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

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OMB No 1545-0052

2015

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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending

Name of foundation <b>Strauss Foundation, Inc.</b>		A Employer identification number <b>52-6039178</b>
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>101 Garrison Forest Road</b>		B Telephone number (see instructions) <b>(410) 363-1070</b>
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>Owings Mills MD 21117</b>		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1 Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16) \$ <b>1,248,120.</b>	J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

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 instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule) . . . . .		0.			
2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the foundation is not required to attach Sch B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		662.	662.		
4 Dividends and interest from securities . . . . .		27,531.	27,531.		
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 . . . . .					
10a 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. . . . .		28,193.	28,193.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc. . . . .		0.	0.	0.	0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages . . . . .		0.	0.	0.	0.
15 Pension plans, employee benefits. . . . .		0.	0.	0.	0.
16a Legal fees (attach schedule). L-16a Stmt. . . . .		2,357.			2,357.
b Accounting fees (attach sch). . . . .		0.			
c Other prof fees (attach sch). . . . .		0.			
17 Interest . . . . .					
18 Taxes (attach schedule)(see instrs) 2014 Excise Tax on Investment Inc. . . . .		317.			317.
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . . . .					
20 Occupancy . . . . .					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings . . . . .					
22 Printing and publications . . . . .					
23 Other expenses (attach schedule) See Line 23 Stmt . . . . .		36.	36.		
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23 . . . . .		2,710.	36.	0.	2,674.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid . . . . .		53,477.			53,477.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25 . . . . .		56,187.	36.	0.	56,151.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12: a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements . . . . .		-27,994.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-). . . . .			28,157.		
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 . . . . .			120,665.	90,791.	90,791.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .			131,863.	132,525.	132,525.
	3	Accounts receivable . . . . .	0.				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	0.		0.	0.	0.
	4	Pledges receivable . . . . .	0.				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	0.		0.	0.	0.
	5	Grants receivable . . . . .			0.	0.	0.
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . . . .	0.		0.	0.	0.
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch) . . . . .	0.		0.	0.	0.
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	0.		0.	0.	0.
	8	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .			0.	0.	0.
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .			297.	297.	297.
	10a	Investments — U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule) . . . . .			0.	0.	0.
	b	Investments — corporate stock (attach schedule) . L-10b. Stmt . . . . .			125,694.	125,694.	909,346.
	c	Investments — corporate bonds (attach schedule) . . . . .			0.		
	LIABILITIES	11	Investments — land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .				
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .			0.		
12		Investments — mortgage loans . . . . .					
13		Investments — other (attach schedule) . L-13. Stmt . . . . .			113,943.	115,161.	115,161.
14		Land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .	0.				
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	0.		0.	0.	0.
15		Other assets (describe . . . . .)	0.		0.	0.	0.
16		Total assets (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I). . . . .			492,462.	464,468.	1,248,120.
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .			0.	0.	
18		Grants payable . . . . .			0.	0.	
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	19	Deferred revenue . . . . .			0.	0.	
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons . . . . .	0.		0.	0.	
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .	0.		0.	0.	
	22	Other liabilities (describe . . . . .)	0.		0.	0.	
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22) . . . . .			0.	0.	
	24	Unrestricted . . . . .					
25	Temporarily restricted . . . . .						
26	Permanently restricted . . . . .						
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. . . . .		X				
27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .			492,462.	464,468.		
28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund . . . . .						
29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds . . . . .						
30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions) . . . . .			492,462.	464,468.		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) . . . . .			492,462.	464,468.		

## 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	492,462.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a . . . . .	2	-27,994.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) . . . . .	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3 . . . . .	4	464,468.
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	464,468.

**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 shares MLC Company)

(b) How acquired  
P — Purchase  
D — Donation(c) Date acquired  
(mo., day, yr.)(d) Date sold  
(mo., day, yr.)

