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Shayna Lopatin, Farber Hebrew Day School, Seventh Recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship

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Shayna Lopatin, a graduating senior at Farber Hebrew Day School, Southfield, MI, is the seventh recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship. The Scholarship offers an outstanding undergraduate woman a \$2,500 stipend toward study in Israel.

Miss Lopatin, was among six applicants who applied for the Scholarship. The Scholarship honors the memory of Mrs. Hilda Specter Morgenstern, who dedicated her life to serving the Jewish community. Mrs. Morgenstern was actively involved in many of the communities she lived in; she and her husband, Mr. Arthur Morgenstern, gave generously to many charities during their lifetimes.

Miss Lopatin is choosing to use her Scholarship towards a year to study abroad in Jerusalem at Amudim. The seminary program provides a rigorous learning program and a supportive religious environment.

When awarded the Scholarship, Miss Lopatin commented, “I am so incredibly honored to be receiving the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship. I hope to channel Mrs. Morgenstern's inspiring life and work into my year in Israel and everything I pursue after that. I am so excited to spend a year in Israel learning and growing in my advocacy and as a person, with the help of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Scholarship.”

The Advisory Board, made up of Mrs. Morgenstern's three daughters, were impressed by Miss Lopatin's dedication and passion to her studies and her community service.

“Shayna Lopatin is a bright, empathetic young woman who shows a strong interest in investing in the public good—specifically for Israel and the Jewish people. That's exactly the kind of woman we had in mind to honor when we created the Scholarship,” said Ahava Leibtag, Administrative Officer of the Scholarship. “

The Advisory Board also felt her recommendation and essay personified a strong Jewish woman who will become a great leader on behalf of the Jewish people.

Applications for the next cycle of Scholarship will be available online next spring.

About the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship:

THE HILDA SPECTER MORGENSTERN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED ONCE A YEAR TO AN AMERICAN JEWISH UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT WHO WILL SPEND AT LEAST ONE SEMESTER STUDYING IN ISRAEL.THE SCHOLARSHIP IS IN HONOR OF MRS. MORGENSTERN, WHO WAS AN ADVOCATE OF JEWISH COMMUNAL WORK AND HAD A STRONG INTEREST IN PUBLIC POLICY.FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE WWW.MORGENSTERNSCHOLARSHIP.ORG.

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