



## The quest for life's meaning The search for community

These enduring challenges transcend the lines that divide Jews from one another. Whether or not we identify with particular religious institutions, we seek teachers throughout Jewish life who will bring forth the deep human wisdom and divine creative spark that lie within our ancient sources.

Training those leaders is the goal of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. Founded on the College's nine-decade legacy of pluralistic Jewish education, the Rabbinical School offers a rigorous five-year, full-time course of study within a model *k'lal Yisrael* community of learners and teachers. Based in Greater Boston, one of the nation's most vibrant centers of academic Jewish scholarship and Jewish life, the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College presents a unique vision of rabbinic education for the 21st century.

Students at the Rabbinical School immerse themselves in the religious, ethical and intellectual pursuit of Jewish knowledge, and seek to apply that knowledge to contemporary questions of personal meaning, Jewish communal life and social justice. An innovative curriculum, combining the best elements of the Western academic tradition and the traditional yeshivah, integrates the intense study of primary texts with themes of Jewish life and daily practice. Together we examine the sources of Judaism both in historical context and from a personal religious point of view. Through formal academic study, supervised *bet midrash* learning, communal worship, social action and celebration, we build a community committed to thoughtful Jewish living.



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Chaim came to the Rabbinical School with years of community development, social justice and teaching experience at Jewish organizations in the United States, Israel and the former Soviet Union; a passion for *havruta*-style learning; and a desire to serve a wide spectrum of Jews, drawing on a solid foundation in Jewish texts and educational expertise.

## Live your commitment to serve the Jewish people

A member of the Rabbinical School's first graduating class, Chaim Koritzinsky found the perfect career match with a small congregation in Santiago, Chile. As spiritual leader of Congregation Ruach Ami, he is building a vibrant, inclusive prayer community that reaches out to youth, singles and families currently unaffiliated or underserved by the organized Jewish community.

"There is tremendous potential to reach out to hundreds—perhaps even thousands—of Jews who haven't yet found their place in the Jewish community of Santiago," he says.

The program exceeded his expectations, particularly in shaping prayer leadership skills. "It's become second nature to think creatively about how to build a dynamic, engaging service that addresses as wide a spectrum of *daveners* as possible while still being authentic to yourself," he says.

Ruach Ami presents a perfect opportunity to hone those skills while building community. An offshoot of a Jewish Community Center congregation that recently closed, this small group of families seeks to create a synagogue community both rooted in tradition and open to innovation. "Many have expressed a real hunger for something new," says Chaim, "something grounded in the tradition that also touches the soul."

### 100 PERCENT PLACEMENT RATE

#### Among the placements for our graduates:

- Rabbi, Temple Sinai, Marblehead, Mass.
- Assistant Rabbi, Congregation B'nai Brith, Santa Barbara, Cal.
- Rabbi and Senior Jewish Educator, University of Maryland Hillel, College Park, Md.
- Rabbi, Director of International Partnerships, Jewish Community Relations Council, Boston, Mass.
- Rabbi, Hebrew Senior Life, Roslindale, Mass.

For a full list of graduate placements, please visit [hebrewcollege.edu/rabbinical-school/placements](http://hebrewcollege.edu/rabbinical-school/placements).



"I wanted an academically rigorous, full-time, traditional yet progressive learning environment with financial support, close proximity to a spiritual community and a serious component of Jewish mysticism. There was only one place to go—Hebrew College."

Rabbi Stephen Landau '08, Rabbi, Congregation Tikvah Chadoshoh, Bloomington, Conn.

#### A FULL-TIME COMMITMENT

Rabbinical study at Hebrew College is a full-time academic program. While students are encouraged to work in the Jewish community during their years here, both to support themselves and to gain supervised experience, such work should not be allowed to eclipse studies, which occupy the majority of daytime hours during the week. Because we believe that Israel (the Land, the State and the People) is an integral part of Jewish life in our day, students are required to spend a summer and a semester in Israel as part of their rabbinic training.

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO SPECIALIZE

Within the context of our small, innovative community, each student is encouraged to choose areas of specialization, both academic and practical, for additional training. Professional specialties include additional training for chaplaincy, Jewish education (combining rabbinic ordination with a Master of Jewish Education), Jewish music (combining rabbinic ordination with training in Hebrew College's School of Jewish Music), Hillel careers on the college campus, interfaith activity and innovative outreach to unaffiliated Jews.

#### RABBINIC ORDINATION

Ordination from Hebrew College within this pluralistic environment distinguishes our graduates as rabbis who can serve in a wide range of settings, including both affiliated and unaffiliated congregations, communal organizations, schools and chaplaincy settings. Graduates who choose to serve a specific denomination are supported in their efforts, including application for membership to an appropriate rabbinic organization. All graduates are eligible for membership in the Hebrew College Rabbinical School Alumni Association, which provides opportunities for ongoing support, fellowship, learning and rabbinic mentoring.

### A LOVE OF LEARNING AND RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY



The heart of our program is the Bet Midrash, where students explore classical sources with colleagues and teachers of divergent beliefs in an atmosphere of friendship, shared inquiry and lively debate. While our students and faculty come from all walks of Jewish life, we are connected by a deep respect for the many interpretations of tradition, a love of learning, a commitment to vibrant prayer and thoughtful spiritual practice, a strong bond with Israel, a firm belief in the Jewish vision of a just world for all, and vibrant optimism for the future of the Jewish people.

#### REAL-WORLD PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

To prepare for day-to-day rabbinic practice, including both the congregational pulpit and other forms of rabbinic leadership, Rabbinical School students engage in a combination of didactic and experiential learning. Classroom study of relevant background materials is integrated with a series of internships guided by seasoned professionals who are sensitive to personal and professional growth. Students are mentored and supervised by experienced rabbis in third-year rabbinic internships as well as fifth-year student placements in synagogues and other communal institutions.

#### ADMISSIONS

Hebrew College seeks applicants for the Rabbinical School who demonstrate a high level of academic aptitude combined with a deep commitment to serving the Jewish people. While there is no specific theology or level of observance mandated for acceptance, the program is a religious one, and a serious, personally defined relationship to the religious language and practice of Judaism, including the mitzvot, is understood as essential. The Rabbinical School does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender or sexual orientation.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCIAL AID

##### Applications are due by February 1.

- BA degree from an accredited institution
- College transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation, including at least one from a rabbi
- The equivalent of at least three years of college Hebrew, with emphasis on classical sources

Admission requires examinations in Hebrew textual skills and general Judaic knowledge. Applicants with basic Hebrew skills, who otherwise qualify, may be directed toward a one year *Mekorot* preparatory program. Financial aid is available, including loans and scholarships that are awarded on the basis of both special merit and need. Several merit-based fellowships are awarded annually to outstanding students.

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