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Eliana Rudee, Scripps College Student, First Recipient of Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship

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Eliana Rudee, a junior at Scripps Women's College in Claremont, California, is the first recipient of the Hilda Specter Morgenstern Merit Scholarship. The Scholarship offers an outstanding young undergraduate woman a \$2,500 stipend towards study and service in Israel. This is the first year the Scholarship was awarded.

Miss Rudee, from Mercer Island, WA, was among more than ten 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, and she and her husband, Mr. Arthur Morgenstern, gave generously to many charities during their lifetimes.

Miss Rudee is choosing to use her Scholarship towards a program called Career Israel, through which she has an internship with the Institute of Terrorism Research and Response. She will also spend her time learning Hebrew, Jewish history and Israeli politics, and travelling through the country with her program.

The Advisory Board, made up of Mrs. Morgenstern's three daughters, was impressed by Miss Rudee's drive and accomplishments.

"Eliana is a bright, ambitious young woman who shows a strong interest in investing in the public good. 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 her people. Miss Rudee's winning essay is available on the website: <http://www.morgensternscholarship.org/scholars.html>

Applications for the next cycle of Scholarships 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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