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.
   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.
Application for Admission to Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary

☐ Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Semikha Program  ☐ Pre-Semikha Program  ☐ Ludwig Jesselson Kollel Chaverim (Chaver Program)

Beginning Term:    Fall 20___   Spring 20___

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

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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.? ____________

9a. Occupation: _____________________________________  9b. Employer:  _____________________________________

9c. Business Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

9d. Business Phone:  __________________________________    Business Phone:  ___________________________________

10a. Marital Status:_________________________________  10b. Wife’s Maiden Name:____________________________

10c. Children’s names and ages: ________________________  10d Wife’s Hebrew Name: ______________________________

11. Father’s English Name: ___________________________        Mother’s English Name: ____________________________

Hebrew Name: _______________        Hebrew Name: _______________

ןון _______________        בנות _______________

☐ Kohen  ☐ Levi  ☐ Yisrael  ☐ Maiden Name: ____________________________________

Father’s Employer: _________________________________    Mother’s Employer: __________________________________

Business Address: _________________________________    Business Address: __________________________________

Business Phone:  __________________________________    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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Attach a recent photograph of yourself here.
14. Colleges or Universities (list all undergraduate and graduate schools):

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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.

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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.

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Request for Letter of Recommendation

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Beginning Term: Fall 20___ Spring 20___

Name: _____________________________________
Address: _____________________________________
____________________________________

Dear Rabbi,

The above-named student is applying for admission to the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. 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.

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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
Degree sought: ___________________________________
Expected Date of Graduation: _______________________

Program (Major): ___________________________________
Program Began: ___________________________________

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:

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