



## **Karaite Jewish University**

### **Karaite Jewish University Application Packet for**

### **INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM (For Potential Converts)**

#### **This packet contains:**

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## **Introduction to Judaism (for Potential Converts) Course Information 2011**

Karaite Jewish University (KJU) was founded in 2005 in order to provide religious education about Karaite Judaism. Our Mission is to promote Tanakh and the views of the Karaite Sages to the Jewish World, to promote Karaite Jewish studies, music, historical research, scholarship, and to teach Karaite Judaism to both Jew and Gentile who seek to gain the knowledge and wisdom of the most authentic Jewish experience available.

KJU is an independent organization that collaborates with a broad spectrum of Karaite Jewish institutions including Karaite Jews of America, the World Karaite Movement, and the Karaite Jewish Mo'eseh Hakhamim/Council of Sages based in Ramla, Israel. The Council of Sages, an institution recognized by the State of Israel as representing Karaite Jews, has authorized KJU to teach an Introduction to Judaism course.

In December 2006, the Council of Sages met with representatives of the Karaite Jewish University and welcomed its activities in teaching students interested in learning to keep the commandments of the Holy One, blessed be He. The chairman of the Council of Sages wrote the following about our activities:

*'Recently, an organization called "Karaite Jewish University" was formed. Made up of a number of members who are zealous for the word of the Lord, the organization has made as its goal the teaching of the Karaite halakha; to keep, observe, and perform in practice, the keeping of the commandments. The activities of the Karaite Jewish University" were presented to the Council of Sages, and meetings and discussions were held concerning their activities. We see the Karaite Jewish University as an entity that has the ability to teach the Karaite halakha to anyone interested.'*

In July 2007, fourteen non-Jewish graduates of the KJU Introduction to Judaism course converted to Judaism at the Karaite Jewish synagogue (B'nai Israel) in Daly City, California. The conversions were carried out under the auspices of the Karaite Jews of America and with the approval of the Council of Sages.

KJU's "Introduction to Judaism" course is a distance-learning program that extends beyond the duration of an academic year. The course requires a good deal of reading and studying. Most lessons are presented in PDF format and come with a quiz to test the student's comprehension. Some lessons are recorded as audio lectures. There are regular audio sessions held on Paltalk (or equivalent technology) and an e-mail discussion group, both of which are required for successful completion of the course. Students need to have access to a computer with broadband Internet in order to participate in the course. Sometime during the course, every student is required to meet in person with a KJU staff member. Our next Introduction to Judaism class is expected to commence in November 2011. The Introduction to Judaism course is designed to familiarize Jews of all denominations with Karaite Judaism and to facilitate those non-Jews who desire to convert to the religion of Israel out of love for the God of Israel, His holy Tora, and His people.

### **Course Fees and related expenses for those wishing to convert:**

- **Application Fee:** A non-refundable application fee of \$10.00 USD (United States Dollars) must be paid by PayPal, money order, or credit card. Cash or cash-equivalents are not accepted.
- **Tuition Fees:**  
**Non-Jewish Students:** The non-refundable course fee for non-Jewish students is \$1,000.00 (USD) for individuals and \$1,200.00 (USD) for husband and wife (couple). Financial aid, in the form of a payment schedule, may be granted in some cases. If necessary, this schedule can be arranged by contacting the Treasurer at [info@kjuonline.com](mailto:info@kjuonline.com) after your application has been reviewed and approved.
- **Text Books:**  
Students will also be required to purchase textbooks not exceeding the cost \$100.00 (USD).
- **Circumcision:**  
Male students who have not been fully circumcised have the responsibility to schedule and cover the expense of circumcision by a medical professional. All male minor children of students wishing to convert must also be fully circumcised before their dossier may be submitted to the Mo'eseh Hakhamim. Circumcision expenses can vary and arrangements are the responsibility of the Student. A pre-screening method will be presented for the male students. An approved Mohel, before the Conversion Ceremony, will verify circumcisions as well.
- **Name Change:**  
Students with a name associated with another religion (e.g. Christopher, Krishna, Mohammed, Mary) have the responsibility to cover the expense of legally changing their name within 3 months after the commencement of the course. This

applies to converting children as well. Neutral non-Jewish names (e.g., William, Robert) do not need to be legally changed.

- **Wedding Rings:**

For married couples wishing to convert, a new set of rings will be required for the Marriage Renewal Ceremony to take place after the Conversion Ceremony. Couples are to wait for details on this subject.

