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Letter from the President

Dear friends,

We are living through a historically challenging time. At times like this, when the winds of the present moment can threaten to overwhelm us, our tradition beckons us to look back and to look forward, to know that we are part of a larger story, to link our lives to memory and to hope.

In this Annual Impact Report for 2022-2023, we do just that. We draw inspiration from all that we have accomplished together over the past year, and we highlight the ways in which, collectively, we have been “Tending Hope.” Our faculty and staff, our students and alumni, our friends and supporters have been planting and nurturing seeds of Jewish learning, leadership, and communal life that are already blossoming, and will continue to grow and flourish for many years to come.

**Plant.** When we moved into our new shared campus in January 2023, we planted new roots for Hebrew College. Roots that intertwine with our extraordinary campus partners. Roots that tie us to our shared history and give depth and vitality to our shared study, song, and prayer. Roots that nourish new and creative expressions of Jewish life. We planted hope.

**Nurture.** Throughout the year, we have boldly reimagined our programs to respond to the changing needs of the communities we serve. Always staying true to our mission, we made intentional refinements to ensure that we infused our programs with our signature pluralism, creativity, flexibility, and academic rigor—all with an eye toward a post-COVID world that integrates new media and technologies. We nurtured hope.

**Blossom.** Together, we have created a vibrant communal hub that opens so many doors to Jewish life. Art, music, justice, movement, study, spiritual practice, prayer and more—each is an entryway, an opening to deeper learning, growth, and connection. We blossomed with hope.

This year’s Annual Impact Report is a tribute to our community’s sense of imagination and hope, and our commitment to a vibrant Jewish future.

I am pleased to share that, for the first time, it is hybrid in nature. We highlight events, stories, and important moments through photos and offer the stories behind them online — accessed via the QR code below or hebrewcollege.edu/tending-hope.

Thank you so much for your partnership and shared vision. While this Annual Impact Report takes a look back at the past year, I hope it will also help us turn our eyes toward the future with renewed hope.

With deep gratitude,

RABBI SHARON COHEN ANISFELD
President, Hebrew College
PLANT
Before we can reap, first we must plant. Hebrew College planted seeds for its future in the 2022-23 academic year. These seeds—including but not limited to our move to the new campus, the addition of new faces, a commitment to teen programming, and the dedication of donors to our long-term institutional health—are investments in our shared Jewish future and commitment to pluralism.

Feeling at Home in Our New Space
The extended Hebrew College community, through generosity and hospitality, has made the transition into a new space on the other side of Newton, MA a seamless experience.
Tending to the Future: Thriving Teen Programs & Planned Giving

By investing in our future, we ensure our future. Our vibrant teen programs and planned giving opportunities secure Hebrew College’s vision and impact on the broader Jewish community of Greater Boston and beyond.

READ ONLINE: Planting for the next generation...

- Advice From a Teen Leader
- Dignity Project Teens Build Bridges Across Difference
- Thank You Hebrew College: Living Legacy Society

Looking to the Future with New Faces & New Roles

As we write a new chapter, new faces and beloved community members with new roles help us build a future for Jewish education at Hebrew College in continuity with our past through a commitment to innovation and pluralism.

READ ONLINE: Planting new leadership...

- Welcoming New Rabbinical Dean Rabbi Justin David
- Creating a Prayer Laboratory: Rabbi Jessica Kate Meyer Joins Hebrew College as Rosh Tefillah and Artist-in-Residence
- Rev. Rob Schenck Joins Miller Center as Visiting Professor
NUTURE

This year Hebrew College not only planted new seeds but also tended to existing ones. By supporting, expanding, and renewing our existing offerings and opportunities, we hope to contribute to a healthy and thriving pluralistic Jewish future. Highlights on this front include developing new partnerships and cultivating existing ones, innovating our professional development offerings, reimagining our paths of community education, and nurturing the voices of our community through creative Torah learning.

Cultivating Partners: Old Friends, New Faces, Bold Collaborations

Partnering with thoughtful and meaning-making institutions enriches Jewish education and community by expanding and diversifying opportunities for learning and belonging. This is why we continue to collaborate with bold and creative organizations, and it’s why we will continue to forge new partnerships and relationships amongst our peer institutions.

READ ONLINE: Nuturing Partnerships...

- Tikun Leyl Shavuot Together with Our Partners
- Hebrew College Partners on National Fellowship with Interfaith America
- Hebrew College Partners on Lehrhaus, Jewish Tavern & House of Learning

Eboo Patel, President and Founder of Interfaith America, and Rabbi Or Rose, Director of the Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership of Hebrew College

Scan the QR code or visit hebrewcollege.edu/tending-hope to read stories online.
New Torah Channels: Combining New Media and Torah Study

COVID-19 reshaped our world and forced many online. Following the pandemic, we have felt compelled to bring the Torah into new media spaces with the same vigor we’ve always taught Torah.

