

Form **990-PF**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation
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For calendar year 2019, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019 , and ending 12-31-2019

Name of foundation MORTON S ABELSON FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 36-6149634	
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 1539 LINDEN AVENUE		B Telephone number (see instructions) (847) 831-4109	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code HIGHLAND PARK, IL 60035		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
G Check all that apply: <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		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here..... <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ... <input type="checkbox"/>	
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ <u>554,588</u>		J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <i>(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)</i>	
		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)</i>		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	10,805	10,805	10,805	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	20,725			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a <u>25,000</u>				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		20,725		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	31,530	31,530	10,805		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	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 (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	1,325	663	0	662
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	341	0	0	0
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,666	663	0	662
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	16,700			16,700
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	18,366	663	0	17,362	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	13,164				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		30,867			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			10,805		

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	5,194	13,297	13,297
	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 (attach schedule) ▶ _____ 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)	2,075	2,075	56,403
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ _____ Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)	130,144	135,205	484,888
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ _____ Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	137,413	150,577	554,588	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24, 25, 29 and 30.			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions			
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions			
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 26 through 30.			
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0	0	
	27 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0	0	
	28 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	137,413	150,577	
29 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	137,413	150,577		
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	137,413	150,577		

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 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	137,413
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	13,164
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	0
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	150,577
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 29 .	6	150,577

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.)
1 a VANGUARD 500 INDEX FUND	P		
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 25,000		4,275	20,725
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col.(h))
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
a			20,725
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	2	20,725
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	0

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 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))
2018	17,750	483,106	0.036741
2017	14,264	391,633	0.036422
2016	32,175	415,351	0.077465
2015	25,273	418,660	0.060366
2014	20,250	408,902	0.049523

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.260517
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.052103
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2019 from Part X, line 5	4	502,049
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	26,158
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	309
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	26,467
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	17,362

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)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculation. Includes questions about exempt foundations, tax under section 511, and tax due. Total amount owed is 630.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Includes questions about political campaigns, political expenditures, and state reporting. Includes Yes/No columns.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 11-16 covering questions about controlled entities, distributions, public inspection requirements, books in care, and nonexempt charitable trusts.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-4b covering questions about disqualifying acts, taxes on failure to distribute income, and business enterprise interest.

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. ▶		0

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	
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	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	0

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	501,297
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	8,397
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	509,694
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	509,694
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	7,645
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	502,049
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	25,102

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	25,102
2a	Tax on investment income for 2019 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	617
b	Income tax for 2019. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	617
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	24,485
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	24,485
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	24,485

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	17,362
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	17,362
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.	5	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	17,362

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 2018	(c) 2018	(d) 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Part XI, line 7				24,485
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2019:				
a Enter amount for 2018 only.			9,138	
b Total for prior years: 20___, 20___, 20___		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019:				
a From 2014.				
b From 2015.				
c From 2016.				
d From 2017.				
e From 2018.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	0			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2019 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ <u>17,362</u>				
a Applied to 2018, but not more than line 2a			9,138	
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 2019 distributable amount.				8,224
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2019. (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:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	0			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0		
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		0		
e Undistributed income for 2018. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2019. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2020				16,261
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 2014 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2015.				
b Excess from 2016.				
c Excess from 2017.				
d Excess from 2018.				
e Excess from 2019.				

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 2019, enter the date of the ruling. ▶

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

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2019	(b) 2018	(c) 2017	(d) 2016	
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).)

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.

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

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

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

c Any submission deadlines:

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

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

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total ▶ 3a				16,700
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total ▶ 3b				0

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
ACLU 150 N MICHIGAN AVE 600 CHICAGO, IL 60601		PUBLIC	GENERAL	250
ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO 111 S MICHIGAN AVE CHICAGO, IL 60603		PUBLIC	GENERAL	150
CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN 1000 LAKE COOK RD GLENCOE, IL 60022		PUBLIC	GENERAL	300
Total ▶ 3a				16,700

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY PO BOX 3886 NEW YORK, NY 10163		PUBLIC	GENERAL	250
FISTULA FOUNDATION 1900 THE ALAMEDA 500 SAN JOSE, CA 951261427		PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
HANDS OF PEACE 1000 ELM GROVE ST GLENVIEW, IL 60025		PUBLIC	GENERAL	500
Total ▶ 3a				16,700

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
JEWISH UNITED FUND30 S WEKKS DT CHICAGO, IL 60606		PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000
MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING 1275 YORK AVE NEW YORK, NY 10065		PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,000
SIERRA CLUB70 E LAKE ST 1500 CHICAGO, IL 60601		PUBLIC	GENERAL	250
Total			▶ 3a	16,700

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
SONIA SHANKMAN ORTHOGENIC SCHOOL 6245 S INGLESIDE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60637		PUBLIC	GENERAL	2,000
SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER 400 WASHINGTON AVE MONTGOMERY, AL 36104		PUBLIC	GENERAL	500
URBAN GATEWAYS 1637 N ASHLAND AVE 1 CHICAGO, IL 60622		PUBLIC	GENERAL	250
Total ▶ 3a				16,700

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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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
WTTW5400 N SAINT LOUIS AVE CHICAGO, IL 60625		PUBLIC	GENERAL	250
YOUNG CENTER FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS 6020 S UNIVERSITY AVE CHICAGO, IL 60637		PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,000
Total ▶ 3a				16,700

TY 2019 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** MORTON S ABELSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 36-6149634

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING	1,325	663	0	662

TY 2019 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** MORTON S ABELSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 36-6149634

Investments Corporation Stock Schedule

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
BRISTOL MEYERS	2,075	56,403

TY 2019 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** MORTON S ABELSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 36-6149634**Investments Other Schedule 2**

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
VANGUARD INDEX 500	FMV	135,205	484,888

TY 2019 Taxes Schedule**Name:** MORTON S ABELSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 36-6149634

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
EXCISE TAXES	341	0	0	0