

Genesis accepts students in two application rounds and by rolling admissions after the deadlines have past until all the spots are filled.

The final deadline to submit a complete application for the **first decision round** is **February 8, 2010**. The final deadline to submit a complete application for the **second round** is **March 22, 2010**. **Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the earlier February 8, 2010 deadline**, as we cannot guarantee that program spaces or spaces in each course will be available after the first decision round.

We will send you an email acknowledgement once your application is complete. You will receive your admissions decision by U.S. mail no more than **4 weeks** after the decision round deadline.

If you have questions about the application process, we welcome your call or e-mail. We cannot, however, share the admissions decision via telephone or e-mail.

Required Application Materials (see detailed instructions below):

- Online Forms – parts I and II
- Application Form – **signed by applicant and parent/guardian**
- Applicant Personal Responses – double-spaced and typed, with name printed on each page
- High School Teacher Reference
- Parent/Legal Guardian Reference
- Official High School Transcript
- Application Fee - \$40 (non-refundable) credit card payment or check made payable to Genesis at Brandeis University

This file contains the following application materials:

1. Application Form (page 3)
2. Information about Personal Responses (page 4)
3. Information about References (page 5)
 - One reference from an **academic, high school teacher** is required. If you wish to submit an additional reference, we are pleased to consider it.
 - One **parent/guardian** reference is required.
4. Course Descriptions (page 6)

Financial Aid Applicants:

The Financial Aid Application is in a separate file and available for downloading from our website. Financial aid decisions will be made in two rounds. The final deadline to submit a complete financial aid application for the **first decision round** is **February 8, 2010**. The final deadline to submit a complete financial aid application for the **second round** is **March 22, 2010**. After this deadline, applications will be reviewed if any funds remain. Financial aid decisions will not be made until all financial aid materials have been received.

Contact Information

Genesis at Brandeis University
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Waltham, MA 02454-9110

Tel: 781-736-8416
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genesis@brandeis.edu
www.brandeis.edu/genesis

Your application to Genesis is not considered complete until we have received the \$40 application fee.

- Please send a check payable to:
Genesis at Brandeis University
415 South St., MS 65
Waltham, MA 02454-9110
- Or enter credit card information below (or call the office - 781-736-8416 - to give your information on the phone)

Type of card (please circle one) Visa Mastercard (we do not accept American Express)

Name as it appears card _____

Billing Address _____

16 Digit Card# _____ Exp. Date ___/___

Security Code (3 digit number on the back of the card) _____ (required)

Amount to be charged \$ _____

Our signatures below certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge and that the work is entirely that of the applicant.

Applicant's Name (print) _____

Signature of applicant

date

Signature of parent or guardian

date



Personal Responses

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is your opportunity to help us begin to get to know you in ways different from your references and grades.

- Please **type** your responses to the questions (approximately 250 words for each question)
- Include your name at the top of each page.

Email your responses as a .doc or .pdf attachment to genesis@brandeis.edu or fax them to (815)301-2874

Respond in writing to both of the following questions:

- A. Please review the course descriptions on page 5 of this packet and indicate your choice. What do you hope to contribute and what do you hope to gain from this course? What else do you hope to get out of the Genesis experience?
- B. Imagine a Jewish community whose members come from all kinds of backgrounds. How do you envision Shabbat in this diverse community?

Genesis requires two references:

1. Academic high school teacher reference

- Please ask a high school teacher who is familiar with your academic and personal qualifications to write you a reference.
- Be sure to tell your teacher that a timely completion of the online reference is important.

Steps for Obtaining References from a high school teacher:

a) Fill out the reference contact information form that can be found at:

<http://www.brandeis.edu/genesis/apply/reference>

b) Once we have the contact information, we will email your teacher the link to an **online reference form**.

c) We will notify you as soon as your reference has filled out the form. We encourage you to follow up with your teacher to make sure that it is completed.

2. Parent/guardian reference

When you submit your online forms, we will send your parent/guardian(s) a link to fill out an **online reference form** as well. Please make sure that you submitted at least one parent/guardian email that is different from your own on part I of the online application.

See our website for more detailed descriptions of the courses - www.brandeis.edu/genesis/courses

Innovation and Revolution: The Relationship Between Technology and Society

In this course you will examine the relationship between innovation and revolution throughout history by looking at technologies from the past and present, critical moments in Jewish and secular history, and reflect on yourself as an active agent in the midst of a new technological revolution. The course will give you tools needed to critically appreciate both the negative and positive aspects of technological innovations in society, as well as insight into the relationship between technological innovation and your Jewish identity, commitments and relationships.

Investigating Journalism, Judaism, and Ethics

In this course you will investigate the media and how and why it influences policy, politics and our lives. You will have a chance to work as a journalist – conduct interviews, write articles, and report on issues - while exploring a framework for journalism ethics, developing skills as a critical consumer of the media and looking at questions of truth and objectivity. In this course, you will apply the lens of Jewish sources, ancient wisdom and ethics to the modern international media.

Judaism and Justice

In this course, you will explore the interplay of American law and Jewish legal, social, and moral values. You will consider some pertinent and highly charged legal issues and delve into questions of what is legal, moral and just. Through the study of Jewish and non-Jewish sources of law and ethics, you will gain the tools you need for hands-on practice in oral and written advocacy.

World Religions: Encountering Diversity

In this course, you will explore and challenge the ways the religious traditions of the world draw boundaries to define individuals, their relationships and communities, and the divine. You will visit religious centers, experience worship services, and meet with practitioners of different religions and have the opportunity to reflect on how learning about a wide variety of traditions can help you learn more about your own religious and spiritual life.