READ ONLINE: Nurturing Torah Learning...

- Kavanah in 60: Short Video Teachings by Our Rabbinical Students
- Hebrew College "Speaking Torah" Podcast Season Six
- New Adult Learning Online Course Catalog: Search by Instructor, Theme & Program

Nurturing Creative Paths for Learning, Leadership, and Professional Development

Hebrew College has long been a champion for Jewish education of all sorts. With our rich Adult Learning course offerings—enrolling 1,740 learners—new master level opportunities, and innovative approaches to prayer leadership, we will continue to do so as we begin our next chapter.

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- MaTaRoT: Center for Jewish Professional Learning & Leadership: New Master’s Program, Graduate Certificates, and Non-Credit Professional Development Opportunities for Educators
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As planted seeds blossomed, the Hebrew College community celebrated our indelible mark on the Greater Boston Jewish community and the Jewish community more broadly in the 2022-23 academic year. Highlights include a branching of our interreligious connections; the many celebrations of our faculty members, honorees, and graduates; and another creative year of artistic and musical programming and innovation.

Kol Hakavod & Mazel Tov: Celebrating Together with Our Community

As we look to the new year, we also appreciate those who helped get us here and celebrate their achievements.

READ ONLINE: Blossoming with Kavod...

- Hebrew College Honors Andy Offit and Dan Miller at Spring Gala 2023
- Celebrating the Class of 2023/5783: Our Graduates Transform the World
- Hebrew College Awards Honorary Degrees to David Broza (pictured) and Rev. Liz Walker
Branding Our Interreligious Connections
Hebrew College is reimagining Jewish learning and leadership for an interconnected world; the interreligious work of the Miller Center exemplifies this commitment by hosting and engaging in meaningful cross-cultural exchange for learners within Hebrew College, across Greater Boston, and beyond.

READ MORE: Blossoming Across Differences...
- Hebrew College Co-Hosts International Council of Christians and Jews
- Calling Out from the Depths: Miller Center Launches Interreligious Multimedia Psalms Website
- Miller Center BILI Fellows Connect with Interfaith History in Nation’s Capitol

Creative Flourishing: Art & Music at Hebrew College
Creativity, one of the core values of Hebrew College, flourished in 2022-23. From art exhibits to concerts, we are blessed with a creative and creativity-loving community.

READ ONLINE: Blossoming with Creativity...
- Hebrew College Hosts Israeli Art Exhibit in Celebration of Israel’s 75th Birthday
- The Community and Creative Minds of the Hebrew College-JArts Artist Beit Midrash
- اوֹצָרוֹת: Otzarot Concert: Musical Treasures of Hebrew College

President Anisfeld visits sculptor Nancy Schön’s studio, as she works on the College’s new “Tending Hope” sculpture.

Rev. Tom Reid, Miller Center BILI Fellowship Program Director, with the fellows in Washington, D.C.
Reimagining Jewish learning and leadership for an interconnected world. Making our lives more meaningful, our communities more vibrant, and our world more whole.
Looking forward, reflecting on the moment.

As we look forward, we also recognize the need to reflect on the challenges of Fall 2023 for the Jewish people. We find strength in our mission to help our Jewish communities remain vibrant, and to provide intellectual and spiritual nourishment to make our world more whole.
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“I spent many years working as a social worker, holding others in their own journeys of becoming. Now, at Hebrew College, The Myra Snyder Communal Leadership Fellowship allows me the financial breathing room to be a full-time student wrestling with the wisdom of my ancestors, soaking up the knowledge of my teachers and classmates, and ultimately investing in my own journey of becoming—so that I can one day be a rabbi who once again holds others, but this time, with the wisdom and power of our sacred traditions.”

- Hannah Limov, Shanah Aleph student and one of two recipients of the 2022-2023 Myra Snyder Communal Leadership Fellowship.

93% of Hebrew College ordination students and 88% of master’s degree students rely on some form of financial aid to pursue their studies. Many students put their professional lives on hold to focus on their education full-time for two to six years, therefore balancing reduced income with school expenses and the high cost of living in the Greater Boston area. Hebrew College is dedicated to reducing financial barriers to enrolling in our programs. We do this in partnership with donors who support scholarships and fellowships to fill the gaps that interest-bearing federal or private loans don’t cover.

“I took Me’ah when I was about to retire and became completely absorbed in study. I decided to walk into Hebrew College back when it was in Brookline to find out what they had to offer a person like me who had no previous experience except Me’ah. I felt like I was home. It was suggested to me that I should begin my journey with one course. It was not long after that I entered the master’s program. I learned Hebrew from scratch and felt a true sense of accomplishment when I wrote and delivered my thesis! Now, I want to give back through an opportunity for young people to open themselves up to study.”

