
Core Semikha Application

Writing Prompts & Word Counts

Thank you for your interest in applying to Maharat.

All applications are due **February 3, 2025**, and all references are due **February 12, 2025**. There is a non-refundable \$54 application fee. The application will also require an updated resume/CV as well as your undergraduate transcripts (and optionally your graduate transcripts, if applicable). Applicants will be notified if they are offered an interview.

The application will also feature the following writing prompts:

PERSONAL STATEMENTS (250-500 WORDS)

AUTOBIOGRAPHY:

Please reflect upon your spiritual autobiography from childhood until this point. What people, institutions, books, texts, or experiences have had the greatest impact on you?

KEDUSHA:

Please describe an experience of *kedusha* in your life.

RABBINATE:

What is your vision for the Jewish community and how do you see yourself actualizing that vision? What are your professional goals in the rabbinate? What potential strengths and weaknesses do you bring to that leadership?

SHORT ANSWER (100-250 WORDS):

LEADERSHIP:

Please describe an experience where you were proud of the leadership skills you displayed.

INTERESTS:

What are your intellectual interests or specialized areas of study (Jewish and/or secular)?

ISRAEL:

What is your relationship to Israel?

Please reach out to Director of Recruitment and Admissions, Liba Berger, at lberger@yeshivatmaharat.org with any further questions or to request an extension or waiver.
