



הסתדרות הרבנים דאמריקה  
THE RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA

## Membership Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

FIRST, MIDDLE, and LAST NAME (please also list legal name if different from the name you used on a daily basis)

שם בעברית: פלוני בן פלוני [ הכהן / הלוי ] למשפחת פלונית

DATE AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH:

CITIZEN OF:

MARITAL STATUS (single, married, divorced);  
WIFE'S NAME, (if any); NAMES AND AGES  
OF CHILDREN (if any):

### CONTACT INFORMATION

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/PROVINCE,  
ZIP/POSTAL CODE; COUNTRY:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

WORK PHONE:

### MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Check 'REGULAR membership' if you are employed or seek paid work in a rabbinically-related field. Otherwise, check 'ASSOCIATE Membership'; you will enjoy all membership benefits and privileges except for voting on any matter or running in an RCA election.

Regular Membership  
Associate Membership

# GENERAL EDUCATION

## High School Degree

NAME, CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY OF  
HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION DATE:

## Undergraduate and Graduate Schools

NAME, CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY OF  
**SCHOOL #1**

FIRST ATTENDED:

GRADUATION DATE:

DEGREE RECEIVED (if any) AND PRINCIPAL  
AREAS OF STUDY

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NAME, CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY OF  
**SCHOOL #2**

FIRST ATTENDED:

GRADUATION DATE:

DEGREE RECEIVED (if any) AND PRINCIPAL  
AREAS OF STUDY

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NAME, CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY OF  
**SCHOOL #3**

FIRST ATTENDED:

GRADUATION DATE:

DEGREE RECEIVED (if any) AND PRINCIPAL  
AREAS OF STUDY

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## Awards, Achievements

Please list academic awards and other  
educational achievements.

Other information about your GENERAL  
EDUCATION:

## (Post high school) YESHIVA EDUCATION

To qualify for RCA admission, you must have spent at least six years (for at least five hours a day) of post-high school learning in a traditional *beit midrash* setting. This includes your semicha studies. Please indicate your **complete** yeshiva history below.

NAME, CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY OF  
**YESHIVA #1**

DATES ATTENDED (at least 5 hours per day):

TRACTATES AND/OR HALACHOT STUDIED:

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NAME, CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY OF  
**YESHIVA #2**

DATES ATTENDED (at least 5 hours per day):

TRACTATES AND/OR HALACHOT STUDIED:

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NAME, CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY OF  
**YESHIVA #3**

DATES ATTENDED (at least 5 hours per day):

TRACTATES AND/OR HALACHOT STUDIED:

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NAME, CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY OF  
**YESHIVA #4**

DATES ATTENDED (at least 5 hours per day):

TRACTATES AND/OR HALACHOT STUDIED:

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**TOTAL YEARS** OF POST-HS YESHIVA  
EDUCATION (at least 5 hours per day):

Other information about your YESHIVA/TORAH  
EDUCATION (including information about ALL  
OTHER yeshivot you attended but not listed  
above)

## ORDINATION (יורה יורה) REQUIREMENT

Your application must be accompanied by a photograph of your יורה יורה semicha document(s) stating that you were tested in איסור והיתר.

1) Please list the name(s) of the yeshiva/ot or private masmich(im) that tested you in איסור והיתר and granted you יורה יורה semicha.

2) Please indicate whether you have a familial relationship to the rabbis, or staff or leadership yeshiva/ot, listed and if so, the nature of that relationship.

## ADDITIONAL HALACHIC REQUIREMENTS

Your application must be accompanied by a photograph of documents stating that you were tested in two or more of the halachic areas listed here. Please indicate the areas in which you were tested.

נדה	שבת
עירובין	אבילות
קידושין וגרות	

1) For each area checked above, please indicate the name of rabbi(s) or yeshiva/ot that tested you.

2) For each rabbi and yeshiva listed, please indicate whether you have a familial relationship to him or its staff or leadership and if so, the nature of that relationship.

## OTHER RABBINIC / HALACHIC TRAINING

If you have received and are submitting photos of certifications documenting additional competencies in *safrut*, *milah*, *schechitah*, chaplaincy, or other areas of rabbinic or halachic expertise in which you have been tested, please describe the issuer of each certificate, and the nature of the testing it documents.

## REFERENCES

Below, please list three Orthodox rabbis who will email, directly to the RCA, a completed Applicant Recommendation Form. Please note: 1) It is preferred but not required that they be RCA members. 2) No more than one may be your relative. 3) At least one must be submitted by a rabbinic faculty member of your yeshiva who has personal, first-hand knowledge of your character and learning ability.

