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**Maayan Milgram, SAR High School, Sixth Recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship**

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Maayan Milgram, a graduating senior at SAR High School, Riverdale, NY, is the sixth recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship. The Scholarship offers an outstanding undergraduate woman a \$2,500 stipend toward study in Israel.

Miss Milgram, from Teaneck, NJ, was among 11 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 Milgram is choosing to use her Scholarship towards a year to study abroad in Jerusalem at Nishmat. The seminary program provides a rigorous learning program and a supportive religious environment.

When awarded the Scholarship, Miss Milgram commented, “I am so honored and thankful to have been chosen as the recipient of this year’s Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship. I am excited to spend a year in Israel learning and growing as a person and as a Jew and I hope to carry on Mrs. Morgenstern’s legacy.”

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

“Maayan Milgram 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](http://WWW.MORGENSTERNSCHOLARSHIP.ORG).

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