



## Cantorial Student Member Application

**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 maintains a website at [www.ohalah.org](http://www.ohalah.org) with a password-protected page for members only to share resources.

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

**All Cantors may apply for membership.** If you are enrolled as a student in one of the below institutions, and you have completed at least one year of study, you may apply for Student Membership Status. If you are a cantorial student and your institution is NOT listed below, after you are ordained or invested as a cantor, you may apply for membership through our Cantorial Application.

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

### AFTER ORDINATION

Once a student has obtained ordination, they are able to change their status online by providing a scan or photo of their ordination document and are welcomed as a full member to OHALAH.

**For this Student Membership application you will need the following:**

- A Personal Reflection Essay
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- A letter from your institution verifying you've completed at least one year of study or for Senior Students, that you are in your final year of study

**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

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

Region

Postal / Zip Code

United States



Work Phone Number

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## COMPATIBILITY REFLECTION

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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**For Student Members:** Obtain a letter from your institution verifying that you have completed at least one year of study and providing the *anticipated* date when you will enter your last year of cantorial studies.

**For Senior Student Members:** Students in your last year of study are required to include a letter from your institution verifying that you are entering your last year of study.\*

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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 cantorial student and future 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 in the About Us/Policies section of 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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**Student Membership Fees \$18\***

Students in their final year of study are considered Senior Student Members and their membership fees are waived.

I am applying as a Student Member.

I am applying as a Senior Student Member.

## 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 in 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\*

 

Signature\*



Accepted cards

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