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Return of Private Foundation
 or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
 Treated as a Private Foundation

Note: The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

For calendar year 2008, or tax year beginning , 2008, and ending , 20

G Check all that apply: Initial return Final return Amended return Address change Name change

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, print or type. See Specific Instructions.

Name of foundation: THE MECHNER FOUNDATION
 FKA HUMANITAS FOUNDATION

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address): 68-10 108TH STREET
 Room/suite: Room/suite

City or town, state, and ZIP code: FOREST HILLS, NY 11375

A Employer identification number: 13-7104759

B Telephone number (see page 10 of the instructions): (212) 972-6490

H Check type of organization. Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation

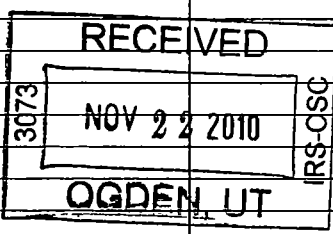
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 1,924,822.

J Accounting method. Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A) check here

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B) check here

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see page 11 of the instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	4,000.			
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B.				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	1,643.	1,643.		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	49,917.	49,917.		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10 a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	55,560.	51,560.			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	70,020.			70,020.
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	33,234.			33,234.
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see page 14 of the instructions) *	6,631.			6,631.
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	633.			
	20 Occupancy	17,125.			17,125.
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	11,193.			11,193.
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule) STMT. 3	21,412.	110.		21,302.
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses				
	Add lines 13 through 23	160,248.	110.		159,505.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	24,450.			24,450.	
26 Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25	184,698.	110.		183,955.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-129,138.				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		51,450.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			-0-		



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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value		
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing		60,047.	958,458.	958,458.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		1,993,913.	963,830.	963,830.
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	5	Grants receivable				
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see page 15 of the instructions)				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10 a	Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
	b	Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)				
	c	Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
	12	Investments - mortgage loans				
	13	Investments - other (attach schedule)				
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶	3,167. 633.	NONE	2,534.	STMT 4 2,534.
15	Other assets (describe ▶)					
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)			2,053,960.	1,924,822.	1,924,822.
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
	18	Grants payable				
	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)				
23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)					
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.					
	24	Unrestricted				
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted				
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund				
29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			2,053,960.	1,924,822.	
30	Total net assets or fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)			2,053,960.	1,924,822.	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)			2,053,960.	1,924,822.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	2,053,960.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-129,138.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,924,822.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	1,924,822.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		(b) How acquired P-Purchase D-Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))	
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see pages 13 and 17 of the instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8.	}		3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No
 If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see page 18 of the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2007			
2006			
2005			
2004			
2003			
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			3
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2008 from Part X, line 5			4
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions on page 18			8

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see page 18 of the instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling letter _____ (attach copy of ruling letter if necessary - see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	1,029.
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	1,029.
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	NONE
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	1,029.
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2008 estimated tax payments and 2007 overpayment credited to 2008	6a	
b	Exempt foreign organizations-tax withheld at source	6b	NONE
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	NONE
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	NONE
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	35.
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	1,064.
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2009 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see page 19 of the instructions for definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>		X
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ▶ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ▶ \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
4b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		N/A
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see page 19 of the instructions) ▶ NY,		
8b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2008 or the taxable year beginning in 2008 (see instructions for Part XIV on page 27)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(3)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see page 20 of the instructions). 11 X
12 Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008? 12 X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? 13 X
Website address N/A
14 The books are in care of STEVEN R SCHAEFFER Telephone no 212-972-6490
Located at 420 LEXINGTON AVE NEW YORK, NY ZIP + 4 10170
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here N/A and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 15

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? Yes No X
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? Yes No X
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? Yes No X
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? Yes No X
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? Yes No X
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). Yes No X
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here 1b N/A
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2008? 1c X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))
a At the end of tax year 2008, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2008? Yes No X If "Yes," list the years
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see page 20 of the instructions) 2b X
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? Yes No X
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2008 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2008) 3b N/A
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? 4a X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2008? 4b X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? Yes No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? Yes No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? Yes No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see page 22 of the instructions) Yes No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? Yes No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 22 of the instructions)? **5b** N/A
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? Yes No
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No **6b** X
If you answered "Yes" to 6b, also file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? Yes No

b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? Yes No **7b** X

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see page 22 of the instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 5		NONE	NONE	NONE

