



**OHALAH Application for Change of Status from
Student Member to Full Member as**

RABBI

Print your full name here

INSTRUCTIONS

- _____ • Read the NOTICE section at the beginning of the application.
- _____ • Fill out and sign the application. We need to receive a signed copy of your application in order to process it.
- _____ • Enclose a photocopy or photograph of your *smicha* document. If you have separate Hebrew and English documents, please enclose a copy of both.

There is no charge for submitting and Application for Change of Status.

- _____ • Mail all of the above to **OHALAH
c/o Beth Chaim Congregation
1800 Holbrook Dr.
Danville, CA 94506**

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot process your application until we receive all of the above.

Please allow sixty days for processing your application from the date that all of your paperwork is submitted.

Thank you for your application!

Rabbi Dan Goldblatt
President
OHALAH

APPLICATION

A. NOTICE

OHALAH offers a professional organization to address the various needs of its members who are working as leaders within Jewish Renewal and the wider Jewish community. OHALAH is deeply committed to a pluralistic vision of Judaism and invites all rabbis and cantors with an interest in the renewal of Jewish life to consider membership. Rabbis who hold membership in a denominational association, such as the RA, CCAR, RRA or RCA, are considered to be member associates of OHALAH and are expected to comply with the standards and requirements of their denomination with regard to placement and benefits.

B. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

PLEASE REVIEW your name and contact information on the OHALAH membership roster and use the form below to correct or add contact information as appropriate. If you do not have access to an OHALAH membership roster, please provide all of your contact information below to be sure we have the correct information.

Hebrew Name: _____

Home address: _____

city	state/province	zip/postal code	country
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Work address: _____

name of employer

street address or post office box

city	state/province	zip/postal code	country
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Where do you prefer we send OHALAH correspondence (home or work)? _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax No. _____

E-mail address: _____

C. ORDINATION

Please attach a photocopy or photograph of your *smicha* document. If you have separate Hebrew and English documents, please submit copies of both.

If your *smicha* document is from the institution or program that recommended you to OHALAH when you became a Student Member of OHALAH, please complete sections H and I below, sign and submit the application.

If your *smicha* document is NOT from the institution or program that recommended you when you became a Student Member of OHALAH, please complete ALL of the sections below.

D. EDUCATION

Please attach a copy of a resume or curriculum vitae.

Please fill out this section about degrees if the information is not on your enclosed resume or curriculum vitae.

Bachelors Degree _____ Major(s) _____
Year _____ College or University _____
Graduate Degree(s) and specialization _____
Year _____ College or University _____

A bachelor's degree is required for membership in OHALAH. If you do not have a bachelor's degree, our Membership Committee may be willing to accept life experience in lieu of this requirement. Please attach an essay of not more than two pages explaining your relevant life experience.

E. CLASSICAL TEXTS

Can you read and translate classical Jewish texts such as Bible, Talmud, codes of Jewish law and Chassidic texts? _____

Can you read texts in *Rashi* script? _____

Have you studied contemporary scholarship related to Jewish history, Jewish philosophy and professional ethics for clergy? _____

F. YOUR STUDIES FOR THE RABBINATE

Please attach a short description of your studies for the rabbinate.

G. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION

If you wish, you may submit an essay of not more than two pages containing information you think may be relevant to our consideration of your application for membership in OHALAH, which information is not included or elaborated upon elsewhere in your application or your attachments.

H. OTHER RABBINIC ASSOCIATIONS

1. Do you belong to another rabbinic association? _____

If so, which one(s)? _____

2. Have you ever been denied membership in a rabbinic association? _____

3. Have you ever been suspended, expelled, placed on probation or been subject to other disciplinary action by a rabbinic association for any reason other than the non-payment of dues? _____

4. 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?

5. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or its equivalent outside the United States, or pled "no contest" to a felony (or its equivalent outside the United) and had adjudicated withheld?

If you answer yes to questions H2, H3, H4 or H5 above, please explain on a separate sheet.

I. DECLARATION

My answers to the above questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby apply for a change in my OHALAH membership status from student member to full member as a rabbi.

Print Name

Signature

Date