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## Return of Private Foundation

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

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Form 990-PF

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For calendar year 2016 or tax year beginning DEC 1, 2016, and ending NOV 30, 2017

Name of foundation <b>THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL STUDIES</b>		A Employer identification number <b>35-7089790</b>
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>1 QUAKER RIDGE ROAD</b>	Room/suite	B Telephone number <b>(516) 997-3232</b>
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>BROOKVILLE, NY 11545</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 checked="" 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 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <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, col (c), line 16) <b>\$ 3,907,610.</b>		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
J Accounting method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		

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))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received				
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	20,611.	20,611.		STATEMENT 1
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	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)		0.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss)				
	11 Other income				
	12 Total Add lines 1 through 11	20,611.	20,611.	0.	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees				
b Accounting fees	8,000.	0.	0.	8,000.	
c Other professional fees					
17 Interest					
18 Taxes					
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings					
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses	12.	0.	0.	12.	
24 Total operating and administrative expenses Add lines 13 through 23	8,012.	0.	0.	8,012.	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	227,500.			50,000.	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	235,512.	0.	0.	58,012.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	<214,901.>				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		20,611.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.		

**Part II Balance Sheets**

Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,945,011.	3,907,610.	3,907,610.
	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			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	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			
	b Investments - corporate stock			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
Less: accumulated depreciation ▶				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
Less: accumulated depreciation ▶				
15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
16 <b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	3,945,011.	3,907,610.	3,907,610.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable		177,500.	
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
23 <b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	177,500.		
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31</b>			
	24 Unrestricted	3,945,011.	3,730,110.	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 31</b>			
	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 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	3,945,011.	3,730,110.	
31 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	3,945,011.	3,907,610.		

**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	3,945,011.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	<214,901.>
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	3,730,110.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	3,730,110.

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**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b NONE				
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). 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))
2015	75,062.	3,864,558.	.019423
2014	10,313.	2,956,687.	.003488
2013			
2012			
2011			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.022911
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	.011456
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5	4	3,872,591.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	44,364.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	206.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	44,570.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.	8	58,012.

**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)			
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		1	206.
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	206.
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	206.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	6a		
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		0.
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		206.
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2017 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11		

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the definition)? 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		X
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 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.		
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
4a 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	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> 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	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 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (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

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**Part VII-A** Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
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? Website address ► N/A	13	X
14 The books are in care of ► <b>TODRES &amp; COMPANY, LLP</b> Telephone no. ► <b>516-997-3232</b> Located at ► <b>400 POST AVENUE, SUITE 205, WESTBURY, NY</b> ZIP+4 ► <b>11590</b>		
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	N/A
16 At any time during calendar year 2016, 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	X

**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):		
(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 2016?	1c	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? If "Yes," list the years ► 2014, 2015, _____, _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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.)	2b	X
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► _____, _____, _____, _____		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2016 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 2016)	N/A	
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016?	4b	X

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**Part VII-B** Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 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)?

N/A

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

☐**c** If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

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

6b

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

X

**7a** At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

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.

(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
SHAILESH JAIN C/O TODRES & CO., LLP 400 POST AVE WESTBURY, NY 11590	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 5.00	0.	0.	0.

**2** Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). 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 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	3,931,564.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	3,931,564.
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	3,931,564.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	58,973.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	3,872,591.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	193,630.

**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	193,630.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5	2a	206.
b	Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	206.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	193,424.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	193,424.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	193,424.

**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	58,012.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
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:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	58,012.
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	5	206.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	57,806.

**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.

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**Part XIII** Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				193,424.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
a Enter amount for 2015 only			193,057.	
b Total for prior years:				
2014, ,		50,271.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016				
a From 2011				
b From 2012				
c From 2013				
d From 2014				
e From 2015				
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 58,012.				
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a			58,012.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2016 distributable amount				0.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:	0.			
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		50,271.		
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		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		50,271.		
e Undistributed income for 2015. Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instr.			135,045.	
f Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2017				193,424.
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)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017 Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2012				
b Excess from 2013				
c Excess from 2014				
d Excess from 2015				
e Excess from 2016				



**Part XV** Supplementary Information (continued)

<b>3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment</b>				
Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<b>a Paid during the year</b>  NEW YORK UNIVERSITY 25 WEST FOURTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10012-1119	N/A	PUBLIC CHARITY	TO PRESERVE AND EMBELLISH HINDU, VEDANTA AND/OR BUDDHIST TRADITIONS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE.	50,000.
<b>Total</b>			<b>3a</b>	50,000.
<b>b Approved for future payment</b>  NEW YORK UNIVERSITY 25 WEST FOURTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10012-1119	N/A	PUBLIC CHARITY	TO PRESERVE AND EMBELLISH HINDU, VEDANTA AND/OR BUDDHIST TRADITIONS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE.	177,500.
<b>Total</b>			<b>3b</b>	177,500.