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 6		70,020.	NONE	NONE

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 NONE

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services **NONE**

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 <u>N/A</u>	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see page 23 of the instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 <u>NONE</u>	
2	
All other program-related investments See page 24 of the instructions	
3 <u>NONE</u>	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see page 24 of the instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	1,833,424.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see page 24 of the instructions)	1c	NONE
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	1,833,424.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	NONE
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	1,833,424.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 25 of the instructions)	4	27,501.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,805,923.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	90,296.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see page 25 of the instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here and do not complete this part)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	90,296.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2008 from Part VI, line 5	2a	1,029.
b	Income tax for 2008 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	1,029.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	89,267.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	89,267.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see page 25 of the instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	89,267.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see page 25 of the instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	183,955.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	NONE
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	NONE
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	NONE
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	NONE
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	183,955.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see page 26 of the instructions)	5	N/A
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	183,955.

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see page 26 of the instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2007	(c) 2007	(d) 2008
1 Distributable amount for 2008 from Part XI, line 7				89,267.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2007				
a Enter amount for 2007 only				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2008				
a From 2003				
b From 2004				
c From 2005				
d From 2006				
e From 2007				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2008 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ _____ 183,955.				
a Applied to 2007, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see page 26 of the instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see page 26 of the instructions)				
d Applied to 2008 distributable amount				89,267.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	94,688.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2008. (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	94,688.			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see page 27 of the instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2007 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see page 27 of the instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2008 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2009				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see page 27 of the instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2003 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 27 of the instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2009. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	94,688.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2004				
b Excess from 2005				
c Excess from 2006				
d Excess from 2007				
e Excess from 2008	94,688.			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see page 27 of the instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) NOT APPLICABLE

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2008, enter the date of the ruling

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

Table with 5 columns: (a) 2008, (b) 2007, (c) 2006, (d) 2005, (e) Total. Rows include 2a (Adjusted net income), 2b (85% of line 2a), 2c (Qualifying distributions), 2d (Amounts included in line 2c), 2e (Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct), 3 (Alternative tests: Assets, Endowment, Support).

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see page 27 of the instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

N/A

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

N/A

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here [] if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see page 28 of the instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed

N/A

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

N/A

c Any submission deadlines:

N/A

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

N/A

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year SEE STATEMENT 7				
Total ▶ 3a				24,450.
b Approved for future payment				
Total ▶ 3b				

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Business code, (b) Amount, (c) Exclusion code, (d) Amount, (e) Related or exempt function income. Rows include: 1 Program service revenue (a-f), 2 Membership dues and assessments, 3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments, 4 Dividends and interest from securities, 5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate (a-b), 6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property, 7 Other investment income, 8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory, 9 Net income or (loss) from special events, 10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory, 11 Other revenue (a-e), 12 Subtotal, 13 Total.

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Table with 2 columns: Line No., Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes) (See page 28 of the instructions). Includes a 'NOT APPLICABLE' entry.

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTING FEES	33,234.	33,234.
TOTALS	33,234.	33,234.

FORM 990PF, PART I - TAXES

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DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
PAYROLL TAXES	6,631.	6,631.
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TOTALS	6,631.	6,631.
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FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES
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DESCRIPTION -----	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS -----	NET INVESTMENT INCOME -----	CHARITABLE PURPOSES -----
INSURANCE	3,245.		3,245.
COMPUTER EXPENSES	3,610.		3,610.
UTILITIES	745.		745.
INTERNET	2,000.		2,000.
TELEPHONE	6,031.		6,031.
OTHER RESEARCH EXPENSES	2,533.		2,533.
OFFICE EXPENSES	1,698.		1,698.
ELECTRONIC	440.		440.
BANK SERVICES CHARGES	110.	110.	
MISC. EXPENSES	1,000.		1,000.
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TOTALS	21,412.	110.	21,302.
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LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT NOT HELD FOR INVESTMENT
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ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION DETAIL

