

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

2015

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For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning 12/01/15, and ending 11/30/16

<p>Name of foundation THE ELISA AND HOWARD MERMELSTEIN FOUNDATION Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 137-47 71ST AVENUE City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code FLUSHING NY 11367</p>		A Employer identification number 20-8111269							
		B Telephone number (see instructions) 212-962-6100							
<p>G Check all that apply</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Final return</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Address change</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Name change</td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity	<input type="checkbox"/> Final return	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	<p>C If exemption application is pending, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D 1 Foreign organizations, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity								
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return								
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	<input type="checkbox"/> Name change								
<p>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</p>									
<p>I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ► \$ 777,359 (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)</p>		<p>J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)</p>							
<p>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))</p>		(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)		55,000							
2 Check ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B									
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		10							
4 Dividends and interest from securities									
5a Gross rents		27,281	27,281						
b Net rental income or (loss) 5,315									
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		1							
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a		1							
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			1						
8 Net short-term capital gain				0					
9 Income modifications									
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances									
b Less Cost of goods sold									
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)		1,700							
11 Other income (attach schedule)			1,700						
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		82,282	27,282	0					
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc		0							
14 Other employee salaries and wages									
15 Pension plans, employee benefits									
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)									
b Accounting fees (attach schedule)									
c Other professional fees (attach schedule)									
17 Interest									
18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)									
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion Stmt 1		16,947	16,947						
20 Occupancy		4,144	4,144						
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings									
22 Printing and publications									
23 Other expenses (att sch) Stmt 2		875	875						
24 Total operating and administrative expenses.		21,966	21,966	0	0				
Add lines 13 through 23		101,430			101,430				
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		123,396	21,966	0	101,430				
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		-41,104	5,316		0				
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12									
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements									
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)									
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)									

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	28,776	4,619	4,619
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			
	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 instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (att schedule) ► See Wrk	3,500	0	
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ►			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	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 sch) ►			
	12	Investments – mortgage loans			
	13	Investments – other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ►	624,048		
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch) ► Stmt 3	174,266		
	15	Other assets (describe ► See Statement 4)		240	240
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)		499,245	458,141
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 ►)		0	0
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.		► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	24	Unrestricted		499,245	458,141
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31.		► <input 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			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		499,245	458,141
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		499,245	458,141

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	499,245
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-41,104
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	458,141
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	458,141

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 Capital Gain Distribution					
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 1			1		
b					
c					
d					
e					
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))		
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any			
a			1		
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	1	
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	79,265	734,964	0.107849
2013	15,740	664,436	0.023689
2012	24,815	643,957	0.038535
2011	11,780	566,442	0.020796
2010	17,222	624,943	0.027558

2 Total of line 1, column (d)

2 0.218427

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 0.043685

4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5

4 810,533

5 Multiply line 4 by line 3

5 35,408

6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)

6 53

7 Add lines 5 and 6

7 35,461

8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4

8 101,430

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)

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 or determination letter (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)	1	53		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b				
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	53		
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	53		
6	Credits/Payments				
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	108		
b	Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	6b			
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c			
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d			
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	108		
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8			
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9			
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	55		
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2016 estimated tax ►	55	Refunded ►	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

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?	Yes	No
1a		X	
1b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)?	Yes	No
1b	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		
1c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	Yes	No
1c		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?	Yes	No
2	If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		
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	Yes	No
3		X	
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	Yes	No
4a		X	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	Yes	No
4b		X	
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?	Yes	No
5	If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either	Yes	No
6	• By language in the governing instrument, or		
6	• 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?		
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	Yes	No
7		X	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ►		
8a	NY		
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	Yes	No
8b		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	Yes	No
9		X	
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	Yes	No
10		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	Yes	No
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? Website address ► N/A	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ► ORGANIZATION 137-47 71 AVE	Telephone no ► 212-962-6100		
	Located at ► FLUSHING	NY	ZIP+4 ► 11367	
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? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	Yes	No

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
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	(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)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	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 2015?	N/A	
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)	N/A	
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	2b	
3a	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)	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	
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?	X	
		4b	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	N/A ► <input type="checkbox"/>	5b	
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? If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53 4945–5(d)	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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		6b	X
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	N/A	7b	

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
ELISA MERMELSTEIN 137-47 71 AVE	FLUSHING NY 11367	TRUSTEE 5.00	0	0
HOWARD MERMELSTEIN 137-47 71 AVE	FLUSHING NY 11367	TRUSTEE 5.00	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

► 0

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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 ►

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 N/A

2

3

4

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 N/A

2

All other program-related investments. See instructions

3

Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ►

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see 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	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	45,038
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	777,838
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	822,876
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	822,876
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	12,343
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	810,533
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	40,527

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.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	40,527
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	53
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	53
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	40,474
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	40,474
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	40,474

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see 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	101,430
b	Program-related investments – total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the	3a	
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3b	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	4	101,430
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	5	
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 instructions)	6	53
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4		101,377

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
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				40,474
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010				
b From 2011				
c From 2012				
d From 2013				
e From 2014				
f Total of lines 3a through e	35,719	35,719		
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ 101,430				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required – see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required – see instructions)				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				40,474
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	60,956			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (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:	96,675			
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
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 instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount – see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2016				0
7 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)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	96,675			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011				
b Excess from 2012				
c Excess from 2013				
d Excess from 2014	35,719			
e Excess from 2015	60,956			

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

1a	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)
2a	Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed							
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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\$55,000

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 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

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	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)				
a Paid during the year See Statement 5				101,430
Total			► 3a	101,430
b Approved for future payment N/A				
Total			► 3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

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	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	10	
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property			16	5,315	
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					1
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0		5,325	1
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13	5,326

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Amino Acids to Proteins

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to

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

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 instructions)
N/A	

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

1 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?

a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of

- (1) Cash
- (2) Other assets

b Other transactions

(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization

(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization

(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets

(4) Reimbursement arrangements

(5) Loans or loan guarantees

(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

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.

