



Membership Application for Cantors

OHALAH is an association of rabbis and cantors interested in and committed to Jewish Renewal. We share learning, *chaverschaft*, *tefillah* and opportunities for personal, professional and spiritual growth during our annual conference and day-to-day on our email listserv.

OHALAH has a Cantorial Committee for cantors and cantorial students. Cantors who are accepted into OHALAH also automatically become members of the Cantorial Committee. OHALAH maintains a website at ohalah.org and a password-protected members only page full of resources.

OHALAH's Membership Committee reviews membership applications on an ongoing basis. *Please note that this application is for cantors; there is a separate application for rabbis.*

WHAT YOU'LL NEED FOR THIS APPLICATION

- Personal Reflection Essay
- Photo of Ordination Document
- Two Letters of Recommendation

ORDAINATION/INVESTITURE CREDENTIALS:

-If you were ordained or invested by one of the following institutions, you should complete only this application and **NOT** the Supplemental Form.

-If your ordaining/investing institution is not listed below, **you must complete both this application and the Supplemental Form.** Please note that in this case, we cannot guarantee that your ordination/ investiture will be deemed sufficient for membership in OHALAH.

Academy for Jewish Religion
 Academy for Jewish Religion, California
 ALEPH/AOP
 B'nai Or Religious Fellowship (predecessor to ALEPH)
 Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion
 Jewish Theological Seminary
 Jews College - London College of Jewish Studies
 P'nai Or Religious Fellowship (predecessor to ALEPH)
 Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
 Yeshivat Tomchei T'mimim
 Yeshiva University - Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary

If you were not ordained or invested as a cantor, you may submit a letter on the official letterhead of the Cantors Assembly or the American Conference of Cantors verifying that you are a cantorial member in good standing together with your application and Supplemental Form.

Cantors whose applications are not approved for membership because of ordination/investiture credentials may wish to consider further cantorial studies in one of the programs listed above and reapplying for OHALAH membership after successfully completing such additional study.

Please complete the following personal information.

First / Last name*

Name as you want it to appear on Membership Roster (if different from above)*

Hebrew Name

Name of institution where you are enrolled, and month/year you began studying.*

Address*

Email address*

Mobile Phone Number*

Home Phone Number

Name of Employer

Having an employer is not a requirement for membership.

Work Address

Work Phone Number

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COMPATABILITY

OHALAH includes rabbis and cantors from across the streams of Judaism. We seek to provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere during our conference, distance learning and discussions and on our e-mail discussion list. This requires a breadth of acceptance and tolerance for one another and the vast depth of diversity in customs, practice, politics, faith and understanding.

Please share some reflections about the extent to which you are able to embrace a collegial relationship with others whose customs, practice, politics, faith and understanding differ from yours in the areas of (1) the relationship of other faiths and spiritual paths to Judaism, (2) egalitarianism, (3) sexual orientation and gender identity, (4) patrilineal descent, (5) interfaith couples and families, (6) political views with which you disagree, including views on Israel. In addition, please address the questions *“why do you wish to join OHALAH?”* and *“what is it about the core values of Jewish Renewal that resonates for you?”*

Upload a document of your personal compatibility reflections here.*

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Upload a photograph of your ordination/investiture document. If you do not have ordination or investiture, you may include here a letter on the official letterhead of the Cantors Assembly or the American Conference of Cantors verifying that you are a cantorial member in good standing.*

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Obtain two brief letters of recommendation from cantors or rabbis who can attest to your character and your capacity as a cantor.*

Please be sure that letters include the typed or legibly printed name and professional title of the person making the recommendation.

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Second Letter of Recommendation*

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Other Cantorial Associations

A. Do you belong to another cantorial association?*

Yes No

B. If yes, which one?

C. Also, if "yes," please read Article 3.2.2. of OHALAH's Bylaws. *A complete copy of our Bylaws is available on our [website](#).*

"3.2.2 Associate Members. If a member of OHALAH is simultaneously a member of another Cantorial Association that does not permit full membership in OHALAH, said member shall automatically be deemed an Associate Member of OHALAH. An Associate Member may vote and serve on a Committee, but may not serve as an Officer or Director or participate in any placement that OHALAH may offer."

D. Have you ever been denied membership in a cantorial association?*

Yes No

E. Have you ever been suspended, expelled, placed on probation or been subject to other action for the non-payment of dues?*

Yes No

F. Have you ever been denied membership, or have you ever been suspended, expelled, placed on probation or been subject to other disciplinary action by any other professional association for sexual or monetary impropriety?*

Yes No

G. Have you ever been convicted of a felony (or its equivalent outside the United States) or have you ever pled "no contest" to a felony (or its equivalent outside the United)?*

Yes No

If you answered "yes" to questions D, E, F or G above, please attach an explanation.

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DECLARATION

My answers to all the questions on the above application and the accompanying verification and recommendations are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby apply for membership to OHALAH.

All members of OHALAH are subject to the Ethics Code found [here](#). By signing this document, I agree to abide by the OHALAH Ethics Code.

Name*

Date*

MM/DD/YYYY



Signature*

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