- **Travel Expenses:**

Students wishing to convert after completion of the course should also prepare for travel expenses to meet in person with KJU or KJA staff member during the course.

Students should also prepare for expenses related to travel and lodging to come to the Karaite Jewish synagogue (B'nai Israel) in Daly City, California for the 2-day conversion event.

### **Course Requirements:**

- All students desiring conversion must be interviewed by a member of the KJU faculty as part of the course requirement. This may require traveling significant distances at the student's expense.
- You must have Internet access, a microphone & speakers (or headset), telephone access, a civic address and a Gmail email address.
- Download Adobe Acrobat PDF reader [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)
- The language of the course is English. Therefore all students must have a college-level command of the language in order to successfully participate in the course.
- You must be in regular attendance of online classes and participate in the KJU Forum until the conclusion of the course.
- You are required to check your Gmail email address every day, excepting Shabbath, and to promptly reply to emails by the KJU staff. No email exchanges are to be carried out on Shabbath.
- Reading assignments, quizzes and tests for each class must be returned within the time constraints outlined in the Student Information Pack to be given to students upon approval of their application.
- You will be required to write a final essay on an approved topic of your choice. The academic staff, to assure your mastery of the subject matter, will review your essay.

The success of this class depends upon honest communication and an exploration of Judaism shared by students and teachers.

### **Pre-Requisites for Conversion:**

- A non-Jew married to a fellow non-Jew must convert together with his/ her spouse.
- Single students who are taking the course and become, or are engaged must wait until the conversion ceremony to wed.
- If a student marries a non-Jew who will not convert, that student will not be permitted to convert.
- Potential male converts must be fully circumcised within three months from the commencement of the course. Those not already circumcised must have the procedure done by a medical professional. More information on this will be provided to you upon registration to the course.
- Potential converts with a pagan name must legally change it within three months from the commencement of the course. More information on this will be provided to you upon registration to the course.
- Potential converts must choose a Hebrew name and include it on their application form. However, unlike potential converts with pagan names, they are not obliged to perform a legal name change. These names will be used on the Conversion Certificates.
- Un-married female students are required to cut their hair to 3 inches from the scalp as a symbolic act. Married female students must cut their hair at least 3 inches shorter. This is a requirement imposed by the Mo'eseh Hakhamim/Council of Sages for conversion. More information on this will be provided to you upon registration to the course.
- Minor children (under the age of 18), if they decide to convert, can be converted along with the parents on a case-by-case basis. Male minor children must be circumcised; female minor children have no special requirements. Conversion of minors requires the advanced written consent of both parents and the advanced written consent of minors aged 10 years or older. Persons living in the household 18 years or older must take the course.
- When children living in the household turn 18 before the conversion ceremony, they will not be able to convert under their parent's "Certificate of Completion" and will have to take the course independently.

### **Requirements for conversion to Judaism:**

- Accept the basic beliefs and principles of Karaite Judaism.
- Demonstrate an integration of Jewish knowledge and practice (including, but not limited to, observance of Shabbath and Kashruth).
- Meeting in person with a representative of KJU or KJA.
- Full circumcision for men and boys.
- Legally changing of one's pagan name (if necessary)
- Symbolic Act for Women (single women must cut hair no longer than three inches from the head, married women must cut their hair short at least three inches shorter).

- Participation in the two-day conversion ceremony in Daly City, California.

**Students who successfully complete the course receive from the Conversion Ceremony:**

- i) Joining YHWH and His people Yisrael.
- ii) Recognition as Karaite Jews by Karaite Jewish institutions everywhere. This will be important when children of converts look for a Karaite Jewish spouse or if the convert desires to participate in Karaite communal activities, their voice will count in shaping the future of Karaite Judaism.
- iii) Recognition as Jews by the State of Israel. This is important with regards to 'Aliya for both the convert and for their children, as well as for the convert's future grandchildren. Living in Yisrael is a fulfillment of biblical prophecy and brings us closer to the Redemption.
- iv) Recognition as Jews by the Gentile world that accepts the State of Israel's definition of "Who is a Jew". This might not be important Tora-wise but in reality the convert lives among the Gentiles, who then won't be able to accuse the convert of pretending to be Jewish because the convert will be internationally recognized as Jewish.

