



# OHALAH Rabbinic Student Membership Application

**This is a preview of the application only. To apply return to the Membership page [here](#).**

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

We share learning, *chavruschaft*, *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](http://www.ohalah.org). Student members may submit articles and teachings for publication on our website [here](#).

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

Applications are reviewed and determinations are reached within 90 days of receipt of your payment and completion of this application form.

## What You'll Need to Upload in this Application:

- Letter from your institution verifying that you have completed at least one year of study and listing the anticipated date when you will enter your last year of rabbinic study.
- Two Letters of Recommendation from teachers, mentors, supervisors or rabbis who can attest to your character and capacity as a rabbinic student and future rabbi.
- Personal Compatibility Reflection Statement

OHALAH only accepts applications for rabbinic student members from individuals who are currently 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 below, you will still be able to apply for full membership 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 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  
theAJU 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 Membership.

## 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 personal compatibility reflections here.\*

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

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.*

Second Letter of Recommendation\*

## Other Rabbinic Associations

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.

## 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\*

OHALAH Student Membership Fee \$18