1 a			
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

(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	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
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 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 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))
2014	56,690.	1,177,942.	0.048126
2013	49,914.	1,081,116.	0.046169
2012	50,708.	985,805.	0.051438
2011	37,682.	908,871.	0.041460
2010	39,055.	847,008.	0.046109
2 Total of line 1, column (d) . . . . .		2	0.233302
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	0.046660
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5 . . . . .		4	1,216,819.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3 . . . . .		5	56,777.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b) . . . . .		6	282.
7 Add lines 5 and 6 . . . . .		7	57,059.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 . . . . .		8	56,151.

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.

**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 — see instructions)**

1 a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 'N/A' on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary — see instrs)			
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	563.
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	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	563.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	563.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2015 estimated tax pmts and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6 a	0.	
b Exempt foreign organizations — tax withheld at source	6 b	0.	
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6 c	450.	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6 d	0.	
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	450.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	9.	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	122.	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	0.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2016 estimated tax	11		
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**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1 a 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
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the definition)?		X
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		
c 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? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities		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? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T		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? If 'Yes,' complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	X	
8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) MD - Maryland		
b 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? If 'No,' attach explanation	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 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	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)(13)? If 'Yes,' attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If 'Yes,' attach statement (see instructions)	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 M. Richard Strauss Telephone no. (410) 363-1070			
Located at 101 Garrison Forest Rd. Owings Mills MD ZIP + 4 21174-4107				
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here			
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 15				
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country				

**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.

	Yes	No
1 a 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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 instructions)?	1 b	X
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here		
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 2015?	1 c	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 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If 'Yes,' list the years 20 __, 20 __, 20 __, 20 __		
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 instructions.)	2 b	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		
20 __, 20 __, 20 __, 20 __		
3 a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2015 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 2015.)	3 b	X
4 a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4 a	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 2015?	4 b	X

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**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)****5 a** 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 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see 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 instructions)?Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐**5 b****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)

**6 a** 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?

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870.

**6 b**

X

**7 a** 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?**7 b****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 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
M. Richard Strauss 101 Garrison Forest Rd Owings Mills MD 21117	President 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Rose K. Strauss 101 Garrison Forest Rd Owings Mills MD 21117	V. Pres. & Treas 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Leon Strauss 101 Garrison Forest Rd Owings Mills MD 21117	Secretary 1.00	0.	0.	0.

**2** Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 — see 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
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 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 None	0.
2 None	0.
3 None	0.
4 None	0.

**Part IX-B** Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 None	0.
2 None	0.
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3 None	0.
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	None

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**Part IX** Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 882,266.
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 240,066.
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>1c</b> 113,017.
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c) . . . . .	<b>1d</b> 1,235,349.
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation) . . . . . <b>1e</b>	
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets . . . . .	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d . . . . .	<b>3</b> 1,235,349.
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions) . . . . .	<b>4</b> 18,530.
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4 . . . . .	<b>5</b> 1,216,819.
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5 . . . . .	<b>6</b> 60,841.

**Part XI** Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6 . . . . .	<b>1</b> 60,841.
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5 . . . . .	<b>2a</b> 563.
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2015. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.) . . . . .	<b>2b</b> 0.
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b . . . . .	<b>2c</b> 563.
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b> 60,278.
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions . . . . .	<b>4</b> 0.
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4 . . . . .	<b>5</b> 60,278.
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>6</b> 0.
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount as adjusted.</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1 . . . . .	<b>7</b> 60,278.

**Part XII** Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes	
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26 . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 56,151.
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B. . . . .	<b>1b</b> 0.
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes . . . . .	<b>2</b> 0.
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:	
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required) . . . . .	<b>3a</b> 0.
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule) . . . . .	<b>3b</b> 0.
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4 . . . . .	<b>4</b> 56,151.
<b>5</b>	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 instructions) . . . . .	<b>5</b> 0.
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .	<b>6</b> 56,151.

