Instructions for Completing Application for Admission

1. Most students applying to the Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Semikha Program will have attended Yeshiva College; graduates from other college institutions may apply as well, in accordance with the requirements set forth below.

   a. Requirements for admission to the Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Semikha Program include:
      i. A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. Students with senior status at Yeshiva College or the Sy Syms School of Business may be considered for acceptance to the Semikha program during their senior year of college on an individual basis, based on their length of study in Israel.
      ii. A satisfactory record in Talmud and Jewish Studies beyond the secondary school level for at least four years. Successful completion of any of the Yeshiva College Undergraduate Torah Studies Programs will automatically count towards fulfillment of this requirement.
      iii. An entrance examination (bechina) demonstrating proficiency in Talmud.
      iv. A personal interview.

2. Please submit the following items to the RIETS Office:

   a. A completed application form.
   b. A $50 non-refundable application fee made payable to RIETS.
   c. Two recent passport-sized photos.
   d. One official copy of your transcript from each undergraduate and graduate institution attended. Student copies of the transcript are acceptable for Yeshiva University schools.
   e. Two letters of recommendation, one from the student’s most recent rebbe and one from the congregational rabbi.

3. Ordination by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary is contingent upon the successful completion of one of the following corequisite programs. Applications for the Masters programs are available from the individual schools or from the YU website.

   a. Master of Science, Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration.
   b. Master of Arts, Bernard Revel Graduate School.
   d. Machshevet Yisrael Program, RIETS.
   e. Intensive Kollel Program, RIETS (including the Marcos and Adina Katz Kollel at the Wilf Campus and the Kollel at the Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Institute in Jerusalem) Kollel Applications are available at www.riets.edu.

4. For more information about RIETS programs or the RIETS curriculum, please visit www.riets.edu or contact the RIETS office: riets@yu.edu or (646) 592-4455.
Attach a recent photograph of yourself here.

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Application for Admission to Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary

☐ Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Semikha Program
Beginning Term: Fall 20___ Spring 20___

1. Name: Mr. ____________________________________________ 2. YU ID (if available): ______________________
   Last Name First Name Middle Name

3. Full Hebrew Name (in Hebrew): _______________________

5a. Current Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________
   Number and Street, City State Zip Code

5b. Permanent Address: ______________________________________________________________
   Number and Street, City State Zip Code

6a. Cell Phone: __________________ 6b. Home Phone: __________________ 6c. Email: __________________

7a. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____/_____/_______ 7b. Place of Birth: _______________________

8a. Country of Citizenship: U.S. Other: ____________ 8b. How long have you been in the U.S.? ___________

8c. Shul at Home: __________________________________

9a. Occupation: ________________________________

9b. Employer: __________________________________

9c. Business Address: ______________________________

9d. Business Phone: _____________________________

10a. Marital Status: _____________________________

10b. Wife’s Maiden Name: _________________________

10c. Children’s names and ages: _____________________

10d. Wife’s Hebrew Name: ________________________

10e. In-Laws’ Names: ____________________________

10f. Shul that in-laws attend: ________________________
   City: ____________________________

11. Father’s English Name: _____________________________

   Hebrew Name: _______________ בן

   □ Kohen □ Levi □ Yisrael

   Father’s Employer: ______________________________
   Business Address: ______________________________
   Business Phone: ________________________________

Mother’s English Name: _____________________________

   Hebrew Name: _______________ בת

   Mother’s Employer: ______________________________
   Business Address: ______________________________
   Business Phone: ________________________________

12. Secondary Education (List all high schools):

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13. Other yeshivot attended (including YU and those attended as part of the YU S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program):

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15. Have you ever applied to or attended a school of Yeshiva University?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

16. Family members (including grandparents) who have attended Yeshiva University schools, including RIETS.
   Name: ___________________ School attended: _______________ Relation: __________________
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17. If you attended Yeshiva College and/or the Sy Syms School of Business, please provide the following information:
   ☐ Attended JSS and/or Mechinah Program from ___________ to ___________
   ☐ Attended IBC from __________ to _____________  Major: _______________ Minor: _______________
   ☐ Attended SBMP from __________ to _____________
   ☐ Attended MYP from __________ to _____________

18. If you are enrolled in a YU joint Bachelor's/Master's Program, please indicate the subject area and expected date of completion: _________________________________________________________________

19. If you are applying to the Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Semikha Program, please indicate the co-requisite program in which you intend to enroll: Masters Degree: ☐ Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education & Administration;  
☐ Bernard Revel Graduate School of Judaic Studies;  
☐ Wurzweiler School of Social Work;  
Or: ☐ Katz Kollel; ☐ Machshevet Yisrael Program; ☐ Other: ________________________________

20. Please provide the name, address, and phone number of the two people who will be submitting letters of recommendation on your behalf.
   Name: ___________________ Address: ___________________ Phone: ___________________
   Name: ___________________ Address: ___________________ Phone: ___________________

21. Please give a brief statement indicating your reasons for applying to Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, explaining your career intentions and any other pertinent factors.
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
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   ____________________________________________________________________________

22. Signature: _______________________ Date: ___________________
Please ensure that all application materials have been submitted.

Bechinot and interviews will be scheduled only after all materials are received.

- Application for Admission
- $50 application fee payable to RIETS
- Two recent passport-sized photos
- Official copy of transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Foreign Student Questionnaire
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
Request for Letter of Recommendation

To Applicant: Please complete the top half of this form and give it to the Rabbi whose recommendation you are seeking with a stamped envelope addressed to the RIETS Office at the above address. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation: one from the student's most recent rebbe and one from his congregational rabbi.

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Please write your recommendation in the space below. If more space is needed, please attach another sheet.

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Signature: ______________________________  Institution: ____________________________

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Date: ________________________________
Foreign Student Questionnaire

All applicants who are not U.S. citizens must complete this form and return it with the application for admission.

Check all that currently apply:
- Yeshiva College
- Isaac Breuer College
- Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Wurzweiler
- School of Social Work
- Program (Major): ______________________________
- Program Began: ____________________________
- Sy Syms School of Business
- Stone Bais Medrash Program
- Azrieli Graduate School
- Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology
- Mazer Yeshiva Program
- Mechinah Program
- Bernard Revel Graduate School
- Cardozo School of Law
- Degree sought: ____________________________
- Expected Date of Graduation: ______________

Name: Mr. ____________________________

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - ______

Current Mailing Address:

Permanent (Home) Address:

Cell Phone: _______________ Home Phone: _______________ Email: ____________________________

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____ / ____ / ______

Place of Birth: ____________________________

Person to contact locally in case of emergency:

Name: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Country of Citizenship: __________________

Passport #: __________________ expires: ___________

In the United States now. Which visa do you hold? __________________

Planning to come to United States under category other than student. Which visa will you hold? __________________

English is my native language.

English is not my native language. Date of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): _______________

I have arranged for my TOEFL scores to be sent to Yeshiva University Please do so immediately if you have not done so already.

If enrolled in a full-time course of English language study: Where? _______________ Date of completion: __________

If you have previously attended any American schools, please complete the following:

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