FIXED ASSET DETAIL

ASSET DESCRIPTION	METHOD/ CLASS	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	ENDING BALANCE
COMPUTERS	M5		3,167.		3,167.		633.		633.
TOTALS									

FORM 990PF, PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES

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NAME AND ADDRESS

TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER
WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION

VICKI MECHNER
9690 FARMSIDE PLACE
VIENNA, VA 22182

OFFICER

FRANCIS MECHNER
85 HAIGHTS CROSS ROAD
CHAPPAQUA, NY 10514

CHAIRMAN

990PF, PART VIII - COMPENSATION OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION
LAURILYN D. JONES 5025 BROADWAY #3B NEW YORK, NY 10034	40.	70,020.
TOTAL COMPENSATION		70,020.

FORM 990PF, PART XV - GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAID DURING THE YEAR

RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR
AND
FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS

PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION

AMOUNT

B.F. SKINNER FOUNDATION 2 ARROW STREET SUITE 200 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	NONE CHARITY	CHARITY	3,000.
CAMBRIDGE CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL STUDIES 336 BAKER AVENUE CONCORD, MA 01742-2107	NONE CHARITY	CHARITY	16,000
CORDA FOUNDATION PO BOX 9981 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27515	NONE CHARITY	ARTISTIC AND EDUCATIONAL	4,000.
THE BLACKSMITH INSTITUTE 2014 5TH AVE NEW YORK, NY 10035	NONE CHARITY	CHARITY	1,000.
NIHON KI-IN AMERICA INC 323 EAST 52ND ST NEW YORK, NY 10022	NONE CHARITY	CHARITY	400.
SALLY AMATO OPERA GUILD, INC 843 UNION AVENUE NEW WINDSOR, NY 12553	NONE CHARITY	CHARITY	50.

FORM 990PF, PART XV - GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAID DURING THE YEAR

RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR

AND

FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS

PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION

AMOUNT

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAID

24,450.

Depreciation and Amortization
 (Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return
THE MECHNER FOUNDATION

Business or activity to which this form relates
GENERAL DEPRECIATION

Identifying number
13-7104759

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179
 Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property	SEE DETAIL					
b 5-year property		3,167.	5.000	HY	200DB	633.
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property				25 yrs		S/L
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations - see instr	22	633.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? 25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) 26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use 27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use 28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1 29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

Table with 6 columns: (a) Vehicle 1, (b) Vehicle 2, (c) Vehicle 3, (d) Vehicle 4, (e) Vehicle 5, (f) Vehicle 6. Rows include: 30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year, 31 Total commuting miles driven during the year, 32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven, 33 Total miles driven during the year, 34-36 Availability for personal use questions.

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees? 38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? 39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use? 40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received? 41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)

Part VI Amortization

Table with 6 columns: (a) Description of costs, (b) Date amortization begins, (c) Amortizable amount, (d) Code section, (e) Amortization period or percentage, (f) Amortization for this year. Rows include: 42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year, 43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year, 44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report

THE MECHNER FOUNDATION
 Description of Property
 GENERAL DEPRECIATION
DEPRECIATION

Asset description	Date placed in service	Unadjusted Cost or basis	Bus %	179 exp reduction in basis	Basis Reduction	Basis for depreciation	Beginning Accumulated depreciation	Ending Accumulated depreciation	Me-thod	Conv	Life	ACRS class	MA CRS class	Current-year 179 expense	Current-year depreciation
COMPUTERS	08/30/2008	3,167.	100.000			3,167.		633.	200DB	HY			5		633.
Less Retired Assets															
Subtotals		3,167.				3,167.		633.							633.
Listed Property															
Less Retired Assets															
Subtotals															
TOTALS		3,167.				3,167.		633.							633.

Asset description	Date placed in service	Cost or basis	Ending Accumulated amortization	Code	Life	Current-year amortization
TOTALS						

*Assets Retired
 8X9024 1 000