

Melvin I. and Marilyn A. Eisenberg Endowment Fund 2025 – 2026 Israel Scholarship Application

Eligibility Requirements:

- Scholarships are provided by the Eisenberg Family for students who are graduating from the **MIE Torah High Institute for Judaic Studies** and who plan to continue their studies in Israel.
- Application must be made to an approved Israel learning experience program. Awards will be sent directly to that program on the recipient's behalf.
- Successful applicants will be notified of the scholarship committee's decision by mail, date to be determined.
- The balance of fees due to the program is the applicant's responsibility.
- Recipients are expected to attend the ATT Awards Presentation and Annual Meeting to accept their award.
- Recipients are expected to write a thank you letter to the Eisenberg Family that is to be given to them at the Awards Presentation and Annual Meeting and engage in a short conversation with them during the reception.

Melvin I. Eisenberg was a tireless worker for Jewish education, a generous supporter of Israel and countless other Jewish causes. He was also a devoted husband, father, stepfather and grandfather. Mr. Eisenberg was President of the Associated Talmud Torahs and a long-time ATT Board Member. He was also very involved with the Ida Crown Jewish Academy, serving as president of the Academy Associates as well as on the Board of Governors.

Marilyn Allswang Eisenberg was a true family person, especially taking delight in her many grandchildren. She was a vibrant part of our Jewish community. She was a member of the ATT Board of Directors for many years and active at Hillel Torah where she was PTA treasurer and president. In addition, she also was a board member of the Ark, the Dawn Schuman Institute and the Ida Crown Jewish Academy, and an involved member of the Women's Division of the Jewish United Fund of Chicago, Hadassah, Yeshiva Women and Amit.

The MIE-Eisenberg Institute for Judaic Studies is for public school students. It is a fitting tribute to Mel and Marilyn Eisenberg's memory as the school greatly enriches the Judaic aspects of the lives of its students.



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Directions: Complete the form below in its entirety to be considered for an Israel Scholarship. **If written, must be done in black or blue ink and legible.**

Part 1: Name	Birth Date	Today's Date		
Address	City	State	Zip	
Email Address	Home #		Cell #	
Mother's Name	Email Address		Cell #	
Father's Name	Email Address		Cell #	
Educational History: Elementary School(s) Attended				
High School(s) Attended				
To which institution(s) in Israel are you	applying?			

Part II: <u>Please answer these 4 questions/statements on separate paper with your complete name</u> (first and last) on each sheet and your answers numbered to match the questions below.

Format: 12 font size, double-spaced with 1" margins. Maximum length per question: 500 words.

- 1. Please list your academic awards/achievements/special honors program and dates(s) when they occurred. At the end of the list, please write down the seminary/yeshiva you plan to attend in Israel.
- 2. What makes you the individual that you are? What makes you stand out and different from everyone else? Be specific and provide examples where appropriate.
- 3. How have you contributed to your school community and the community at large?
- 4. Choose one of the questions below to answer as your fourth question.
 - 4a. What obstacle in life did you have to overcome? How did you do it?
 4b. What have you learned from someone who is very different from you? How has it influenced you?

Tips for Submitting a Standout Application:

- **Showcase Your Individuality:** Highlight your unique achievements and let your personality shine through. The committee wants to get a sense of who you are beyond your resume.
- **Be Confident and Proud:** Don't be shy about your successes. Present your accomplishments clearly and confidently—this is your chance to impress.
- **Include a Range of Accomplishments:** If you've achieved a lot, don't focus on just one success. Briefly describe each relevant accomplishment to give a fuller picture of your strengths.
- Stay Focused and Clear: Make sure your application is well-organized and on topic. Clear, concise writing makes a strong impression.



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Part III: Provide the following:

- Three letters of recommendation (from your synagogue rabbi, school principal and/or teachers).
 Signed recommendation letters should be sent to YOU, placed in a sealed envelope with your complete name and the words "ATT Israel Scholarship" written on the envelope and submitted together with your application in ONE envelope to the ATT.
- 2. Certified copy of your most recent academic transcript
- **3.** Optional: A copy of your parents' most recent income tax form and a statement of financial need. Please understand that the Israel Scholarships are merit based rather than financial. Financial need will be considered only in a tie situation.

<u>To be eligible</u>, all information must be submitted in <u>one</u> larger envelope to the ATT office by Thursday, February 5, 2026, 5:00 pm.

Address envelope to:

ATT – Israel Scholarships 3531 Madison Street Skokie, Illinois 60076

Remember: The envelope must contain all parts of the application (Part I, Part II, and Part III) to be eligible.

All items submitted will be held in the strictest of confidence.