Application for Rabbinic Student Membership

**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 ohalah.org. Student members may submit articles and teachings for publication on our website at ohalah.org/resources.

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

OHALAH only accepts applications for rabbinic student members from individuals who are enrolled in, and have completed at least one year of study at, one of the institutions listed below. *If your school or program is not listed, you will still be eligible to apply for full membership in OHALAH once you have received your ordination.*

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

When a rabbinic student member provides written verification to OHALAH that they have entered their last year of studies, they become a senior student member. Once they have obtained ordination, they will only need to provide a scan or photo of their ordination document to be welcomed as a full member to OHALAH.

**PLEASE NOTE: This application is for rabbinic student members who have not yet entered their final year of studies. If you are currently in your final year of studies, you should complete the application for Rabbinic Senior Student Member.**

Application for Rabbinic Student Membership - Instructions

Shalom!

**Please follow these steps to apply for student 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 2 through 7 of these instructions. *If your institution is not**listed, you will need to wait until after you receive ordination, at which time you are invited to apply for full OHALAH membership*.

2. Obtain a letter from your institution verifying that you have completed at least one of study, and listing the *anticipated* date when you will enter your last year of rabbinic studies.

3. Obtain two brief letters of recommendation from teachers, mentors, supervisors, or rabbis who can attest to your character and your capacity as a rabbinic student and future rabbi. Please be sure that letters include the typed or legibly printed name and professional title of the person making the recommendation.

4. Go to the member section of the website at http://ohalah.org and follow the prompts to pay your $18 membership fee. Your $18 payment covers your membership for one year. (We will bill you $18 per year after that.) If for any reason you are not accepted as a student member, 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), student verification (item 2) and two recommendations (item 3) to OHALAH/RPA Bookkeeper & Membership Administrator Lynn Pisetzner at [lynn@ohalah.org](mailto:lynn@ohalah.org).

**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:

Institution where you are enrolled, and month/year you began studying:

Name of Employer:

Work Address:

City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

*(Having an employer is not a requirement for student 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 run somewhat counter or completely count to yours in the areas of (1) the relationship of other faiths and spiritual paths to Judaism, (2) egalitarianism, (3) LGBTQ issues, including 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.

**Application for Rabbinic Student Membership (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 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