# KJU Introduction to Judaism Course 2011 Application Check List

## Preliminary Check List

### Things to do before you consider applying:

- ❑ Learn more about Karaite Judaism. A good place to start is [www.karaite-korner.org](http://www.karaite-korner.org)
- ❑ Read through the Karaite Jewish University website to understand what we are all about.
- ❑ Read *Is the Tora Binding Upon the Nations?* by Hakham Chancellor Meir Rekhavi at <http://www.kjuonline.com/Application%20Process.htm> . If you have questions, email the Chancellor at [chancellor@kjuonline.com](mailto:chancellor@kjuonline.com)
- ❑ Understand that the process of conversion requires that the conversion must be of free will, not forced, coerced, obligated and/or threatened, and the conversion shall not be conditional upon the giving of benefits or the prevention of benefits; the conversion has no specific time period.
- ❑ If you are Jewish (meaning Jewish through your father's side), please download the Introduction to Judaism application form for Jews.
- ❑ Married couples: husband and wife must download their own **separate** applications.

## Application Consideration Check List

### Important (but not exhaustive) list of financial and religious concerns to consider before you apply:

- ❑ Carefully read the *entire* application more than once to understand what is required of you.
- ❑ Understand that you need reliable Internet access to join the course. You will need to have the ability to download lessons, take exams online, and interact with others during live online classes.
- ❑ Understand that you must check your Gmail email account daily and respond to all staff emails in a timely manner, ie. promptly and without delay.
- ❑ Understand that you are expected to read and understand all assignments.

- ❑ You are expected to complete all quizzes, tests and assignments on time.
- ❑ Understand that the KJU does not conduct any business transactions on the Shabbath or the Holy Days. Please be certain to take this fact into account for all your dealings with the University. You must also take into consideration the various time zones when conducting any transactions with the University.
- ❑ Understand that tuition payment must commence no later than 7 days prior to the Orientation Session.
- ❑ Understand that if you have a disability that affects your capability to access the course and you require specialized software and/or equipment, you will be responsible for purchasing that software and/or equipment.
- ❑ Understand that you will be required to purchase your own textbooks that should cost no more than \$100.00 (USD).
- ❑ Understand our **Copyright Agreement**: Karaite Jewish University will be providing you with a number of lectures, reading material, videos, and other course material. These are only for your personal use and may not be redistributed, posted on the Internet or otherwise used by any student commercially.
- ❑ Understand that if you have a pagan name, it must be legally changed before the commencement of the course.
- ❑ Understand that all students will be required to meet with a KJU or KJA representatives in-person. All students have the choice to meet at a graduating class' conversion ceremony or during the summer break of the upcoming course. This may require traveling significant distances. Location of meetings will depend upon where you live.
- ❑ Understand that if you are approved for conversion, you will need to travel to Daly City, California for a two-day conversion ceremony.
- ❑ Understand that if you are approved for conversion, you will need to have spent at least one Shabbath at Benai Israel in California prior to appearing before the Beth Din in Daly City.
- ❑ Understand that a non-Jew married to a fellow non-Jew must convert together with his/ her spouse.
- ❑ Understand that spouses converting together must take part in a wedding renewal ceremony that takes place at the end of the two-day conversion ceremony, which will require 2 new wedding rings (one for the husband and one for the wife).

- ❑ Understand minor children (under the age of 18) can be converted, if they desire to convert, along with the parents on a case-by-case basis. Males must be circumcised; female children have no special requirements. Conversion of minors requires the advanced written consent of both parents and the advanced written consent of minors 10 years or older.
- ❑ When children living in the household turn 18 before the conversion ceremony, they will not be able to convert under their parent's "Certificate of Completion" and will have to take the course themselves.
- ❑ Understand that the non-refundable tuition fee is \$1000.00 (USD) for a non-Jewish individual and \$1200.00 (USD) for a non-Jewish couple [including minors]. It is preferable that you pay the tuition fee with a cheque.
- ❑ Understand that admission does not guarantee, suggest, or imply that you will be permitted to participate in the conversion ceremony.
- ❑ If you are male, you must be fully circumcised within three months of course commencement.
- ❑ All male children must be fully circumcised within three months of course commencement.
- ❑ If you are an unmarried female, you must cut your hair no longer than 3 inches from the scalp within three months of course commencement. A head and shoulder 'before and after' picture of you will be required for verification.
- ❑ If you are a married female, you must cut your hair at least 3 inches shorter within three months of course commencement. A 'before and after' picture of you will be required for verification.
- ❑ Understand that once you convert and join the People of Israel, you cannot go back
- ❑ Understand that no one may attempt 'Aliya (immigration to Israel) from US, Canada, Europe until 1 year after his or her conversion. If one desires to make 'Aliya at the end of this period they must work through the KJU to facilitate form preparation and potential appeals, otherwise they could jeopardize the 'Aliya of future converts to Karaite Judaism.
- ❑ Understand that no one may attempt 'Aliya (immigration to Israel) from Latin America, Africa, Asia until a firm process is in place and must work through the KJU to facilitate form preparation and potential appeals, otherwise they could jeopardize the 'Aliya of future converts to Karaite Judaism.