- Myra Snyder, MAJS ’01, Me’ah ’97 (below with her husband, Robert, and scholarship recipients)

You have the power to make a difference in a student’s ability to unlock their future as a Jewish leader! Please contact Rosa Franck, Director of Development, to discuss the opportunities at rfranck@hebrewcollege.edu or 617.559.8736.
The Chleck Family Foundation provided transformative support through the Chleck Family Scholarship Program, investing in compelling Jewish leaders for the Jewish future and advancing continued enrollment growth for the College’s Rabbinical School.

The Dorot Foundation generously provided a grant to propel Open Circle Jewish Learning for Young Adults, which brings together groups of curious, engaged learners with exceptional educators to dive into an array of compelling topics and practices.

The Germanacos Foundation multi-year grant deepened the experience of our rabbinical students in Israel by seeding and sustaining our Balevav year-in-Israel program. This program enables students to foster meaningful personal relationships with Israel and Israelis, taking part in an ongoing spiritual journey in which they are both inheritors and innovators, generous recipients and creative agents in the story of the Jewish people and the process of interpreting Torah for our time.

The grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation funded coaching for two professionals in Western Massachusetts communities.

The Lippman Kanfer Foundation established Pedagogy in Practice: A Talmud Fellowship, an ongoing fellowship of Hebrew College Rabbinical students and alumni engaged in deep Jewish Talmud learning in the original Hebrew and Aramaic, steeped in a culture of joy, empowerment, and acceptance.

The Midcareer Fellowship program supplied generous tuition subsidies to experienced Jewish professionals to earn a master’s degree in Jewish Education.

Carol and Irving Smokler supported a partnership with IYUN where Hebrew College students lead IYUN circles of cohort-based adult Torah study groups.

The Covenant Foundation provided a grant to the Rabbinical School to significantly expand and improve its work to foster spiritual formation among future rabbis.

The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation provided a grant that supported the Hebrew College Miller Center Dignity Project. This fellowship program is designed to train outstanding teens from Greater Boston to serve as interreligious and cross-cultural leaders, with the capacity to engage the diversity of our city and broader society with thoughtfulness, skill, and care.

The Rita J. & Stanley H. Kaplan Family Foundation provided a generous grant for general operating support for Hebrew College’s Miller Center. It helped fund the Dignity Project which trains Greater Boston high school students to serve as interreligious and cross-cultural leaders.

The Dorot Foundation supported Prozdor programs. Prozdor teens create thriving community through Jewish learning.
Thank You to Our Donors

We deeply appreciate our donors, whose steadfast support sustains Hebrew College. Your commitment to the institution and your presence in our community are integral to our sacred work. With gratitude, we acknowledge our 2022-2023 annual fund donors and those who have supported our multi-year capital campaign.

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This $150,000 three-year grant will be used to improve and expand on five key aspects of Hebrew College’s rabbinical education: faculty pedagogical development (including the creation of a course on Spiritual Life in the Rabbinate), b'it midrash chevrutah learning, chevraya spiritual formation groups & retreats, the creation of a student mentor-sharing program, and the development of tools to better assess student spiritual growth.
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The Hebrew College President’s Council offers an enhanced experience recognizing your Hebrew College pride and participation. Among numerous benefits, the Council interfaces with the President, leadership, and fellow stakeholders who share a passion for Hebrew College. With a $1800+ gift, you will become a member of the President’s Council, a donor level for Hebrew College benefactors who consider the College one of their top philanthropic priorities.

Individually, each President’s Council member makes a monumental impact; together, this group is instrumental to ensuring that the College remains cutting-edge, that our transformative education is available for all students, and that our mission remains strong.

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- Adult Learning Zoom to welcome the Jewish New Year with the College President.
- Concierge service to assist Council members in selecting classes.
- Exclusive early registration to Hebrew College courses and study sessions.
- Private invitation to President Council receptions.
- VIP seating at the June Graduation and Ordination.
- Be our guest at our annual Gala.

To join the President’s Council at Hebrew College, a pluralistic institution of Jewish learning and leadership, visit hebrewcollege.edu/give, call Rosa Franck at 617-559-8736, or email her at rfranck@hebrewcollege.edu. The return on investment promises to be rewarding.
Hebrew College rabbinical student Hadar Ahuvia was awarded grant funding from Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) and the Mass Cultural Council to create a contemporary solo performance titled “Nefesh.” According to CJP, “Her performance is inspired by Jewish mystical teaching, Ashkenazi chazones, and hasidic nigun as forms of individual and collective praise, celebration, self-soothing, mourning, and yearning.”
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