



REFERENCE FORM  
THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL OF HEBREW COLLEGE

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Address \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Email \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant whose name appears above is applying for admission to the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. Your candid estimate of this applicant's intellectual performance, promise, personal qualities 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. Teaching ability -----
- 4. Ability to work with others -----
- 5. Leadership skills -----
- 6. Flexibility -----
- 7. Initiative -----
- 8. Perseverance -----
- 9. Sensitivity to others -----
- 10. Self-awareness -----
- 11. Ability in oral expression -----
- 12. Ability in written expression -----
- 13. Emotional maturity -----
- 14. Jewish commitment -----

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 rabbinate 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. Please note that a description of strengths and weaknesses will be more helpful to the Admissions Committee than a uniformly positive statement.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_