



August 10, 2016

Dear Hatzalah Member Applicant,

It is with our utmost appreciation and bountiful *hakoras hatov* that we take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in volunteering for Hatzalah of Southfield / Oak Park. It means so much to us and to all of Jewish Detroit. We greatly appreciate your desire and commitment to help our community.

Prior to completing the enclosed application we want you to be aware of the commitment Hatzalah will require of you. Such commitment includes training, continuing education, and being on call during your shift, which means being prepared to stop doing whatever it is you are occupied with when a call comes in and attend to the call “immediately” without delay or reluctance. Understandably, this is a tremendous sacrifice and we want to make certain that you and your family, and employer, are well aware of the commitment and requirement involved herein.

Here is some basic information: Training consists of 80 hours of course time, which includes both classroom and ambulance/ER shifts. Training will endure approximately two (2) months at the rate of two classes per week (for eight (8) weeks). The first weekly class (6-7 hours) will take place Sunday (the specific time is still being finalized). The second weekly class (3-4 hours) will take place either Wed. or Thurs. evening (the specific time is still being finalized). State-mandated continued education is monthly and takes four (4) hours, usually at your leisure.

Additionally, halachic shiurim will be given to all Hatzalah members on an ongoing basis to make sure the halachos unique to Hatzalah are understood and followed. All members will be required to attend the shiurim.

Please understand that training costs \$1000 per individual. While Hatzalah of Southfield / Oak Park will be responsible for covering most of it, we will require a \$500 donation from the prospective applicant/volunteer to defray some of the cost.

I am sure you are aware that many factors are considered in making the final decision of an applicant's approval or acceptance as a formal volunteer. A rejection, therefore, should in no way reflect negatively on your sincerity or abilities. In most cases, an approval or rejection of a prospective applicant will be based on practical logistics and expediency (i.e. location, availability, etc.) as we prepare the first class of Hatzalah trainees. That said, should your application initially be rejected, we will keep your application on file, and should the need arise for additional members and or replacing an accepted applicant, we will definitely revisit your application, credentials, and interest.

Supporting Rabbonim:

Rabbi Michael Cohen
Rabbi Ari Kostelitz
Rabbi Shea Werner
Rabbi Meir Simcha Bakst

Rabbi Asher Eisenberger
Rabbi Boruch Levin
Rabbi Eli Yelen

Rabbi Simcha Klein
Rabbi Yechiel Morris
Rabbi Yehuda Bakst

RABBINICAL BOARD

Rabbi Doniel Neustadt
Rabbi Shmuel Irons
Rabbi Yisroel M. Levin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bentzion Oseroff
Shmuel Chaim Bass
Betzion Schechter
Nachy Soloff

MEDICAL BOARD

Dr. Larry Kurz
Dr. Gedalya Cooper

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Steve McGraw



Please feel free to email any questions or comments to detroitatzalah@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Hatzalah of Southfield / Oak Park Board

Supporting Rabbonim:

**Rabbi Michael Cohen
Rabbi Ari Kostelitz
Rabbi Shea Werner
Rabbi Meir Simcha Bakst**

**Rabbi Asher Eisenberger
Rabbi Boruch Levin
Rabbi Eli Yelen**

**Rabbi Simcha Klein
Rabbi Yechiel Morris
Rabbi Yehuda Bakst**



APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Hatzalah of Southfield / Oak Park
detroitatzalah@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest in Hatzalah of Southfield/Oak Park. At this time, we are only accepting applications for emergency responders. While we are highly interested in recruiting medical personnel from within the community, it is not a prerequisite, as Hatzalah of Southfield/Oak Park will train qualified applicants.

RABBINICAL BOARD

Rabbi Doniel Neustadt
Rabbi Shmuel Irons
Rabbi Yisroel M. Levin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bentzion Oseroff
Shmuel Chaim Bass
Betzion Schechter
Nachy Soloff

MEDICAL BOARD

Dr. Larry Kurz
Dr. Gedalya Cooper

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Steve McGraw

To qualify, applicants must:

- Live and/or work in Oak Park or Southfield
- Be married
- Live an orthodox Jewish lifestyle (i.e. observance of Shabbat, holidays, kashrut) as determined acceptable by Hatzalah's Rabbinical Board, consisting of prominent rabbinic leaders in the Metro Detroit Jewish Community
- Be willing to commit to becoming a licensed MFR (coursework of 70 hours for non-medical personnel – approx. two months of training)
- Be willing to complete continuing education requirements and skills maintenance (approximately four hours per month)
- Own a car with current registration, insurance and possess a valid driver's license
- Have no felony convictions on record
- Agree to abide by all halachic decisions rendered by the Hatzalah Rabbinical board
- Be able to commit at least two years volunteering for the organization

Supporting Rabbonim:

Rabbi Michael Cohen
Rabbi Ari Kostelitz
Rabbi Shea Werner
Rabbi Meir Simcha Bakst

Rabbi Asher Eisenberger
Rabbi Boruch Levin
Rabbi Eli Yelen

Rabbi Simcha Klein
Rabbi Yechiel Morris
Rabbi Yehuda Bakst