STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 359 Graduate
Control: Private (Non-Profit)
Affiliation: Religious - Jewish
Carnegie Classification: Special Focus - Theological seminaries, Bible colleges and other faith-related institutions
Degrees Offered: Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Master's, Post-Master's Certificate, Doctor's - Professional Practice, Doctor's - Research/Scholarship;
Distance Education Programs: Not Approved

Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education: Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None

Additional Locations: HUC-JIR/Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH; HUC-JIR/Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Other Instructional Sites: Jerusalem, 13 King David Street, Jerusalem, 94101, Israel

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION
Status: Member since 1960

Last Reaffirmed: June 27, 2013

Most Recent Commission Action:

June 27, 2013: To reaffirm accreditation and commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process and progress to date. To request a monitoring report, due October 1, 2014, documenting (1) the articulation of clearly defined mission-consistent institutional goals that guide faculty, administration, staff and governing bodies in making decisions related to planning, resource allocation, program and curriculum development, and definition of program outcomes (Standard 1); (2) further development and implementation of an institutional strategic plan that includes clearly stated institution- and unit-level goals and objectives that are stated in terms of outcomes, linked to mission, and used for planning and resource allocation and institutional assessment (Standards 2 and 7) and (3) further development and implementation of an organized, systematic, and sustainable process to assess the achievement of student learning goals that involves faculty, includes direct and indirect measures clearly related to the goals being assessed, provides convincing evidence that students are achieving key learning outcomes, uses results to improve teaching and learning, and uses student learning assessment results as part of institutional assessment (Standard 14). The Periodic Review Report is due November 1, 2018.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

November 15, 2007: To accept the Periodic Review Report, to reaffirm accreditation and to request a progress letter, due April 1, 2009, documenting the implementation of an organized and sustainable assessment process with evidence that results are being used to improve teaching, learning and institutional effectiveness (Standards 7 & 14). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2011-12.

June 25, 2009: To accept the progress letter. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2011-12.

September 20, 2010: To grant the institution a one-year extension on the self-study. The self-study year will be 2012-2013 with an evaluation team visit occurring during the fall semester 2012 or the spring semester 2013.

March 3, 2011: To acknowledge receipt of the complex substantive change request and to include the additional locations at (1) HUC-JIR/ Los Angeles, Jack H. Skirball Campus, 3077 University Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007; (2) HUC-JIR/ Cincinnati, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220; and (3) HUC-JIR/ Jerusalem, 13 King David Street, Jerusalem 94101, Israel, provisionally within the scope of the institution's accreditation,
pending site visits within six months. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2012-2013.

June 23, 2011: To thank the institution for receiving the Commission's representatives and to affirm the inclusion of the following additional locations within the scope of the institution's accreditation: (1) HUC-JIR/Los Angeles, Jack H. Skirball Campus, 3077 University Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007; (2) HUC-JIR/Cincinnati, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220; and (3) HUC-JIR/Jerusalem, 13 King David Street, Jerusalem 94101, Israel. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2012-2013.

June 28, 2011: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the Certificate in Day School Leadership through Teaching and the Graduate Certificate in Jewish Nonprofit Management within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2012-2013.

**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2022 - 2023

**Next Periodic Review Report:** 2018

**Date Printed:** June 2, 2014

**DEFINITIONS**

**Branch Campus** - A location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. The location is independent if the location: offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential; has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

**Additional Location** - A location, other than a branch campus, that is geographically apart from the main campus and at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of an educational program. **ANYA** ("Approved but Not Yet Active") indicates that the location is included within the scope of accreditation but has not yet begun to offer courses. This designation is removed after the Commission receives notification that courses have begun at this location.

**Other Instructional Sites** - A location, other than a branch campus or additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit.

**Distance Education Programs** - Fully Approved, Approved (one program approved) or Not Approved indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer diploma/certificate/degree programs via distance education (programs for which students could meet 50% or more of the requirements of the program by taking distance education courses). Per the Commission's Substantive Change policy, Commission approval of the first two Distance Education programs is required to be "Fully Approved." If only one program is approved by the Commission, the specific name of the program will be listed in parentheses after "Approved."

**EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION ACTIONS**

An institution's accreditation continues unless it is explicitly suspended or removed. In addition to reviewing the institution's accreditation status at least every 5 years, actions are taken for substantive changes (such as a new degree or geographic site, or a change of ownership) or when other events occur that require review for continued
compliance. Any type of report or visit required by the Commission is reviewed and voted on by the Commission after it is completed.

In increasing order of seriousness, a report by an institution to the Commission may be accepted, acknowledged, or rejected.

**Levels of Actions:**

**Grant or Re-Affirm Accreditation** without follow-up

**Defer a decision on initial accreditation:** The institution shows promise but the evaluation team has identified issues of concern and recommends that the institution be given a specified time period to address those concerns.

**Postpone a decision on (reaffirmation of) accreditation:** The Commission has determined that there is insufficient information to substantiate institutional compliance with one or more standards.

**Continue accreditation:** A delay of up to one year may be granted to ensure a current and accurate representation of the institution or in the event of circumstances beyond the institution’s control (natural disaster, U.S. State Department travel warnings, etc.)

**Recommendations to be addressed in the next Periodic Review Report:** Suggestions for improvement are given, but no follow-up is needed for compliance.

**Supplemental Information Report:** This is required when a decision is postponed and are intended only to allow the institution to provide further information, not to give the institution time to formulate plans or initiate remedial action.

**Progress report:** The Commission needs assurance that the institution is carrying out activities that were planned or were being implemented at the time of a report or on-site visit.

**Monitoring report:** There is a potential for the institution to become non-compliant with MSCHE standards; issues are more complex or more numerous; or issues require a substantive, detailed report. A visit may or may not be required.

**Warning:** The Commission acts to Warn an institution that its accreditation may be in jeopardy when the institution is not in compliance with one or more Commission standards and a follow-up report, called a monitoring report, is required to demonstrate that the institution has made appropriate improvements to bring itself into compliance. Warning indicates that the Commission believes that, although the institution is out of compliance, the institution has the capacity to make appropriate improvements within a reasonable period of time and the institution has the capacity to sustain itself in the long term.

**Probation:** The Commission places an institution on Probation when, in the Commission’s judgment, the institution is not in compliance with one or more Commission standards and that the non-compliance is sufficiently serious, extensive, or acute that it raises concern about one or more of the following:

1. the adequacy of the education provided by the institution;
2. the institution’s capacity to make appropriate improvements in a timely fashion; or
3. the institution’s capacity to sustain itself in the long term.

Probation is often, but need not always be, preceded by an action of Warning or Postponement. If the Commission had previously postponed a decision or placed the institution on Warning, the Commission may place the institution on Probation if it determines that the institution has failed to address satisfactorily the Commission’s concerns in the prior action of postponement or warning regarding compliance with Commission standards. This action is
accompanied by a request for a monitoring report, and a special visit follows. Probation may, but need not always, precede an action of Show Cause.

**Suspend accreditation:** Accreditation has been Continued for one year and an appropriate evaluation is not possible. This is a procedural action that would result in Removal of Accreditation if accreditation cannot be reaffirmed within the period of suspension.

**Show cause why the institution’s accreditation should not be removed:** The institution is required to present its case for accreditation by means of a substantive report and/or an on-site evaluation. A "Public Disclosure Statement" is issued by the Commission.

**Remove accreditation.** If the institution appeals this action, its accreditation remains in effect until the appeal is completed.

Other actions are described in the Commission policy, "Range of Commission Actions on Accreditation."