- ❑ Understand that the KJU reserves the right to conduct background checks of its potential students, and that by signing the Candidate Affirmation the student grants the KJU permission to carry out a full background check by the use of any agencies that they deem necessary.

## Application Checklist

- ❑ After having read the *Application* and having taken into consideration the financial and religious obligations required, fill out the application, **printing legibly in black ink only** (this makes the application easier to read having been scanned).
- ❑ Remember there are **two** places to sign on the application.
- ❑ Complete the *Family Tree* form **printing legibly in black ink only** (using a separate form for a spouse, if applicable).
- ❑ Please scan any **application/s, Family Tree** and **color copies of government photo ID/s for each person applying** (such as a driver's license or passport for identity verification). Remember to use separate applications and identifications for married couples or your application will be considered incomplete.
- ❑ Please provide a colored passport sized picture for each applicant, these will be used later for your dossiers.
- ❑ Please provide a stamped copy of marriage certificate or divorce decree if applicable. This should be a stamped version (True' copy) from the county/district of issue.
- ❑ Email your **complete, scanned application/s, Family Tree/s, marriage certificates, divorce decrees** and **scanned color copies of government photo ID/s for each person applying;** to **dean\_of\_students@kjuonline.com** It is preferable that you include all of these in **one** single attachment, if possible.
- ❑ If you cannot send the application/s, Family Tree/s and scanned ID/s through email, please send them in **one** envelope to:

### Karaite Jewish University

P.O. Box 1971  
Hedgesville, WV  
U.S.A. 25427

- ❑ **By submitting your Application, you certify that you have thoroughly read, considered, understood, and agreed to abide by the requirements of the course including all of its financial and religious commitments.**

- ❑ Once the Dean of Students has approved the form for completeness, you will be billed a non-refundable \$10.00 (USD) Application Fee per application by the KJU Treasurer. The bill will be sent to your email address using PayPal. It is preferred that you pay the fee through that system. You also have the option to pay by money order or credit card. Please be aware that these other methods cause delays. Cash or cash-equivalents are not accepted. Should you choose sending a cheque or money order you may send it to the P.O. box address listed above.
- ❑ Once the KJU receives the non-refundable \$10.00 (USD) Application Fee, your application/s will be submitted to the KJU staff for review and approval.
- ❑ You will be notified via email whether or not you have been accepted into the University.
- ❑ If you are accepted, you will receive further information about obtaining course materials such as books, registering for our Internet forum, and paying tuition.

**REMEMBER:**

**THE KJU WILL NOT ACCEPT AN APPLICATION WITHOUT ALL  
REQUIRED PARTS.**

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Dean of Students at **dean\_of\_students@kjuonline.com**

May Yehovah be with you!

Hazzan Yochanan Zaquantov  
Dean of Students  
Karaites Jewish University  
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**KARAITE JEWISH UNIVERSITY**  
**INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM APPLICATION**  
**(Conversion)**  
**November 2011**

**MARRIED INDIVIDUALS NEED TO FILL OUT SEPARATE APPLICATION FORMS.**

BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE INFORMATION SHEET AND CHECKLIST, INCLUDING THE CANDIDATE AFFIRMATION AT THE END OF THE APPLICATION THAT MUST BE SIGNED. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AS INDICATED WILL SERIOUSLY DELAY THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION.