**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 instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7 . . . . .				60,278.
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015:				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2014 only . . . . .			6,394.	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years: 20 <u>13</u> , 20 <u>12</u> , 20 <u>11</u> . . . . .		0.		
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:				
<b>a</b> From 2010 . . . . .	0.			
<b>b</b> From 2011 . . . . .	0.			
<b>c</b> From 2012 . . . . .	0.			
<b>d</b> From 2013 . . . . .	1.			
<b>e</b> From 2014 . . . . .	0.			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e . . . . .	1.			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: $\$$ <u>56,151.</u>				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a . . . . .			6,394.	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required — see instructions) . . . . .		0.		
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required — see instructions) . . . . .	0.			
<b>d</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount . . . . .				49,757.
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus . . . . .	0.			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).) . . . . .	0.			0.
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5 . . . . .	1.			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b . . . . .		0.		
<b>c</b> 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 . . . . .		0.		
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount — see instructions . . . . .		0.		
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount — see instructions . . . . .			0.	
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2016 . . . . .				10,521.
<b>7</b> Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required — see instructions) . . . . .	0.			
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . . . .	0.			
<b>9</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a . . . . .	1.			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9:				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2011 . . . . .	0.			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2012 . . . . .	0.			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013 . . . . .	1.			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2014 . . . . .	0.			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2015 . . . . .	0.			

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

N/A

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling. . . . .						
b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section <input type="checkbox"/> 4942(j)(3) or <input type="checkbox"/> 4942(j)(5)						
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed . . . . .	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total	
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012		
b 85% of line 2a . . . . .						
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed . . . . .						
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities . . . . .						
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c . . . . .						
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:						
a 'Assets' alternative test — enter:						
(1) Value of all assets . . . . .						
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i) . . . . .						
b 'Endowment' alternative test — enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed . . . . .						
c 'Support' alternative test — enter:						
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties) . . . . .						
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii) . . . . .						
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization . . . . .						
(4) Gross investment income . . . . .						

**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 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).)

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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

None

**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 instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

See Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc. Programs

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

c Any submission deadlines:

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

**Part XV** Supplementary Information (continued)**3** Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	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
Name and address (home or business)				
<i>a Paid during the year</i>				
Various Charitable Organizations See Attached Schedule MD 21117		See Schd	See Schedule	53,477.
<b>Total</b> . . . . .			<b>3 a</b>	53,477.
<i>b Approved for future payment</i>				
None				
<b>Total</b> . . . . .			<b>3 b</b>	0.



**Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations**


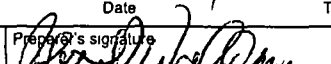
		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		
<b>a</b>	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of		
(1)	Cash . . . . .	<b>1 a (1)</b>	X
(2)	Other assets . . . . .	<b>1 a (2)</b>	X
<b>b</b>	Other transactions:		
(1)	Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization . . . . .	<b>1 b (1)</b>	X
(2)	Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization . . . . .	<b>1 b (2)</b>	X
(3)	Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets . . . . .	<b>1 b (3)</b>	X
(4)	Reimbursement arrangements . . . . .	<b>1 b (4)</b>	X
(5)	Loans or loan guarantees . . . . .	<b>1 b (5)</b>	X
(6)	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations . . . . .	<b>1 b (6)</b>	X
<b>c</b>	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees . . . . .	<b>1 c</b>	X

**d** If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes,' complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

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**2 a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If 'Yes,' complete the following schedule		
(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.				
	 Signature of officer or trustee		8/15/16 Date		Vice-President Title
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name		Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN
	Robert D. Waldman			08/15/16	P01410404
	Firm's name ▶ Robert D. Waldman Firm's address ▶ 3300 Fallstaff Road Baltimore MD 21215		Firm's EIN ▶ Phone no (410) 585-0300		

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I, Line 23

**Line 23 Stmt**

Other expenses:	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc	Charity Disb
Bank Fees	36.	36.		
CD Early Withdrawal Penalty				
<b>Total</b>	<u>36.</u>	<u>36.</u>		

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**Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs**

Name . \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, St, Zip, Phone . \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include \_\_\_\_\_

Any submission deadlines: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name . \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, St, Zip, Phone . \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include \_\_\_\_\_

Any submission deadlines: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Line 16a - Legal Fees**

Name of Provider	Type of Service Provided	Amount Paid Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Robert D. Waldman	Foundation Return Preparation	2,357.			
<b>Total</b>		<u>2,357.</u>			

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 10b

**L-10b Stmt**

Line 10b - Investments - Corporate Stock:	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
300 sh Hess Corporation	5,488.	18,723.
977 sh CST	2,499.	38,074.

