

## 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. Please note that the costs are subject to increase during the course of your program.

If you have any questions, please contact AOP's Administrator, Ruth Alcabas, at (215) 247-9700 x210 or at [ruth@aleph-ordination.org](mailto:ruth@aleph-ordination.org).

#### Core Fees:

- **Director of Studies and Administrative Fee – \$4,017 annually** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$1,100 DOS Fee and \$2,800 Admin Fee + 3% T'rumah Financial Aid Fund Fee\*  
 Students in double tracks (Rabbinic or RP + Cantorial) pay an additional \$1,130 Director of Studies Fee
- **AOP Fall or Spring semester courses – \$1,133 per course** \_\_\_\_\_  
 plan on taking 4 to 6 courses per year (fee includes 3% T'rumah surcharge\*)
- **Ongoing work with Mashpia/h – \$600 per semester (\$1,200 annually)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 paid directly to the Mashpia/h
- **ALEPH Chai-level contribution – minimum \$216 annually** \_\_\_\_\_

\*This 3% surcharge goes toward the T'rumah Fund, a main source for AOP's financial aid.

#### Required Retreats:

- **OHALAH Shabbaton & Conference – about \$1,000** <https://www.ohalah.org/> \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 Training – add this fee only when you're enrolled in it:

- **Davvenen' Leadership Training Institute/DLTI** <https://www.dlitraining.org/> \_\_\_\_\_  
 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**

**Note:** There is also a required Lifecycle Ceremonies Practicum Training. \_\_\_\_\_  
 This year the practicum has been incorporated into Smicha Week, and so there is not an additional charge. This may change in the future, but for now, no extra charge.

#### 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 (in 2023 there are 2) may be taken for AOP credits, with extra class time and assignments.  
<https://www.aleph.org/kallah>

#### 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 Rabbinic, Rabbinic Pastor, or Cantorial student 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. These programs have their own enrollment costs, *not* included in this worksheet.