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## GENERAL EXPLANATION

## STATEMENT

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## FORM/LINE IDENTIFIER AND DESCRIPTION/RETURN REFERENCE

FORM 990-F, PART VII-B, LINE 2B - REASONABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

## EXPLANATION:

CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL STUDIES (THE "FOUNDATION") REQUESTS ABATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 4962 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE") OF ITS LIABILITY FOR EXCISE TAXES IMPOSED BY SECTION 4942(A) OF THE CODE. AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOUNDATION'S FAILURE TO DISTRIBUTE INCOME AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 4942 OF THE CODE WAS DUE TO REASONABLE CAUSE AND NOT WILLFUL NEGLECT AND THE REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS OF INCOME WERE MADE IN THE CORRECTION PERIOD AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4963(E) OF THE CODE.

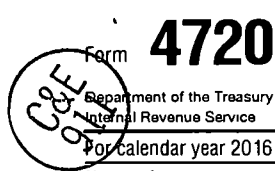
SHAILESH JAIN AND BRIAN HAND, THE CO-TRUSTEES OF THE FOUNDATION, CAUSED THE FOUNDATION TO BE ORGANIZED IN 2015 BY A LAW FIRM THAT WAS ENGAGED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE LAW FIRM ORGANIZED THE CORPORATION AND FILED ON THE FOUNDATION'S BEHALF FORM 1023. WHILE THE LAW FIRM ADVISED THE CO-TRUSTEES ON THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO ORGANIZE THE FOUNDATION AND TO FILE IRS FORM 1023, THE LAW FIRM FAILED TO CONTINUALLY ADVISE ON THE OPERATION OF THE FOUNDATION. NEITHER OF THE CO-TRUSTEES IS AN EXPERT IN TAX LAW OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND NEITHER HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE OPERATING OR MANAGING A PRIVATE FOUNDATION. THUS, THE CO-TRUSTEES RELIED ON THE ADVICE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS IN OPERATING AND MANAGING THE FOUNDATION.

IN ADDITION TO THE LAW FIRM, THE FOUNDATION ENGAGED A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL TAX RETURNS OF THE FOUNDATION TO MAINTAIN FILING COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND NEW YORK STATE REGULATIONS. THE ACCOUNTING FIRM DID NOT CONTINUALLY ADVISE MR. JAIN OR MR. HAND OF THE REQUIREMENT TO MAKE DISTRIBUTIONS EQUAL TO THE MINIMUM INVESTMENT RETURN. FURTHER, THE ORIGINAL FORM 990-PF DID NOT CONTAIN THE REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS. THE OFFICERS OF THE FOUNDATION HAD NO REASON TO KNOW THAT THE FOUNDATION WAS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE AS IT APPLIED TO PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS.

THE FOUNDATION ENGAGED NEW COUNSEL IN 2019. THE NEW COUNSEL IDENTIFIED THE FAILURE IN 2015, 2016 AND 2017 TO MAKE THE REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS AND PROMPTLY ADVISED THE OFFICERS OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE FAILURE AND THE NEED TO CORRECT THIS FAILURE. UPON LEARNING OF THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2015, 2016 AND 2017, THE FOUNDATION MADE DISTRIBUTIONS AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE A TO THIS STATEMENT. FOLLOWING THESE DISTRIBUTIONS, THE FOUNDATION HAS NOW COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015, 2016 AND 2017. THE FOUNDATION WILL MAKE DISTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 30, 2019 TO MEET THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT OF THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2018.

BASED ON THE ABOVE, THE FOUNDATION ASSERTS THAT THE EXCISE TAX  
LIABILITY UNDER SECTION 4942 SHOULD BE ABATED FOR FISCAL YEARS NOVEMBER  
30, 2015, 2016 AND 2017.





## REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT

## Return of Certain Excise Taxes Under Chapters 41 and 42 of the Internal Revenue Code

OMB No 1545-0052

2016

(Sections 170(f)(10), 664(c)(2), 4911, 4912, 4941, 4942, 4943, 4944, 4945, 4955, 4958, 4959, 4965, 4966, and 4967)

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For calendar year 2016 or other tax year beginning

DEC 1

, 2016, and ending

NOV 30, 2017

Name of organization or entity

Employer identification number

THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL STUDIES

35-7089790

Number, street, and room or suite no. (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

1 QUAKER RIDGE ROAD

Check box for type of annual return:

☐ Form 990 ☐ Form 990-EZ

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

BROOKVILLE, NY 11545

☒ Form 990-PF☐ Form 5227

Yes No

A Is the organization a foreign private foundation within the meaning of section 4948(b)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

B Has corrective action been taken on any taxable event that resulted in Ch. 42 taxes being reported on this form? (Enter "N/A" if not applicable)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," attach a detailed description and documentation of the corrective action taken and, if applicable, enter the fair market value of any property recovered as a result of the correction \$ . If "No," (that is, any uncorrected acts or transactions), attach an explanation (see instructions).

**Part I Taxes on Organization** (Sections 170(f)(10), 664(c)(2), 4911(a), 4912(a), 4942(a), 4943(a), 4944(a)(1), 4945(a)(1), 4955(a)(1), 4959, 4965(a)(1), and 4966(a)(1))

1	Tax on undistributed income - Schedule B, line 4	1	55,595.
2	Tax on excess business holdings - Schedule C, line 7	2	
3	Tax on investments that jeopardize charitable purpose - Schedule D, Part I, column (e)	3	
4	Tax on taxable expenditures - Schedule E, Part I, column (g)	4	
5	Tax on political expenditures - Schedule F, Part I, column (e)	5	
6	Tax on excess lobbying expenditures - Schedule G, line 4	6	
7	Tax on disqualifying lobbying expenditures - Schedule H, Part I, column (e)	7	
8	Tax on premiums paid on personal benefit contracts	8	
9	Tax on being a party to prohibited tax shelter transactions - Schedule J, Part I, column (h)	9	
10	Tax on taxable distributions - Schedule K, Part I, column (f)	10	
11	Tax on a charitable remainder trust's unrelated business taxable income. Attach statement	11	
12	Tax on failure to meet the requirements of section 501(r)(3)-Schedule M, Part II, line 2	12	
13	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1 - 12)	13	55,595.

**Part II-A Taxes on Managers, Self-Dealers, Disqualified Persons, Donors, Donor Advisors, and Related Persons**

(Sections 4912(b), 4941(a), 4944(a)(2), 4945(a)(2), 4955(a)(2), 4958(a), 4965(a)(2), 4966(a)(2), and 4967(a))

(a) Name and address of person subject to tax. City or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code		(b) Taxpayer identification number		
a				
b				
c				
	(c) Tax on self-dealing - Schedule A, Part II, col. (d), and Part III, col. (d)	(d) Tax on investments that jeopardize charitable purpose - Schedule D, Part II, col. (d)	(e) Tax on taxable expenditures - Schedule E, Part II, col. (d)	(f) Tax on political expenditures - Schedule F, Part II, col. (d)
a				
b				
c				
Total				
	(g) Tax on disqualifying lobbying expenditures - Sch H, Part II, col. (d)	(h) Tax on excess benefit transactions - Schedule I, Part II, col. (d), and Part III, col. (d)	(i) Tax on being a party to prohibited tax shelter transactions - Schedule J, Part II, col. (d)	(j) Tax on taxable distributions - Schedule K, Part II, col. (d)
a				
b				
c				
Total				
	(k) Tax on prohibited benefits - Sch L, Part II, col. (d), and Part III, col. (d)			(l) Total - Add cols. (c) through (k)
a				
b				
c				
Total				

**Part II-B Summary of Taxes** (See **Tax Payments** in the instructions)

<b>1</b>	Enter the taxes listed in Part II-A, column (I), that apply to managers, self-dealers, disqualified persons, donors, donor advisors, and related persons who sign this form. If all sign, enter the total amount from Part II-A, column (I)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Total tax.</b> Add Part I, line 13, and Part II-B, line 1	<b>2</b>	55,595.
<b>3</b>	Total payments including amount paid with Form 8868 (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Tax due.</b> If line 2 is larger than line 3, enter amount owed (see instructions)	<b>4</b>	55,595.
<b>5</b>	<b>Overpayment.</b> If line 2 is smaller than line 3, enter the difference. This is your refund	<b>5</b>	

