

EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Return of Private Foundation

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

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Form 990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2018 or tax year beginning , and ending

Name of foundation: **MORTON S. ABELSON FOUNDATION**

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address): **1539 LINDEN AVENUE**

Room/suite: _____

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **HIGHLAND PARK, IL 60035**

A Employer identification number: **36-6149634**

B Telephone number: **847-831-4109**

C If exemption application is pending, check here **le**

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: Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation **04**
 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation

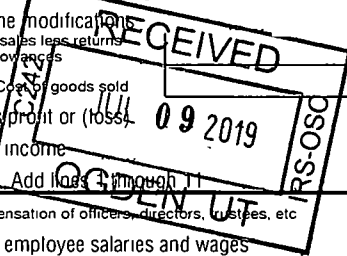
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16): **\$ 441,215.**

J Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 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				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	9,475.	9,475.	9,475.	STATEMENT 1
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	8,101.			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	10,000.			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		8,101.		
	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	17,576.	17,576.	9,475.		
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				
	b Accounting fees	1,250.	0.	0.	0.
	c Other professional fees				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes	653.	0.	0.	0.
	19 Depreciation and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,903.	0.	0.	0.
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	17,750.			17,750.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	19,653.	0.	0.	17,750.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12	-2,077.				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements					
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		17,576.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			9,475.		

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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		13,412.	5,194.	5,194.	
	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					
	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		2,075.	2,075.	46,574.
	c	Investments - corporate bonds					
	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶					
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶						
12	Investments - mortgage loans						
13	Investments - other	STMT 5		124,003.	130,144.	389,447.	
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 1)			139,490.	137,413.	441,215.	
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 ▶)					
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)			0.	0.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
	and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31						
	24	Unrestricted					
	25	Temporarily restricted					
	26	Permanently restricted					
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	and complete lines 27 through 31						
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			0.	0.	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			0.	0.	
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			139,490.	137,413.	
30	Total net assets or fund balances			139,490.	137,413.		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			139,490.	137,413.		

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	139,490.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-2,077.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	137,413.
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	137,413.

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>SUSAN A. STAR</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>847-831-4109</u> Located at ▶ <u>1539 LINDEN AVE, HIGHLAND PARK, IL</u> ZIP+4 ▶ <u>60035</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		<input type="checkbox"/>
16 At any time during calendar year 2018, 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		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 2018?		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 2018, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2018? If "Yes," list the years ▶ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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)		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 ▶ _____		
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 2018 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 2018)		N/A
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 2018?		X

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 Yes No
 Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here Yes No

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? Yes No
 If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d) N/A

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? Yes No
 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? Yes No

b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? Yes No

8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? Yes No

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
SUSAN A. STAR 1539 LINDEN AVE HIGHLAND PARK, IL 60035	PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, & TREASURER	0.00	0.	0.
MICHAEL A ABELSON 100 BLACK OAK RD WESTON, MA 02493	V.P. DIR	0.00	0.	0.
ROBERT STAR 1539 LINDEN AVE HIGHLAND PARK, IL 60035	DIRECTOR	0.00	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 2018, 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) 2018	(b) 2017	(c) 2016	(d) 2015	
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
<p><i>a Paid during the year</i></p> <p>FISTULA FOUNDATION 1900 THE ALAMEDA # 500 SAN JOSE, CA 95126-1427</p>		PUBLIC	GENERAL	7,000.
<p>HANDS OF PEACE 1000 ELM GROVE ST GLENVIEW, IL 60025</p>		PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,000.
<p>HIAS 216 W JACKSON BLVD # 700 CHICAGO, IL 60606</p>		PUBLIC	GENERAL	1,000.
<p>JEWISH UNITED FUND 30 S WEKKS DT. CHICAGO, IL 60606</p>		PUBLIC	GENERAL	5,000.
<p>SONIA SHANKMAN ORTHOGENIC SCHOOL 6245 S INGLESIDE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60637</p>		PUBLIC	GENERAL	500.
<p>Total SEE CONTINUATION SHEET(S) ▶ 3a</p>				17,750.
<p><i>b Approved for future payment</i></p> <p>NONE</p>				
<p>Total ▶ 3b</p>				0.

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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
BRISTOL MEYERS	1,434.	0.	1,434.	1,434.	1,434.
VANGUARD	8,041.	0.	8,041.	8,041.	8,041.
TO PART I, LINE 4	9,475.	0.	9,475.	9,475.	9,475.

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ACCOUNTING FEES

STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
ACCOUNTING	1,250.	0.	0.	0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	1,250.	0.	0.	0.

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TAXES

STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
EXCISE TAXES	653.	0.	0.	0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	653.	0.	0.	0.

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CORPORATE STOCK

STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
BRISTOL MEYERS	2,075.	46,574.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	2,075.	46,574.

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OTHER INVESTMENTS

STATEMENT 5

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUATION METHOD</u>	<u>BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>FAIR MARKET VALUE</u>
VANGUARD INDEX 500	FMV	130,144.	389,447.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 13		130,144.	389,447.