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Return of Private Foundation

Form 990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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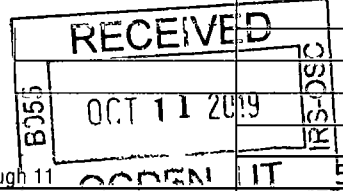
For calendar year 2017 or tax year beginning DEC 1, 2017, and ending NOV 30, 2018

Name of foundation: THE MERMELSTEIN FOUNDATION
A Employer identification number: 11-2669722
B Telephone number: 718-472-7500
C If exemption application is pending, check here []
D 1 Foreign organizations, check here []
2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation []
E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here []
F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here []
G Check all that apply: [] Initial return, [] Initial return of a former public charity, [] Final return, [] Amended return, [] Address change, [] Name change
H Check type of organization: [X] Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation, [] Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust, [] Other taxable private foundation
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year: \$ 1,317,080.
J Accounting method: [X] Cash, [] Accrual, [] Other (specify)

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses

	(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			N/A	
2 Check [X] if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4 Dividends and interest from securities	14,920.	14,920.		STATEMENT 1
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	39,066.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a: 94,380.				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV line 2)		39,066.		
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)				
11 Other income				
12 Total Add lines 1 through 11	53,986.	53,986.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.	0.		0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees				
b Accounting fees				
c Other professional fees				
17 Interest				
18 Taxes STMT 2	1,644.	0.		0.
19 Depreciation and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses STMT 3	74.	0.		0.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses Add lines 13 through 23	1,718.	0.		0.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	85,888.			85,888.
26 Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25	87,606.	0.		85,888.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12	-33,620.			
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		53,986.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A	

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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
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	5,690.	13,583.	13,583.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	5,822.	19,250.	19,250.
	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 STMT 4	388,156.	339,670.	1,247,618.
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
Less accumulated depreciation ▶				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other STMT 5	38,309.	38,875.	36,629.	
14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶				
Less accumulated depreciation ▶				
15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	437,977.	411,378.	1,317,080.	
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			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ STATEMENT 6)	334,458.	905,703.	
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	334,458.	905,703.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31 ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	533,075.	0.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund	0.	0.	
29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	-429,556.	-494,325.		
30 Total net assets or fund balances	103,519.	-494,325.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	437,977.	411,378.		

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	103,519.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-33,620.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	69,899.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ CORRECTION OF UNREALIZED LOSSES	5	564,224.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	-494,325.

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		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		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ <u>N/A</u>	X	
14	The books are in care of ▶ <u>BERNARD MERMELSTEIN</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>718-472-7500</u> Located at ▶ <u>29-76 NORTHERN BLVD., LONG ISLAND CITY, NY</u> ZIP+4 ▶ <u>11101</u>		
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 ▶ <u>15</u> <u>N/A</u>		
16	At any time during calendar year 2017, 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 ▶		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 <u>N/A</u> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 2017?		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 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ▶ _____, _____, _____, _____		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) <u>N/A</u>		
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 2017 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 2017.) <u>N/A</u>		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		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 2017?		X

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

		Yes	No
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))?	<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	N/A	5b	
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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		
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?	<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?		6b	X
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870			
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, and 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
HELEN MERMELSTEIN 29-76 NORTHERN BLVD LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101	REQ 0.00	0.	0.	0.
BERNARD MERMELSTEIN 29-76 NORTHERN BLVD LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101	REQ 0.00	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

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

N/A

- 1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2017, enter the date of the ruling ▶
 b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2017	(b) 2016	(c) 2015	(d) 2014	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
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).)
NONE
 b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.
NONE

- 2 **Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**
 Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.
 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 Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a <i>Paid during the year</i> SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAID				85,888.
Total			▶ 3a	85,888.
b <i>Approved for future payment</i> NONE				
Total			▶ 3b	0.

FORM 990-PF DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY-DIVIDEND	14,907.	0.	14,907.	14,907.	
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY-INTEREST	13.	0.	13.	13.	
TO PART I, LINE 4	14,920.	0.	14,920.	14,920.	

FORM 990-PF TAXES STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
US TREASURY	998.	0.		0.
FOREIGN TAXES	446.	0.		0.
DEPT OF LAW	200.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	1,644.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF OTHER EXPENSES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
BANK CHARGES	74.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	74.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF CORPORATE STOCK STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY-CORP STOCK	339,670.	1,247,618.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	339,670.	1,247,618.

FORM 990-PF OTHER INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 5

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION METHOD	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY-OTHER	FMV	38,875.	36,629.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 13		38,875.	36,629.

FORM 990-PF - OTHER LIABILITIES STATEMENT 6

DESCRIPTION	BOY AMOUNT	EOY AMOUNT
UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS-MSSB-#442-153895	334,458.	905,703.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 22	334,458.	905,703.