REFERENCE FORM
THE SCHOOL OF JEWISH MUSIC AT HEBREW COLLEGE
CANTORIAL PROGRAM

Name of Applicant ____________________________________________

Reference Name ____________________________________________ (Title) ____________________________

Reference Address ________________________________________________________________________________

Reference Email ____________________________________________ (Phone) _____________________________

The applicant whose name appears above is applying for admission to the Cantorial program of the School of Jewish Music. Your candid estimate of this applicant’s intellectual performance, promise, personal qualities, musicianship and Jewish commitment will help our committee to make final decisions for admission. Please print and mail this form to the address below, or scan and email to admissions@hebrewcollege.edu.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? __________________________________________

2. Please rate the applicant in the following areas, using numbers 1 through 5.

   1 – cannot assess (if you have not had direct contact with the applicant in that category.)
   2 – below average
   3 – average
   4 – above average
   5 – superior

   If necessary, please explain these ratings as part of your discussion in answering question 4.

   1. Native intellectual ability ___
   2. Breadth of general knowledge ___
   3. Jewish commitment ___
   4. Vocal ability ___
   5. Musicianship ___
   6. Teaching ability ___
   7. Leadership skills ___
   8. Ability to work with others ___
   9. Sensitivity to others ___
   10. Self-awareness ___
   11. Emotional maturity ___
   12. Flexibility ___
   13. Initiative ___
   14. Perseverance ___
   15. Performance skills ___
   16. Passion for Jewish music ___
   17. Ability in oral expression ___
   18. Ability in written expression ___

3. Please indicate your overall recommendation (indicate one choice with an “x”)

   Strongly recommend ______
   Recommend ______
   Recommend with minor reservation ______
   Recommend with substantial reservation ______
   Do not recommend candidate for admission ______
   Do not feel qualified to make a recommendation ______
4. On a separate sheet, please give a brief, frank statement of your appraisal of the applicant’s intellect, motivation, character and personality. If you feel qualified to do so, please discuss the following as well: (a) the applicant’s commitment to Jewish life and spiritual search; (b) the appropriateness of the choice of the cantorate as a career for this applicant, given his/her character and interests; and (c) areas in which this candidate needs to work on improvement or change (d) the applicant’s musical ability and talent. Please note that a description of strengths and weaknesses will be more helpful to the Admissions Committee than a uniformly positive statement.

Signature _______________________________ Date __________