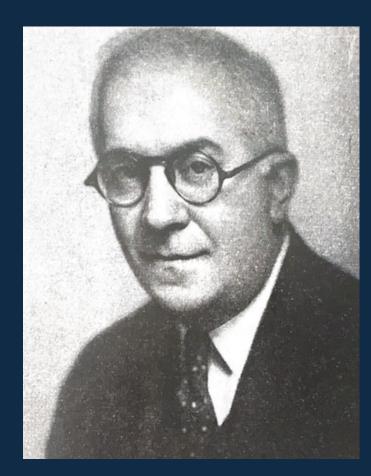
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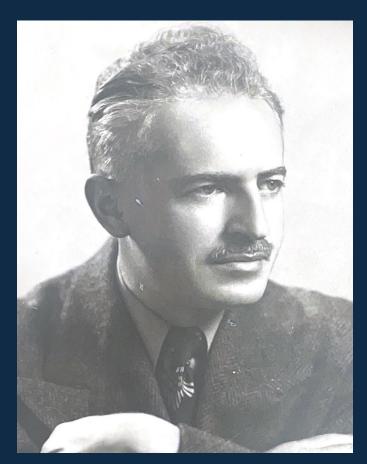
Dr. Nisson Touroff 1921-1926



Dr. Samuel Perlman 1926-1932

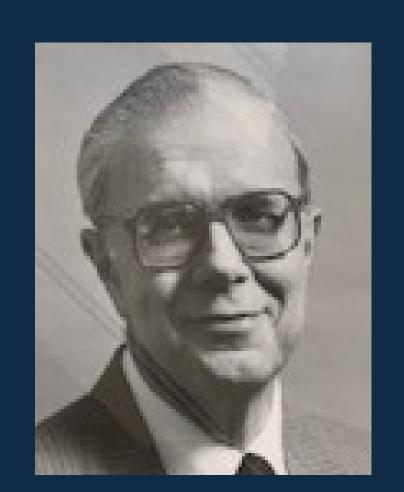


Dr. Louis Hurwich 1932-1942 (Acting Dean) 1942-1947 (Dean)

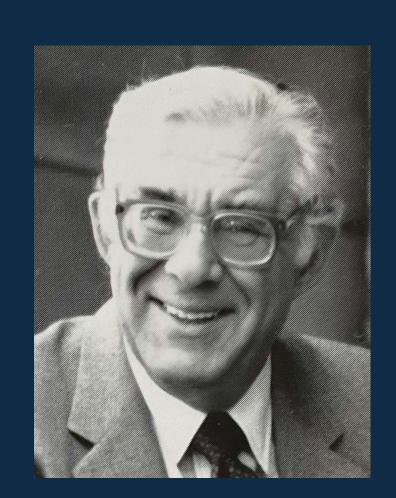


Dr. Eisig Silberschlag 1947-1970

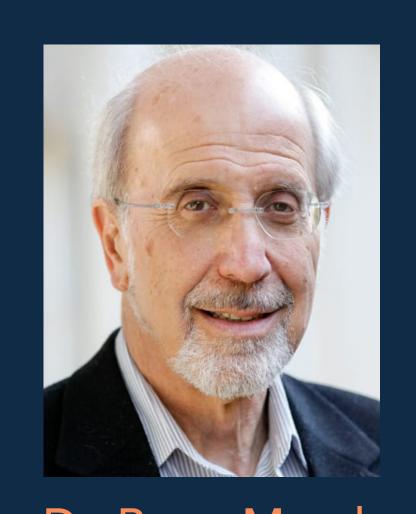
PRESIDENTS



Dr. Eli Grad 1970-1986



Dr. Samuel Schafler 1987-1991



Dr. Barry Mesch 1991-1992 (Acting President)



Dr. David Gordis 1993-2008



2008-2018



Rabbi Danny Lehmann Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld 2018-