

REFERENCE FORM
THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL OF JEWISH MUSIC

HEBREW COLLEGE
RAV-HAZZAN PROGRAM

Name of Applicant _____

Reference Name _____ (Title) _____

Reference Address _____

Reference Email _____ (Phone) _____

The applicant whose name appears above is applying for admission to the Rav-Hazzan program of the Rabbinical School and School of Jewish Music. Your candid estimate of this applicant's intellectual performance, promise, personal qualities, musicianship and Jewish commitment will help our committee to make final decisions for admission. Please print and mail this form to the address below, or scan and email to admissions@hebrewcollege.edu.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

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2. Please rate the applicant in the following areas, using numbers 1 through 5.

1 – cannot assess (if you have not had direct contact with the applicant in that category.)

2 – below average

3 – average

4 – above average

5 – superior

1. Native intellectual ability _____

2. Breadth of general knowledge _____

3. Jewish commitment _____

4. Vocal ability _____

5. Musicianship _____

6. Teaching ability _____

7. Leadership skills _____

8. Ability to work with others _____

9. Sensitivity to others _____

10. Self-awareness _____

11. Emotional maturity _____

12. Flexibility _____

13. Initiative _____

14. Perseverance _____

15. Performance skills _____

16. Passion for Jewish music _____

17. Ability in oral expression _____

18. Ability in written expression _____

3. Please indicate your overall recommendation (indicate one choice with an "x")

Strongly recommend _____

Recommend _____

Recommend with minor reservation _____

Recommend with substantial reservation _____

Do not recommend candidate for admission _____

Do not feel qualified to make a recommendation _____

4. On a separate sheet, please give a brief, frank statement of your appraisal of the applicant's intellect, motivation, character and personality. If you feel qualified to do so, please discuss the following as well: (a) the applicant's commitment to Jewish life and spiritual search; (b) the appropriateness of the choice of a combined rabbinate/cantorate as a career for this applicant, given his/her character and interests; and (c) areas in which this candidate needs to work on improvement or change (d) the applicant's musical ability and talent. Please note that a description of strengths and weaknesses will be more helpful to the Admissions Committee than a uniformly positive statement.

Signature _____ Date _____