**SCHEDULE A - Initial Taxes on Self-Dealing** (Section 4941)**Part I Acts of Self-Dealing and Tax Computation**

(a) Act number	(b) Date of act	(c) Description of act	(d) Question number from Form 990-PF, Part VII-B, or Form 5227, Part VI-B, applicable to the act	(e) Amount involved in act	(f) Initial tax on self-dealer (10% of col. (e))	(g) Tax on foundation managers (if applicable) (lesser of \$20,000 or 5% of col. (e))
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

**Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Self-Dealers and Proration of Payments**

(a) Names of self-dealers liable for tax	(b) Act no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (f), or prorated amount	(d) Self-dealer's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c)) (see instructions)

**Part III Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments**

(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Act no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (g), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c)) (see instructions)

**SCHEDULE B - Initial Tax on Undistributed Income** (Section 4942)

<b>1</b>	Undistributed income for years before 2015 (from Form 990-PF for 2016, Part XIII, line 6d)	<b>1</b>	50,271.
<b>2</b>	Undistributed income for 2015 (from Form 990-PF for 2016, Part XIII, line 6e)	<b>2</b>	135,045.
<b>3</b>	Total undistributed income at end of current tax year beginning in 2016 and subject to tax under section 4942 (add lines 1 and 2)	<b>3</b>	185,316.
<b>4</b>	<b>Tax.</b> Enter 30% of line 3 here and on Part I, line 1	<b>4</b>	55,595.

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**SCHEDULE C - Initial Tax on Excess Business Holdings**(Section 4943)**Business Holdings and Computation of Tax**

If you have taxable excess holdings in more than one business enterprise, attach a separate schedule for each enterprise. Refer to the instructions for each line item before making any entries.

Name and address of business enterprise

Employer identification number

Form of enterprise (corporation, partnership, trust, joint venture, sole proprietorship, etc.)

		(a) Voting stock (profits interest or beneficial interest)	(b) Value	(c) Nonvoting stock (capital interest)
1	Foundation holdings in business enterprise	1		
2	Permitted holdings in business enterprise	2		
3	Value of excess holdings in business enterprise	3		
4	Value of excess holdings disposed of within 90 days; or, other value of excess holdings not subject to section 4943 tax (attach statement)	4		
5	Taxable excess holdings in business enterprise - line 3 minus line 4	5		
6	Tax - Enter 10% of line 5	6		
7	Total tax - Add amounts on line 6, columns (a), (b), and (c); enter total here and on Part I, line 2	7		

**SCHEDULE D - Initial Taxes on Investments That Jeopardize Charitable Purpose**(Section 4944)**Part I Investments and Tax Computation**

(a) Investment number	(b) Date of investment	(c) Description of investment	(d) Amount of investment	(e) Initial tax on foundation (10% of col. (d))	(f) Initial tax on foundation managers (if applicable) - (lesser of \$10,000 or 10% of col. (d))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
<b>Total</b> - Column (e). Enter here and on Part I, line 3					
<b>Total</b> - Column (f). Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below					

**Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments**

(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Investment no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c)) (see instructions)

**SCHEDULE E - Initial Taxes on Taxable Expenditures** (Section 4945)

<b>Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax</b>				
(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Name and address of recipient	(e) Description of expenditure and purposes for which made
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
(f) Question number from Form 990-PF, Part VII-B, or Form 5227, Part VI-B, applicable to the expenditure			(g) Initial tax imposed on foundation (20% of col. (b))	(h) Initial tax imposed on foundation managers (if applicable) (lesser of \$10,000 or 5% of col. (b))
Total - Column (g). Enter here and on Part I, line 4				
Total - Column (h). Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below				

<b>Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments</b>			
(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Item no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (h), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c) (see instructions))

**SCHEDULE F - Initial Taxes on Political Expenditures** (Section 4955)

<b>Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax</b>					
(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Description of political expenditure	(e) Initial tax imposed on organization or foundation (10% of col. (b))	(f) Initial tax imposed on managers (if applicable) (lesser of \$5,000 or 2½% of col. (b))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Total - Column (e). Enter here and on Part I, line 5					
Total - Column (f). Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below					

