



OHALAH Membership Application for Ordained Rabbis and Maharot

THIS IS ONLY A PREVIEW OF THE APPLICATION. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION [HERE](#).

OHALAH is an association of rabbis and cantors interested in and committed to Jewish Renewal.

We share learning, *chaverschaft*, *tellah* and opportunities for personal, professional and spiritual growth during our annual conference and day-to-day on our email discussion list.

OHALAH maintains a website at www.ohalah.org. Members may submit articles and teachings for publication on our website [here](#).

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

What You'll Need to Include in this Application (in PDF Format only):

- Photo/Image of Ordination Document
- Two Letters of Recommendation from rabbis who can attest to your character and capacity as a rabbi.
- Personal Reflection Statement

ORDINATION CREDENTIALS: If you were ordained by one of the following institutions, you should complete only the application and NOT the Supplemental Form.

If your ordaining 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 will be deemed sufficient for membership in OHALAH.

Abraham Geiger College
Academy for Jewish Religion
Academy for Jewish Religion, California
ALEPH Rabbinic Program
American Jewish University Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies
B'nai Or Religious Fellowship (predecessor to ALEPH)
Hebrew College Rabbinical School
Hebrew Seminary: A Rabbinical School for Deaf and Hearing
Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion
Institute for Traditional Judaism
Jewish Theological Seminary

Jews College - London College of Jewish Studies
Leo Baeck College
P'nai Or Religious Fellowship (predecessor to ALEPH)
Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies
Seminario Rabbinico Latinamericano University of Judaism (predecessor to the AJU Ziegler School)
Yeshivat Chovevei Torah
Yeshivat Maharat
Yeshivat Tomchei T'mimim
Yeshiva University - Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary

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

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 a 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 reflections on the previous questions. *

Upload a photograph or image of your ordination document.*

Orthodox clergy whose document bestows the title Rabba or Maharat are welcome to apply using this rabbinic application.

Upload two brief letters of recommendation from rabbis who can attest to your character and your capacity as a rabbi.* Please be sure that letters include the typed or legibly printed name and professional title of the recommending clergy. It is preferable that at least one of these letters of recommendation come from a current OHALAH member.

A. Do you belong to another rabbinic 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 Rabbinical 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 rabbinic 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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

OHALAH Membership dues are on a sliding scale. Please choose the fee that is aligned with your annual income. If you are not selected for membership you will be refunded your payment.

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.

Name and Date

Signature