

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.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*

New students pay \$200 upon admission to cover advising services of their Director of Studies during the semester before beginning the program.

Students in double tracks (Rabbinic or RP + Cantorial) pay an additional \$1,133 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*)

Hebrew workshop courses meeting for 90 minutes per week are \$750 per course plus T'rumah, and a few text courses have an optional Beit Midrash, with a fee of \$300 to participate live or \$200 to access recordings.

- **Ongoing work with Mashpia/h – \$600 per semester (\$1,200 annually)**

- **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; in 2025 will be at the Delta Hotels Denver Thornton

plus 5 nights' hotel accommodation – about \$120/ night

- **Intensive Study Week (Smicha Week) – usually in late June - early July**

cost is \$2,600 and up 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.dltraining.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

Recommended Attendance:

- **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.

<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. This program has its own enrollment costs, *not* included in this worksheet.