Membership Application for Rabbis

**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 discussion list.

OHALAH maintains a website at http://ohalah.org. Members may submit articles and teachings for publication on our website at http://ohalah.org/resources/.

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.*

**ORDAINATION 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 the 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 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 Latinamerico

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.

Membership Application for Rabbis - Instructions

Shalom!

**Please follow these steps to apply for membership in OHALAH: (**Applications are reviewed and determinations reached within 90 days of receipt of your payment and all of your documents.)

1. Locate the name of your institution on page 1. If your institution is listed, please complete steps 1 through 7 of these instructions. If your institution is **not** listed, please complete step 8 as well.

2. Scan your ordination document or photograph it and email it to us. (Orthodox clergy whose document bestows the title Rabba or Maharat are welcome to apply using this rabbinic application.)

3. Email to us 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.

4. Go to the website at http://ohalah.org and follow the prompts to pay your first year membership dues. Dues are on a sliding scale starting from $54 and up to $540 per year. Your dues payment will apply beginning after your acceptance. If for any reason you are not accepted, we will refund your payment.

5. Complete the application on pages 3 and 4 of this form by typing in your answers.

6. Print and sign your application.

7. Scan and email your application (item 5), ordination document (item 2) and two recommendations (item 3) to OHALAH/RPA Bookkeeper & Membership Administrator Lynn Pisetzner at [lynn@ohalah.org](mailto:lynn@ohalah.org). Applications can also be mailed to OHALAH, c/o Lynn Pisetzner, 1697 Black Fox Canyon Rd, Henderson, NV, 89052.

8. If your ordaining institution is not listed on page 1, please also complete the Supplemental Form as well and email Lynn.

**We will email you to acknowledge receipt of your application. If you do not receive an acknowledgment of receipt within two weeks, or have any questions, please contact OHALAH/RPA Bookkeeper & Membership Administrator Lynn Pisetzner at 702-492-1697 or** [**lynn@ohalah.org**](mailto:lynn@ohalah.org)**.**

Thank you!

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**Please type your responses to this form, print and sign, scan, and email to OHALAH/RPA Bookkeeper & Membership Administrator Lynn Pisetzner at** [**lynn@ohalah.org**](mailto:lynn@ohalah.org)**.**

Name:

Name as you wish to be listed on our membership   
roster (if different from your name above):

Hebrew Name:

E-mail address:

Home Address:

City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Name of Employer:

Work Address:

City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

*(Having an employer is not a requirement for membership.)*

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

**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?”** Attach additional sheet if necessary.

**OHALAH Application for Rabbis (continued)**

**OTHER RABBINIC ASSOCIATIONS**

A. Do you belong to another rabbinic association? YES NO

B. If yes, which one(s)?

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 at http://ohalah.org/.

“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 answer yes to questions D, E, F or G above, please attach explanation.**

**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.

Print Name Signature Date