

**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 \_\_\_\_\_