First name, last name, city of residence, and institutional affiliation of reference #1

First name, last name, city of residence, and institutional affiliation of reference #2

First name, last name, and city of residence of a rabbinic faculty member of the yeshiva at which you learned איסור והיתר who has personal, first-hand knowledge of your character and learning ability.

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**If you are not an active congregational rabbi**, please list the name(s) and rabbi(s) of the shul(s) where you daven regularly.

## PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/PROVINCE, ZIP/POSTAL CODE; COUNTRY; WEBSITE (if available) OF **ALL PRESENT EMPLOYERS**.

**Past employers:** Please submit a complete professional resume (preferred) or other listing of your employment history along with this application.

## ARTICLES, WEBSITES, VIDEOS, SOCIAL MEDIA

Please list URLs of personal and professional social media websites maintained by you, or featuring or describing your work. Please list any published books or articles, as well.

## PROFESSIONAL AREAS OF INTEREST

Please indicate your present and/or intended areas of rabbinic activity:

Pulpit  
Health Care Chaplaincy  
Military Chaplaincy  
Yeshiva/Day School Educator  
Kashruth Supervision  
Hillel / College Campus Work  
Jewish Community Professional  
Kiruv / Outreach Professional  
Other

## AFFIRMATION REGARDING MESSIANIC BELIEF

“In light of disturbing developments which have recently arisen in the Jewish community, the Rabbinical Council of America in convention assembled declares that there is not and never has been a place in Judaism for the belief that Mashiach ben David will begin his Messianic mission only to experience death, burial and resurrection before completing it.”

Yes, I affirm that this resolution, adopted at the RCA's 1996 Annual Convention, reflects my beliefs.

## AFFIRMATION OF APPLICATION; COMPLIANCE WITH RCA BY-LAWS

I wish to apply for membership in the Rabbinical Council of America, affirm that the above information is complete and omits no material information, have reviewed its [Constitution](#), and agree to abide by its terms.

Yes

DATE

## YOUR APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have submitted completed application form.	Yes
I have submitted a clear digital photo of myself.	Yes
I have paid \$50 application fee...	by PayPal (preferred). by mailing check payable to "Rabbinical Council of America" to RCA, 305 7th Ave, 12th flr, NY, NY 10001
Each of my 3 rabbinic recommenders has agreed to submit a reference on my behalf and has received <a href="http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/RCAApplicantRecommendation.pdf">http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/RCAApplicantRecommendation.pdf</a> .	Yes
I have carefully reviewed the material about the history and activities of the RCA at <a href="http://www.rabbis.org/about_us.cfm">http://www.rabbis.org/about_us.cfm</a> .	Yes
I have carefully reviewed the RCA's Core Principles listed at <a href="http://www.rabbis.org/joinRCA_new.cfm">http://www.rabbis.org/joinRCA_new.cfm</a> .	Yes
My יורה יורה <i>semicha</i> חן איסור והיתר was or will be conferred by...	a yeshiva listed at <a href="http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/ApprovedYeshivot.pdf">http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/ApprovedYeshivot.pdf</a> . a yeshiva not listed at above link. Its administration has agreed to submit <a href="http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/RequestForInformationAboutYeshivaForRCA.doc">http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/RequestForInformationAboutYeshivaForRCA.doc</a> to the RCA. a private masmich listed at <a href="http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/ApprovedPrivateMasmichim.pdf">http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/ApprovedPrivateMasmichim.pdf</a> . a private masmich not listed at above link. He has agreed to submit <a href="http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/RequestForInformationAboutPrivateMasmich.doc">http://www.rabbis.org/pdfs/RequestForInformationAboutPrivateMasmich.doc</a> to the RCA. other (please explain):

The *klaf* of my יורה יורה *semicha* in איסור והיתר is..

photographed and submitted with this application.

not yet issued although I have completed all requirements.

not yet issued because I am a final-year semicha student.

other (please explain):

Documentation of testing in two additional areas of halachah is...

included on the klaf of my yoreh yoreh semicha.

photographed and submitted with this application.

not yet issued although I passed the relevant tests.

not yet issued because I am a final-year semicha student and plan to take these tests in this academic year.

other (please explain):

My employment history...

doesn't exist yet.

consists ONLY of my present job(s), listed on page 5.

includes jobs OTHER THAN those listed on page 5. I am submitting my most recent resume with this application.