To Learn in Order to Teach: Becoming a Jewish Educational Leader

An overview of the Master of Jewish Education program at Hebrew College
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Overview of Hebrew College
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- Founded in 1921
- Located in Newton Centre, Massachusetts (10 miles west of downtown Boston)
- About 250 graduate students enrolled in academic degree and certificate programs
- Promotes excellence in Jewish learning and leadership within a pluralistic environment of open inquiry, intellectual rigor, personal engagement, and spiritual creativity
- Commitment to pluralism means we are open to all forms of Jewish expression, commitment, and practice
Meet the Dean

Rabbi Michael Shire, Ph.D.

Rabbinic Ordination: Leo Baeck College, London
Ph.D: Hebrew Union College

• Joined Hebrew College in 2011
• Published widely in field of religious growth and development as well as the Jewish theology of childhood
• Written four books of creative liturgy with medieval illuminations
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<th><strong>Degree</strong></th>
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<td>Informal Education, Youth Leadership, and Camping</td>
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<td>Dual MJEd/Pardes Educators Program–Day School Certificate</td>
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<td><strong>Length</strong></td>
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Legacy Heritage Midcareer Fellowship

- Innovative three year course of study combines MJEd Program with guided field experience and tailored professional advising

- For each academic year in the program, students gather for our annual fellows’ conference with fellows from 5 other institutions

- Conference expenses will be covered for travel lodging and food and participants are also eligible to receive an annual tuition financial-aid package of up to 65 percent
# MJEd Curriculum: 36 Credits

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Field Experience

- Provides students with opportunity to apply theory to practice
- Knowledge learned in classroom put into action in field
Field Experience Settings

- Day Schools
- Supplemental Schools (Congregational, Community)
- Informal Settings (Camps, Youth Groups)
- B’nei Mitzvah Teacher/Tutor
- Administrator
What to Expect

- How long are the courses?
- What are the assignments like?
- How does Schoology work?
Online Education

- Asynchronous
- Multimedia, dynamic, interactive
- Technical support
Who Applies to Hebrew College MJEd?

- Jewish backgrounds
- Educations
- Careers
- Interest in program
- Locations
What we need more than anything else is not textbooks but textpeople. It is the personality of the teacher which is the text that the pupils read; the text that they will never forget. The modern teacher, while not wearing a snowy beard, is a link in the chain of a tradition. He is the intermediary between the past and the present as well. Yet, he is also the creator of the future of our people. He must teach the pupils to evaluate the past in order to clarify their future.

—Abraham Joshua Heschel
The Hebrew College Advantage

- Transdenominational—diverse student body
- Pioneer in online Jewish education
- Premier Jewish Educational Leadership programs
- Strong connections with faculty and classmates
- Tailored advising process—meets individual student needs and goals
Submit the following:

- Completed application and $50 application fee
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- Admissions essay
- To apply, visit [www.hebrewcollege.edu/apply](http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/apply)

Questions: Email admissions@hebrewcollege.edu
Thank You

We look forward to speaking with you again soon!