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**L-10b Stmt**

Continued

Line 10b - Investments - Corporate Stock:	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
681 sh Cytec Industries, Inc	4,023.	42,733.
436 sh Daimler Chrysler AG	16,232.	38,804.
118 ADS sh HSBC Holdings PLC	11,627.	5,076.
652 sh International Business Machines, Corp	9,250.	100,643.
522 sh Illinois Tool Works, Inc.	7,575.	47,935.
1218 sh PG&E Corp	14,172.	64,457.
400 sh Procter & Gamble Co	17,610.	30,404.
45 sh Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.	716.	1,850.
324 sh Tupperware Brands Corp	2,652.	18,361.
20 sh UAL Corp	202.	1,182.
12 sh Unisys Corp	5,856.	208.
8800 sh Valero Energy Corp	27,792.	500,896.
Total	<u>125,694.</u>	<u>909,346.</u>

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 13  
**L-13 Stmt**

Line 13 - Investments - Other:	End of Year	
	Book Value	Fair Market Value
11,984.826 shs. T Rowe Price GNMA Mutual Fund	113,017.	113,017.
2144.35T Rowe Price Prime Reserve	2,144.	2,144.
Total	<u>115,161.</u>	<u>115,161.</u>



# SCHEDULE FOR PART XV

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2015 Strauss Foundation, Inc.  
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Accuracy in Media 4350 East West Hwy. Suite 555, Bethesda, MD 20814	Educational	\$ 100.00
American Cancer Society 250 Williams St. NW, Atlanta GA 30303	Medical	\$ 200.00
American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital 55 W. 39th St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018	Medical	\$ 750.00
Amerian Committee for Weizmann Institute 515 Park Ave New York, New York	Research	\$ 600.00
American Friends of Hebrew University 5100 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016	Educational	\$ 350.00
American Jewish Committee 165 E 56th St., NY, NY 10022	Educational	\$ 300.00
American Enterprise Institute 1150 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036	Educational	\$ 100.00
American Friends of Magen David Adom 888 7th Ave, New York, New York	Medical	\$ 300.00
American Friends of Tel Aviv University 39 Broadway, #1510, New York, NY 10006	Educational	\$ 100.00
Anti-defamation League Box 5609 Hicksville, NY 11802	Educational	\$ 300.00
Associated Jewish Comm Fed Of Baltimore 101 Mount Royal Ave, Baltimore, MD	Charity	\$ 25,500.00
Baltimore Museum Of Art Art Museum Drive, Baltimore, MD	Educational	\$ 55.00
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD 21201	Educational	\$ 120.00
Beth Tfiloh Cong. 3300 old Court Road, Baltimore, MD 21208	Religious	\$ 3,600.00
B'nai B'rith 2020 K St. NW., Washington, DC 20006	Educational	\$ 200.00
Boys Town Jerusalem 1 Penn Plaza, New York, NY 10119	Charity	\$ 100.00
Camera Box 35040, Boston, MA 02135	Educational	\$ 200.00
Capitol Research Center 1513 16th St. NW, Washington, DC	Educational	\$ 100.00
Cato 224 2nd St SE, Washington, DC	Educational	\$ 100.00
CFACT 1875 Eye St. NW, Washington, DC 20006	Educational	\$ 100.00
Chizuk Amuno Congregation Stevenson, MD	Religious	\$ 7,769.00
Churchill Center 8016 McKenstry Drive, Laurel, MD 20723	Educational	\$ 50.00

