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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

### MASTER OF JEWISH LIBERAL STUDIES (MJLS)

Thank you for your interest in applying to Hebrew College. Please read these instructions carefully before completing your application. Should you have any questions about the application process or the status of your application, please call the Office of Admissions, 617-559-8610 (Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) or email [admissions@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:admissions@hebrewcollege.edu).

**Selection of Candidates** Admissions decisions are based on the careful review of a candidate's completed application, credentials, supporting documents and appropriateness for the degree program. Applicants for graduate degree programs must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a competitive grade point average. Hebrew College admits qualified students without regard to age, sex, religion, disability, race, color or national origin.

**Application Submission** Please send your completed application and all supporting materials to the Office of Admissions, Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459. You are responsible for ensuring all of your application materials are received; we welcome calls or emails from candidates regarding the status of their applications.

**Deadlines** We have a rolling admissions process.

**Application Checklist** All applicants must submit the following materials:

- A completed, signed application form.
- A typewritten personal statement as described below.
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies from accredited academic institutions. Please have official copies of transcripts forwarded directly from the issuing institution to the Hebrew College Office of Admissions.
- Two letters of recommendation, including at least one from a rabbi or someone with whom you have studied. Letters should be completed on the enclosed forms and mailed directly to the Hebrew College Office of Admissions.
- A nonrefundable application fee of \$50; please submit a check or money order made payable to Hebrew College.

**Interview** The phone interview is an essential and required part of the application process for all Hebrew College graduate degree programs. Applicants will be contacted for an interview when their complete applications have been submitted.

**Personal Statement** We consider the personal statement an essential part of the application process. On separate sheets of paper, please submit a typewritten essay (1,000–1,500 words) as specified below (either **a** or **b**).

- a.** Discuss the path that has led you to apply for the MJLS and your personal goals in beginning this program.
- b.** Select a book, article or essay related to Jewish life/culture that you have read recently. Discuss your reactions, impressions and opinions.