

REFERENCE FORM
HEBREW COLLEGE CANTORIAL PROGRAM

Name of Applicant _____

Reference Name _____ (Title) _____

Reference Address _____

Reference Email _____ (Phone) _____

The applicant whose name appears above is applying for admission to the cantorial program at Hebrew College. 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.

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their educational records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of evaluation. If you would like to know whether the above applicant has waived this right, please contact Director of Admissions, Rabbi Gita Karasov, at gkarasov@hebrewcollege.edu.

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

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

If necessary, please explain these ratings as part of your discussion in answering question 4.

- 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 the 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** _____