



RABBI ISAAC ELCHANAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **an affiliate of Yeshiva University**

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Instructions for Completing Application for Admission

1. Students apply either to the Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Semikha Program, the Pre-Semikha Program, or the Ludwig Jesselson Kollel Chaverim (Chaver Program) Program. While it is envisioned that most of the students 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.
 - b. Requirements for admission to the Pre-Semikha Program (for those not yet ready to be accepted to the Semikha program) include:
 - i. A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
 - ii. An entrance examination (bechina).
 - iii. A personal interview.
 - c. Applicants to the Ludwig Jesselson Kollel Chaverim (Chaver Program) are evaluated on an individual basis. They require:
 - i. A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
 - ii. An entrance examination (bechina).
 - iii. A personal interview.
2. Please submit the following items to the RIETS Office:
 - a. A completed application form.
 - b. A \$25 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 his congregational rabbi.
 - f. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens: Foreign Student Questionnaire.
 - g. Applicants who are not native English speakers: the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
3. Ordination by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary is contingent upon the successful completion of one of the following co-requisite programs. Applications for the Masters programs are available from the individual schools or from the YU website. (<http://yu.edu/academics/graduate-schools/>)
 - a. Master of Science, Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration.
 - b. Master of Arts, Bernard Revel Graduate School.
 - c. Master of Social Work, Block Program, Wurzweiler School of Social Work.
 - 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.

14. Colleges or Universities (list all undergraduate and graduate schools):

Name of School	Location (City and State or Country)	Dates of Attendance	Year of Graduation	Major	GPA
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15. Have you ever applied to or attended a school of Yeshiva University? Yes No

16. 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 _____

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

18. If you are applying to the Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Semikha Program, please state the co-requisite program in which you intend to enroll: _____

19. If you are applying to the Ludwig Jesselson Kollel Chaverim (Chaver Program), please indicate your intended area of graduate or professional studies. If none, please explain: _____

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.

22. Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Please ensure that all application materials have been submitted.
 Bechinot and interviews will be scheduled only after all materials are received.*

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Pre-Semikha Program

Ludwig Jesselson Kollel Chaverim
(Chaver Program)

Beginning Term:

Fall 20____

Spring 20____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dear Rabbi,

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We would appreciate your sending us your recommendation for this applicant, indicating how long you have known him and whether or not you consider him a proper candidate for admission. We are interested in his Torah scholarship, his intellectual abilities, his ethical and moral character, and his commitment to Torah ideals and the observance of *mitzvot*. This recommendation will be kept in absolute confidence.

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

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Institution: _____

Date: _____

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Foreign Student Questionnaire

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Check all that *currently* apply:

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| Yeshiva College | Sy Syms School of Business | Mazer Yeshiva Program |
| Isaac Breuer College | Stone Bais Medrash Program | Mechinah Program |
| Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Wurzweiler School of Social Work | Azrieli Graduate School | Bernard Revel Graduate School |
| | Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology | Cardozo School of Law |

Program (Major): _____ Degree sought: _____

Program Began: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Name: Mr. _____ Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____
Last First Middle

Current Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street, City State Zip Code

Permanent (Home) Address: _____
Number and Street, City State Zip Code

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____

Person to contact locally in case of emergency: _____
Name Phone

Number and Street, City State Zip Code Email

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:

School	Address	Dates of Attendance