**Section A**  
**Personal Details**

**1. Surname or Family name:**

**2. First name/s:**

**2a. Hebrew Name:**

**3. If married female, indicate maiden name:**

**4. Date of Birth**                      D/                      M/                      Y/

**5. Place of Birth:**

**6. Gender**                                       Male                                       Female

**7. Nationality:**

**8. Native Language (If other than English):**

**9. Occupation or Profession:**

**10. Marital Status**                       Married                       Divorced                       Separated  
 Widowed                       Single                      Other:

**11. Living Situation: please indicate whether you are:**

- living alone,
- living with roommate/s,
- living with family,
- in a relationship living with that partner,
- in a relationship, but not living with that partner

**Use this space to further explain your living situation, if needed.**

<b>12. If male, are you circumcised?</b>				
<b>13. Do you have any tattoos or religious symbols etched into your skin?</b>				
<b>14. Address:</b>				
<b>15. Mailing address (if different from above):</b>				
<b>16. Contact phone number</b>		<b>Home:</b>		
		<b>Work:</b>		
		<b>Mobile:</b>		
<b>17. Email addresses:</b>				
<b>18. PARTNER'S DETAILS</b>				
<b>Surname or Family name:</b>				
<b>First name/s:</b>				
<b>Hebrew Name:</b>				
<b>If married female, indicate maiden name:</b>				
<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>D/</b>	<b>M/</b>	<b>Y/</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Male</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Female</b>	
<b>Nationality:</b>				
<b>Native Language (If other than English):</b>				
<b>Occupation or Profession:</b>				
<b>If male, is he circumcised?</b>				
<b>Do they have any tattoos or religious symbols etched into their skin?</b>				
<b>19. PLEASE LIST YOUR AND/OR YOUR PARTNER'S CHILDREN, IF ANY</b>				
<b>Birth Name/Hebrew Name:</b>	<b>Date of Birth D/M/Y</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>If male: circumcised?</b>	<b>With whom does the child live?</b>
<b>1.</b>				
<b>2.</b>				
<b>3.</b>				
<b>4.</b>				
<b>5.</b>				

20. Do you have any specific learning, physical, or communication disability that would make accessing the course difficult?

## Section B Religious Background

1. What religious group(s) have you identified yourself with in the past?

2. What religious group(s) did your parents/guardians identify with?

3. Have you ever considered converting to any other religious group(s)? If yes, please specify.

4. Do you have your own website that reflects your religious beliefs?

5. Do you wish to take this Introduction to Judaism course in order to convert to Karaite Judaism?

6. Have you ever converted to Judaism before via another branch, i.e. Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, etc? Are you in the process of converting to another branch of Judaism at this time?

7. Is there anyone in your family's background who referred to themselves as a Karaite?

8. Do you believe that YHWH is the one and only God?

9. Do you believe in any prophet outside of the TaNaKh? If yes, please explain.

10. Do you believe in the TaNaKh in its entirety as the sole religious authority to the exclusion of all other writings? Clarification: Tanakh, also called "Miqra" or "Kara" refers to what Christians erroneously call the "Old Testament", in Hebrew: Genesis through Chronicles (in the English order from Genesis through Malachi) **If not sure, please explain.**

11. Do you believe that any of the books of the TaNaKh are not divinely authored and/or inspired? If yes, please specify.

**12. Do you believe in the Documentary Hypothesis (source criticism)?** Clarification: the Documentary Hypothesis states that the Tora is composed of a number of documents written several centuries apart from each other which were then combined by an editor/redactor.

**13. Do you believe Jesus/Yesu/Yesua/Yahshua etc. is a god/messiah/prophet/righteous teacher, other? If yes, please explain.**

**14. Do you believe that Mohammad was a prophet of any kind?**

**15. Do you believe in the Qabbala or any other esoteric teachings?**

**16. Do you have aspirations of living in Israel?**

**17. Do you work with any non-kosher foods?**

**18. From what you know about Karaite theology, are there any issues that you disagree with?**

**19. Why do you desire to convert through Karaite Judaism rather than Rabbanite Judaism?**

**20. After conversion do you intend to adhere to the commandants of the Tora and lead an observant life?**

## Section C Educational Background

**PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR GENERAL EDUCATION**

**Name of high school:**

**Year completed:**

**Did you graduate?**

Yes

No

**Name of college:**

**Year completed:**

**Did you graduate?**

Yes

No

**Please tell us about your formal Jewish education, if any:**

Please tell us anything else that you feel is important to disclose:

I understand that there is a non-refundable processing fee of \$10.00 USD per application that will be billed to me via a PayPal invoice. The Introduction to Judaism course serves four different categories of students, including, but not limited to, (i) gentiles who are seeking to currently convert to Judaism, (ii) Jews who are seeking to learn more about their faith (iii) gentiles who are unable to currently convert because of extraneous circumstances, and (iv) those seeking knowledge. KJU makes no representation that any particular candidate will be accepted by the admissions committee. KJU makes no representation that a Karaite Beth Din will accept its graduates as converts to Judaism.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