<b>Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Organization Managers or Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments</b>			
(a) Names of organization managers or foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Item no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c) (see instructions))

**SCHEDULE G - Tax on Excess Lobbying Expenditures** (Section 4911)

1	Excess of grass roots expenditures over grass roots nontaxable amount (from Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II-A, column (b), line 1h) (See the instructions before making an entry.)	1	
2	Excess of lobbying expenditures over lobbying nontaxable amount (from Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II-A, column (b), line 1i). (See the instructions before making an entry.)	2	
3	Excess lobbying expenditures - enter the larger of line 1 or line 2	3	
4	Tax - Enter 25% of line 3 here and on Part I, line 6	4	

**SCHEDULE H - Taxes on Disqualifying Lobbying Expenditures** (Section 4912)

<b>Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax</b>					
(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Description of lobbying expenditures	(e) Tax imposed on organization (5% of col (b))	(f) Tax imposed on organization managers (if applicable)- (5% of col (b))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
<b>Total</b> - Column (e). Enter here and on Part I, line 7					
<b>Total</b> - Column (f). Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below					

<b>Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Organization Managers and Proration of Payments</b>			
(a) Names of organization managers liable for tax	(b) Item no. from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see instructions)

**SCHEDULE I - Initial Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions** (Section 4958)

<b>Part I Excess Benefit Transactions and Tax Computation</b>		
(a) Transaction number	(b) Date of transaction	(c) Description of transaction
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
(d) Amount of excess benefit	(e) Initial tax on disqualified persons (25% of col. (d))	(f) Tax on organization managers (if applicable) (lesser of \$20,000 or 10% of col. (d))

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**SCHEDULE L - Taxes on Prohibited Benefits Distributed From Donor Advised Funds** (Section 4967)

See the instructions

<b>Part I Prohibited Benefits and Tax Computation</b>		
(a) Item number	(b) Date of prohibited benefit	(c) Description of benefit
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

(d) Amount of prohibited benefit	(e) Tax on donors, donor advisors, or related persons (125% of col. (d)) (see instructions)	(f) Tax on fund managers (if applicable) (lesser of 10% of col. (d) or \$10,000) (see instructions)

<b>Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Donors, Donor Advisors, Related Persons, and Proration of Payments</b>			
(a) Names of donors, donor advisors, or related persons liable for tax	(b) Item no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (e) or prorated amount	(d) Donor's, donor advisor's, or related person's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c)) (see instructions)

<b>Part III Summary of Tax Liability of Fund Managers and Proration of Payments</b>			
(a) Names of fund managers liable for tax	(b) Item no. from Part I, col. (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col. (f) or prorated amount	(d) Fund manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col. (c)) (see instructions)

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**Schedule M - Tax on Hospital Organization for Failure to Meet the Community Health Needs  
Assessment Requirements** (Sections 4959 and 501(r)(3)) (See instructions )

**Part I Failures to Meet Section 501(r)(3)**

(a) Item number	(b) Name of hospital facility	(c) Description of the failure	(d) Tax year hospital facility last conducted a CHNA	(e) Tax year hospital facility last adopted an implementation strategy
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

**Part II Computation of Tax**

1	Number of hospital facilities operated by the hospital organization that failed to meet the Community Health Needs Assessment requirements of section 501(r)(3)	1	
2	Tax - Enter \$50,000 multiplied by line 1 here and on Part I, line 12	2	

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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.

Goldman Sachs Trust Co of DE, Trustee, by

Michael Curran

Vice President

10/14/19

Signature of officer or trustee

Title

Date

Signature (and organization or entity name if applicable) of manager, self-dealer, disqualified person, donor, donor advisor, or related person

Date

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Date

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below? (see instructions)

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Paid  
Preparer  
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if  
self-employed

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07/25/19

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Firm's name ▶ TODRES & COMPANY, LLP.

Firm's EIN ▶ 11-3382843

Firm's address ▶ 400 POST AVENUE, SUITE 205  
WESTBURY, NY 11590

Phone no.  
516-997-3232

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## FOOTNOTES

STATEMENT 1

REFER TO REASONABLE CAUSE STATEMENT ATTACHED TO 990-PF  
(STATEMENT 4).

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