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements
N/A			

2a 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
N/A		

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

May the IRS discuss this return
with the preparer shown below
(see instructions)? Yes No

**Sign
Here**

Signature of officer or trustee

Data

TRUSTEE

Signature of officer or trustee		Date	Date
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date
	<u>MICHAEL LIPSTEIN</u>	<u>MICHAEL LIPSTEIN</u>	<u>3/21/17</u>
	Firm's name ► WASSER, BRETTLER, KLAR & LIPSTEIN, LLP CPA	PTIN P01069367	
Firm's address ► 132 NASSAU STREET SUITE 300 NEW YORK, NY 10038	Firm's EIN ► 13-2659310		
	Phone no 212-962-6100		

► Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

► **Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

Name of the organization

THE ELISA AND HOWARD
MERMELSTEIN FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

20-8111269

Organization type (check one)

Filers of: _____ **Section:** _____

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)() (enter number) organization

- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor Complete Parts I and II See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1 Complete Parts I and II

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals Complete Parts I, II, and III

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc , purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000 If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc , purpose Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc , contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year

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Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization

THE ELISA AND HOWARD

Employer identification number

20-8111269

Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	ELISA & HOWARD MERMELSTEIN 137-47 71 AVENUE FLUSHING NY 11367	\$ 55,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

Form 990-PF	Other Notes and Loans Receivable			2015
	For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning		12/01/15	, and ending 11/30/16
Name THE ELISA AND HOWARD MERMELSTEIN FOUNDATION				Employer Identification Number 20-8111269

Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 7 - Additional Information

Name of borrower		Relationship to disqualified person
(1) Loan Receivable		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

Original amount borrowed	Date of loan	Maturity date	Repayment terms	Interest rate
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

Security provided by borrower		Purpose of loan	
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			
(7)			
(8)			
(9)			
(10)			

Consideration furnished by lender	Balance due at beginning of year	Balance due at end of year	Fair market value
(1)	3,500	3,500	3,500
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			
(7)			
(8)			
(9)			
(10)			
Totals	3,500	3,500	3,500

Federal Statements**Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 19 - Depreciation**

Description		Prior Year Depreciation	Method	Life	Current Year Depreciation	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
Date Acquired	Cost Basis						
BUILDING							
1/01/07	\$ 453,955	\$ 146,504	S/L	27.5	\$ 16,507	\$ 16,507	\$
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	7,000	7,000	200DB	7			
1/01/07							
IMPROVEMENTS							
7/31/08	7,943	2,130	S/L	27.5	289	289	
ALARM							
9/05/08	1,000	1,000	200DB	7			
WINDOWS & DOORS							
5/11/11	4,150	685	S/L	27.5	151	151	
Total	\$ 474,048	\$ 157,319		\$ 16,947	\$ 16,947	\$ 0	

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23 - Other Expenses

Description		Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
		\$	\$	\$	\$
ONE FAMILY HOUSE					
INSURANCE					
WATER & SEWER					
Total		241 634 \$ 875	241 634 \$ 875	\$ 0	\$ 0

Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 14 - Land, Building, and Equipment

Description		Beginning Net Book	End Cost / Basis	End Accumulated Depreciation	Net FMV
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		316,729 150,000	474,048 150,000	174,266	619,000 150,000
Total		\$ 466,729	\$ 624,048	\$ 174,266	\$ 769,000

Federal Statements**Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 15 - Other Assets**

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Fair Market Value
SECURITY DEPOSIT	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240
Total	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240

Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 1a - Managers Who Contributed Over 2% or \$5,000

Name of Manager	Amount
ELISA & HOWARD MERMELSTEIN	\$ 55,000
Total	\$ 55,000

Federal Statements

Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 3a - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year

Name	Address	Relationship	Status	Purpose	Amount
AMERICA FRIENDS OF KOLEL TIFERES				CHARITABLE	10,000
CHAI LIFELINE				CHARITABLE	1,800
CONGREGATION BAIS MEDRASH AVREICHIM				CHARITABLE	1,800
CONGREGATION BAIS SHALOM				CHARITABLE	1,800
CONGREGATION MISCHO YEHUDA				CHARITABLE	5,000
FIDELITY CHARITABLE GIFT FUND				CHARITABLE	10,000
GATEWAYS				CHARITABLE	5,560
JWRP				CHARITABLE	2,700
MIR YESHIVA				CHARITABLE	3,600
MISC \$1000 AND UNDER				CHARITABLE	9,370
SONS OF ISRAEL				CHARITABLE	10,000
YESHIVA OF FAR ROCKAWAY				CHARITABLE	28,000
YISROEL ELFASSY				CHARITABLE	1,800
ZICHRON AVOS				CHARITABLE	10,000
Total					<u><u>101,430</u></u>