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**Joelle Rosenthal, Beachwood High School, Ninth Recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship**

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Joelle Rosenthal, a senior at Beachwood High School, and a resident of Beachwood, OH. is the ninth recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship. The Scholarship offers an outstanding undergraduate woman a \$2,500 stipend toward study in Israel.

Miss Rosenthal was among eight 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 Rosenthal is using her scholarship to pursue a dual degree program at Tel-Aviv University and Columbia University. When awarded the Scholarship, Miss Rosenthal said “It is a huge honor to receive this Scholarship. I hope to continue to embody the poignant and timeless words of Mrs. Hilda Specter Morgenstern when she aptly wrote almost 58 years ago that “As a Jew, I am commanded to be motivated by love of God and to teach my children about God. However, according to my religion, it is not possible to love and serve God unless we also love and serve our fellow men and our community.””

The Advisory Board, made up of Mrs. Morgenstern’s two daughters, were impressed by Miss Rosen’s dedication and passion to her studies and her community service. “Joelle Rosenthal 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 this fall. The due date for all application materials is February 28.

**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](http://WWW.MORGENSTERNSCHOLARSHIP.ORG).

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