



OHALAH Membership Application
CANTORS

Print your full name here

INSTRUCTIONS

- _____ • Read the INFORMATION section on page 2.
- _____ • Fill out and sign the application. We need to receive a signed copy of your application in order to process it.
- _____ • Enclose a photocopy or photograph of your *smicha* or investiture document. If you have separate Hebrew and English documents, please enclose a copy of both.
- _____ • Enclose a check in the amount of \$100 payable to OHALAH. If your application is not accepted, we will refund your \$100.
- _____ • Fill out the supplemental application form if applicable.
- _____ • Enclose two letters of recommendation or have the letters emailed to Doris Turrentine, Assistant to Rabbi Yocheved Mintz at dtohalah@aol.com. These letters are described in section 7 below.
- _____ • **Mail all of the above to** **OHALAH**
c/o Rabbi Yocheved Mintz
2045 Grouse Street
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134.

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot process your application until we receive all of the above. Please allow sixty days for processing your application from the date that all of your paperwork is submitted.

Thank you for your application!

Rabbi Yocheved Mintz
President
OHALAH
Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal
2045 Grouse Street
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

INFORMATION SECTION

1. OHALAH is an association in which rabbis and cantors interested in, and committed to, Jewish Renewal can come together to share learning, *chaverschaft*, *tefillah* and opportunities for personal, professional and spiritual growth.
2. For some, OHALAH also offers a professional organization to address the various needs of its members who are working as leaders within Jewish Renewal and the wider Jewish community. OHALAH is deeply committed to a pluralistic vision of Judaism and invites all rabbis and cantors with an interest in the renewal of Jewish life to consider membership. Cantors who hold membership in a denominational association such as the Cantors Assembly or the American Conference of Cantors, are considered to be associate members of OHALAH and are expected to comply with the standards and requirements of their denomination with regard to placement and benefits.
3. OHALAH supports the professional and academic depth and integrity of the rabbinate and cantorate and has a standing Membership Committee that reviews applications for membership. Those with ordination or investiture from one of the following seminaries, programs or *yeshivot* need to complete the Application, but not the Supplemental Form:

Renewal:

Aleph Rabbinic Program
P'nai Or Religious Fellowship
B'nai Or Religious Fellowship

Others:

Academy for Jewish Religion
Academy for Jewish Religion, California
Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion
Jewish Theological Seminary
Jews College - London College of Jewish Studies
Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Yeshivat Tomchei T'mimim
Yeshiva University - Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary

4. Those with ordination or investiture from other sources are welcome to apply for OHALAH membership and are required to complete the Supplemental Form on page 4, in addition to the Application.
5. There are certain programs, individuals and institutions which do not offer cantorial training consistent with the standards and/or values of OHALAH. Applicants with ordination or investiture from these sources will not be accepted as OHALAH members. However, such candidates are, upon recommendation by our Membership Committee, welcome to consult with the Dean of the ALEPH Rabbinic Program (under whose direction cantors are also trained) to schedule a conversation regarding completion of ordination requirements in a manner that will honor prior learning and training.

APPLICATION

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

Please print legibly:

Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

Home address: _____

city	state/province	zip/postal code	country
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Work address: _____

name of employer

street address or post office box

city	state/province	zip/postal code	country
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Where do you prefer we send OHALAH correspondence (home or work)? _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax No. _____

E-mail address: _____

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

OHALAH seeks to include in its membership qualified professionals who maintain high ethical standards in their personal and professional life.

Please enclose two letters of recommendation--one of which must be from a cantor--attesting to your character and professional ability, or have two such letters mailed separately to OHALAH at the above address.

Letters from professionals who are not members of OHALAH should be submitted on letterhead. Letters of recommendation may be enclosed with your application or mailed to Rabbi Yocheved Mintz, 2045 Grouse Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134, or emailed to Rabbi Mintz's assistant, Doris Turrentine at dtohalah@aol.com.

8. OTHER CANTORIAL ASSOCIATIONS

a. Do you belong to another cantorial association? _____

If so, which one(s)? _____

b. Have you ever been denied membership in a cantorial association? _____

Print Name

Signature

Date

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM

Please read paragraphs 3 and 4 of the INFORMATION section to determine whether you need to complete this Supplemental Application Form.

11. EDUCATION

Please attach a copy of a resume or curriculum vitae.

Please fill out this section about degrees if the information is not on your enclosed resume or curriculum vitae.

Bachelors Degree _____ Major(s) _____
Year _____ College or University _____

Graduate Degree(s) and specialization _____
Year _____ College or University _____

A bachelor's degree is required for membership in OHALAH. If you do not have a bachelor's degree, our Membership Committee may be willing to accept life experience in lieu of this requirement. Please attach an essay of not more than two pages explaining your relevant life experience.

12. YOUR STUDIES FOR THE CANTORATE

Please attach a short description of your studies for the cantorate, including a description of your training in music, voice, *nusach* and *trope*.

13. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION

If you wish, you may submit an essay of not more than two pages containing information you think may be relevant to our consideration of your application for membership in OHALAH. Please use this essay to transmit information that is not included or elaborated upon elsewhere in your application or your attachments.

