



**OHALAH Application for Change of Status  
from Student Member to Full Member as**

**CANTOR**

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**Print your full name here**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

\_\_\_\_\_ • Read the NOTICE section at the beginning of the application.

\_\_\_\_\_ • 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.

There is no charge for submitting and Application for Change of Status.

\_\_\_\_\_ • 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

## APPLICATION

### A. NOTICE

OHALAH 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 member associates of OHALAH and are expected to comply with the standards and requirements of their denomination with regard to placement and benefits.

### B. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE REVIEW your name and contact information on the OHALAH membership roster and use the form below to correct or add contact information as appropriate. If you do not have access to an OHALAH membership roster, please provide all of your contact information below to be sure we have the correct information.

Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

city	state/province	zip/postal code	country
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Work address: \_\_\_\_\_

name of employer

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street address or post office box

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. ORDINATION OR INVESTITURE

Please attach a photocopy or photograph of your *smicha* or investiture document. If you have separate Hebrew and English documents, please submit copies of both.

If your *smicha* or investiture document is from the institution or program that recommended you to OHALAH when you became a Student Member of OHALAH, please complete sections G and H below, sign and submit the application.

If your *smicha* or investiture document is NOT from the institution or program that recommended you when you became a Student Member of OHALAH, please complete ALL of the sections below.

#### D. 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.

#### E. 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*.

#### F. 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, which information is not included or elaborated upon elsewhere in your application or your attachments.

#### G. OTHER RABBINIC ASSOCIATIONS

1. Do you belong to another rabbinic association? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you ever been denied membership in a rabbinic association? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever been suspended, expelled, placed on probation or been subject to other disciplinary action by a rabbinic association for any reason other than the non-payment of dues? \_\_\_\_\_

4. 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?

5. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or its equivalent outside the United States, or pled "no contest" to a felony (or its equivalent outside the United) and had adjudicated withheld?

If you answer yes to questions G2, G3, G4 or G5 above, please explain on a separate sheet.

#### H. DECLARATION

My answers to the above questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby apply for a change in my OHALAH membership status from student to cantor.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date



OHALAH is a professional branch of ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal