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Elyana Schwartz, Berman Hebrew Academy, Fifth Recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship

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Elyana Schwartz, a graduating senior at Berman Hebrew Academy in Rockville, MD, is the fifth recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship. The Scholarship offers an outstanding undergraduate woman a \$2,500 stipend toward study in Israel. This is the fifth year the Scholarship was awarded.

Miss Schwartz, from Potomac, MD, was among 14 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 Schwartz is choosing to use her Scholarship towards a year to study abroad in Jerusalem at Midreshet Lindenbaum. The seminary program provides a rigorous learning program and a supportive religious environment.

When awarded the Scholarship, Miss Schwartz commented, “It is truly an honor to receive the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to study in Israel and continue exploring my passion for the land and its culture. Studying in Israel will allow me to deepen my understanding and appreciation for Jewish and Israel Education. It is because of inspiring Jewish female role models like Mrs. Morgenstern that I have the motivation to keep learning, questioning, and engaging with my Jewish identity.”

The Advisory Board, made up of Mrs. Morgenstern’s three daughters, were impressed by Miss Schwartz’s dedication and passion to her studies and her community service. She was awarded the Scholarship by a unanimous vote.

“Elyana Schwartz 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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