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2015 Strauss Foundation, Inc. Claremont Institute 937 Foothill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711	Educational	\$ 100.00
Cypress String Quartet 912 Cole St., #137, San Francisco, CA 94117	Educational	\$ 100.00
Freedom Alliance 22570 Markey Court, Dulles VA 20166	Educational	\$ 125.00
Flame Box 590359 San Francisco, CA 94159	Educational	\$ 250.00
Foundation for Economic Education 30 S. Broadway, Irvington New York 10533	Educational	\$ 100.00
Friends of IDF 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018	charity	\$ 118.00
Friends of United Hatzolah 208 E. 51st St., New York, NY 10022	Medical	\$ 150.00
Friends of Yad Sarah 450 Park Ave, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10022	charitable	\$ 200.00
Goucher College Towson Maryland	Educational	\$ 200.00
Heritage Foundation 214 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002	Educational	\$ 300.00
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society 200 Park Ave, New York, NY 1003	Charitable	\$ 250.00
Hillel 800 8th St. NW, Washington DC 20001	Educational	\$ 200.00
David Horowitz Freedom Center PO Box 55089, Sherman Oaks, CA 91499	Educational	\$ 150.00
Institute for Humane Studies 3434 Washington Blvd., MS 1C5, Arlington, VA	Educational	\$ 100.00
Intercollegiate Studies Institute 3901 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19807	Educational	\$ 200.00
Jewish Braille 110 E. 30th ST., New York, NY 10016	education	\$ 150.00
Jewish Guild for the Blind 15 W. 65th t., New York, NY 10023	medical	\$ 50.00
Jewish War Veterans 1811 R. ST. NW, Washington, DC 20009	Charitable	\$ 150.00
Jewish National Fund 78 Randall Ave., Rockville Center, NY 11570	Charitable	\$ 300.00
Johns Hopkins University Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21218	Educational	\$ 600.00
Judicial Watch 425 3rd St. SW. Washington DC 20024	Educational	\$ 150.00
Keren Or 1133 Broadway New York, NY 10160	Medical	\$ 250.00

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NAME AND ADDRESS			
Krieger Eye Institute	2411 W. Belvedere, Baltimore, MD	Medical	\$ 1,000.00
Levindale	2434 W. Belvedere, Baltimore, MD	Medical	\$ 1,000.00
Lifebridge Health	2411 W. Belvedere, Baltimore, MD	Medical	\$ 1,000.00
Ludwig von Mises Institute	Auburn University, Auburn Georgia	Educational	\$ 150.00
McDonogh School	McDonogh, MD	Educational	\$ 200.00
Manhattan Institute	52 Vanderbilt Ave, New York, NY 10017	Educational	\$ 750.00
Medical Alumni Univ of Md	522 W. Lombard. St., Baltimore, MD 21201	Educational	\$ 185.00
Memorial Sloan-Kettering	1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10065	Medical	\$ 100.00
National World War II Museum	945 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130	Educational	\$ 35.00
Ner Israel Rabbinical College	Yeshiva Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208	Educational	\$ 100.00
Paralysed Veterans of America		Medical	\$ 20.00
Sheareth Israel Cong.	Glen Ave. and Park Heights Baltimore, MD 21215	Religious	\$ 250.00
Shriver Hall Concert Series	3400 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218	Education	\$ 100.00
Stand with Us	PO Box 341069, Los Angeles, CA 90034	Educational	\$ 500.00
Torah Institute of Baltimore	35 Rosewood Ln., Owings Mills, MD 21117	Educational	\$ 100.00
UJA Federation, NY	130 E. 59th St., New York, NY 10022	Charitable	\$ 100.00
US Navy Memorial	701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington DC	Educational	\$ 25.00
USO	PO Box 96860, Washington, DC 20077	charity	\$ 25.00
WETA	3939 Campbell Ave., Arlington, VA 22206	Educational	\$ 100.00
Wilmer Eye Institute	600 N. Wolfe St, Baltimore, MD	Medical	\$ 2,000.00
World Jewish Congress	501 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022	Educational	\$ 350.00
Zionist Organization of America	4 E. 34th Street, New York, NY 10016	Educational	\$ 200.00
		TOTAL	\$ 53,477.00