### Candidate Affirmation Read Carefully & Sign

1. Karaite Jewish University does not accept or receive email nor conduct commercial transactions on the Shabbath.
2. I am aware that giving false information is a violation of the Tora and will invalidate my registration in the course. I hereby affirm that all the details on this form are correct.
3. I accept the obligation to fulfil all the University's regulations extant today and those that will be enacted during my studies.
4. I am aware that as a student, I am required to purchase textbooks, to meet with a member of the faculty and KJA member prior to conversion and that the Beth Din for conversion will convene in the Daly City, California area. Any travel is at the students' own expense.
5. I hereby affirm that I understand that tuition for the Introduction to Judaism course is \$1000 USD for an individual and \$1200 USD for a couple. Financial aid, in the form of a payment schedule, may be granted in some cases. Such arrangements will be determined through the Treasurer (info@kjuonline.com), after payment of Application fee or fees (in the case of a couple) and after review and approval of application by KJU staff. If I cannot afford the tuition, it is my responsibility to inform the Treasurer before the commencement of the course.
6. I am also aware that admission into the course does not guarantee, suggest or imply that I will be permitted to participate in the conversion ceremony. Participation in the conversion ceremony is based upon Theological and Religious considerations independent of successful course completion. The conversion ceremony will be conducted in the United States of America under the auspices of the Karaite Council of Sages, which is based in Israel.
7. **Copyright Agreement:** Karaite Jewish University will be providing me with a number of lectures, reading material, videos, and other course material. These are only for my personal use and may not be redistributed, posted on the Internet or otherwise used by any student commercially.
8. I understand that the process of conversion requires that the conversion must be of free will, not forced, coerced, obligated or threatened, and the conversion shall not be conditional upon the giving of benefits or the prevention of benefits; the conversion has no specific time period.

9. The male convert must be fully circumcised.
10. Students seeking a conversion must adopt a Hebrew name at time of application. Students with a name associated with another religion (e.g. Christopher, Krishna, Mohammed) will be required to legally change their name within 3 months from the commencement of the course. This applies to converting children as well. Neutral non-Jewish names (e.g., William, Robert) do not need to be legally changed.
11. Minors 10 through 17 years old must give their written consent to convert.
12. I understand that I must fill out and complete the separate "Family Tree" form, which includes information about parents and grandparents. As with all other information in my application, I will be certifying that my family tree is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.
13. I understand that if my living situation changes, I will inform the university as soon as possible.
14. I understand that if I require special software or equipment to access the course due to the nature of my disability, that I will be responsible for purchasing and/or obtaining that software and equipment. (Please note: The KJU is willing to facilitate to the needs of your disability to the best of its' abilities, i.e. being given more time to finish assignments and exams in order to complete the course).
15. By submitting this application, I, as the student certify that I have thoroughly read, considered, understood, and agreed to abide by the requirements of the course including all of its financial and religious commitments
16. I agree that the Karaite Jewish University reserves the right to conduct background checks of its potential students. I therefore grant absolute permission to the KJU to carry out a full background check upon myself, by the use of any agencies that they deem necessary
17. No one may attempt 'Aliya (immigration to Israel) from US, Canada or Europe until one year after his or her conversion. If one desires to make 'Aliya at the end of this period, they must work through the KJU to facilitate form preparation and potential appeals, otherwise they could jeopardize the 'Aliya of future converts through Karaite Judaism.
18. No one may attempt 'Aliya (immigration to Israel) from Latin America, Africa or Asia until a firm process is in place and must work through the KJU to facilitate form preparation and potential appeals, otherwise they could jeopardize the 'Aliya of future converts through Karaite Judaism.
19. The process of conversion is not to be taken lightly. Once a gentile joins the ranks of Yisrael, they are obliged to keep the Tora in its entirety. Once a person has converted to the Ways of the Tora there is NO going back and if they stop observing the Tora they will be judged by YHWH as a Yisraeli who has forsaken YHWH and His Tora. Conversion means becoming a part of the Jewish people for better or for worse. Jews have been persecuted for thousands of years, and many a nation has tried to exterminate the Jewish people. One should be aware that conversion means becoming part of a persecuted people, knowing that one day the convert might find themselves in a situation very similar to the one that Jews found themselves in the 1940's at the time of the Holocaust.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

# My Family Tree

