

## ALEPH ORDINATION PROGRAM

### Costs Worksheet for Rabbinic, Rabbinic Pastor, or Cantorial Program

This worksheet is designed to provide a general overview and *for your personal use*. With the exception of the Core Fees, these costs are estimates and will depend on factors such as your self-paced study plan, retreat/training fees, lodging choice, travel expenses, etc. Limited need-based financial aid is available. If you have any questions, please contact AOP's Administrator, Ming Shem Lu, at (215) 247-9700 x210.

#### Core Fees:

- **Director of Studies and Administrative Fee – \$3,708 annually** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$1,000 DOS Fee and \$2,600 Admin Fee + 3% T'rumah Financial Aid Fund Fee
- **AOP Fall or Spring semester courses – \$1,030 per course** \_\_\_\_\_  
 plan on taking 4 to 6 courses per year (fee includes 3% T'rumah surcharge)
- **Ongoing work with Mashpia/h – about \$1,000 annually** \_\_\_\_\_  
 paid directly to the Mashpia/h
- **ALEPH Chai-level contribution – minimum \$216 annually** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Required Retreats:

- **[OHALAH Shabbaton and Conference](#) – about \$1,000** \_\_\_\_\_  
 usually in early January, at the Omni Hotel in Broomfield, Colorado  
**plus 5 nights' hotel accommodation at Omni – about \$150 per night** \_\_\_\_\_
- **[Intensive Study Week \(Smicha Week\)](#) – usually in early July; location varies** \_\_\_\_\_  
**about \$2,000 retreat fee (depending on lodging) – fee includes tuition for 2 full-credit classes** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Required Trainings – add these fees only when you're enrolled in them:

- **[Davvenen' Leadership Training Institute \(DLTI\)](#)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 2-year program of 4 *biannual* one-week retreats (February and July – new cohort usually starts every other July)  
**for each week, about \$1,200 to \$1,900 retreat fee (depending on lodging) – fee includes tuition**
- **Lifecycle Ceremonies Practicum Training** \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 *biennial* one-week retreats, usually following Smicha Week (when there is no Kallah)  
**for each week, about \$1,500 retreat fee and \$500 tuition**

#### Recommended Attendance (at least 1 Kallah required):

**[ALEPH Kallah](#) – biennial** one-week retreats, usually following Smicha Week \_\_\_\_\_  
**about \$1,500 retreat fee (depending on lodging), plus optional \$1,000 for 2 AOP credits\***  
 \*Some Kallah classes may be taken for AOP credits, with extra class time and assignments.

#### Other Expenses:

- Travel expenses for retreats and trainings \_\_\_\_\_
- Courses and tutorials taken outside AOP \_\_\_\_\_
- Miscellaneous (books, resources, computer-related costs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL of Estimated Costs:** \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, a student in the Rabbinic, Rabbinic Pastor, or Cantorial Program may enroll concurrently in AOP's [Hashpa'ah: Training Program for Jewish Spiritual Directors](#), [Ba'Aretz Beloved Land Program](#), or [Earth-Based Judaism Certificate Program](#). Each of these programs has its own enrollment costs, which are *not* included in this worksheet.