



Thank you for applying to the LHREI. Please fill out the following information and answer all the questions so we can learn more about what you expect to learn during the course of the fellowship. Your signed application should be returned to JTS by Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

All applications will be screened by a committee comprised of a representative from the Rabbinical Assembly, a JTS faculty member, a lay member, and the director of LHREI. Admissions will be on a rolling basis, and you will be informed of the committee's decision by May 16, 2008.

Part I: Cover letter

To learn more about you, please include a cover letter describing your rabbinate through your current position. What skills have you found most important? What skills have you needed to augment? How have you done so?

Part II: Personal Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Year of Ordination/Seminary: _____

Positions/years you have held since ordination: _____

Part III: Professional Information

Current position/years: _____

Synagogue Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Size of congregation (Membership Units) _____

President: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

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Part IV: Prior Continuing Education

A. Please list any workshops or conferences you have attended that have included a specific focus on **professional skills**.

B. Please list any program or institutes you have attended that have included a specific focus on **text study, spiritual development, or other Jewish interests**.

C. What have you found most useful with these programs?

D. What do you wish would have been accomplished with these programs?

V: Questions

Please answer the following questions on a separate page and include them with your cover letter and application.

1. Why did you enter the congregational rabbinate? What are some of your dreams?
2. How much longer do you anticipate remaining in the congregational rabbinate? What would impact your decision to remain?
3. What do you find most rewarding about your rabbinate? Challenging?
4. Give an example of a leadership challenge you have encountered and how you handled it. With 20/20 hindsight would you have handled it differently?
5. What are some of your qualities that make you successful as a rabbi? What skills are you looking to develop?
6. How do you think LHREI will help you in your development as a rabbi?

VI: Letter of Recommendation

Please provide a letter of recommendation from the leadership of your synagogue.

VII: Learning Contract

The Legacy Heritage Rabbinic Enrichment Initiative is an investment both you and your synagogue are making. While LHREI is fully funded, we recognize that the time you will devote to the program is significant.

By signing below, both the synagogue and the rabbi recognize that time spent participating in the Legacy Heritage Rabbinic Enrichment Initiative is sacred and important to the future success of both the synagogue and the rabbi. Your agreement recognizes that the following obligations are essential to the success of LHREI and to achieve its desired impact on both the rabbi and synagogue.

- Attend two summer institutes
 - July 21- 31, 2008 at JTS
 - TBD 2009 at JTS
- Participate in the virtual beit-midrash via videoconference on a weekly basis from September – May.
- Maintain ongoing contact with Mentor Rabbi
- Complete an individual project

Rabbi: _____ Date: _____

President: _____ Date: _____