

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending																											
B Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">C Name of organization THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE</td> <td>D Employer identification number 53-0204608</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Doing business as</td> <td rowspan="2">E Telephone number 202-785-1141</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)</td> <td>Room/suite</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1761-1763 N STREET NW</td> <td>G Gross receipts \$ 14,150,124.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20036</td> <td>H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">F Name and address of principal officer: PAUL SALEM SAME AS C ABOVE</td> <td>H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527</td> <td>If "No," attach a list. See instructions</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">J Website: ▶ WWW.MEI.EDU</td> <td>H(c) Group exemption number ▶</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶</td> <td>L Year of formation: 1946 M State of legal domicile: DC</td> </tr> </table>	C Name of organization THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE		D Employer identification number 53-0204608	Doing business as		E Telephone number 202-785-1141	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	1761-1763 N STREET NW		G Gross receipts \$ 14,150,124.	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20036		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	F Name and address of principal officer: PAUL SALEM SAME AS C ABOVE		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		If "No," attach a list. See instructions	J Website: ▶ WWW.MEI.EDU		H(c) Group exemption number ▶	K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1946 M State of legal domicile: DC
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Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN AMERICA AND STRENGTHENING UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED	
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 30
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 29
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	5 38
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 110
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 4,350.
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b 0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year: 3,108,532. Current Year: 4,561,226.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	917,294. 661,636.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	548,914. 454,905.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	41,609. 45,720.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	4,616,349. 5,723,487.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0. 0.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0. 0.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,842,698. 3,654,154.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0. 80,500.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 655,054.	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	2,687,124. 2,479,186.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,529,822. 6,213,840.	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-913,473. -490,353.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year: 32,735,340. End of Year: 33,862,595.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,570,759. 1,560,260.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	31,164,581. 32,302,335.

Part II Signature Block			
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 officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
Sign Here	▶ Signature of officer TAMARA KALANDIYA, CFO Type or print name and title	Date	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name TINA PEACHER	Preparer's signa <i>Tina Peacher</i>	Date 11.9.2021
	Firm's name ▶ JM&M	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P01608826
	Firm's address ▶ 10500 LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY, SUITE 770 COLUMBIA, MD 21044	Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1853933	Phone no. 410-884-0220

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN AMERICA AND STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 3,240,154. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 127,989.) CENTER FOR POLICY STUDIES: MEI EXPERTS RESEARCH AND EXPLORE FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES RELATED TO THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY PUBLISH THEIR FINDINGS AND COMMUNICATE THROUGH MEI'S COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AND THROUGH THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA. THEY REGULARLY BRIEF POLICYMAKERS, US AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON ISSUES IMPACTING THE MIDDLE EAST, AND HAVE ADVISED THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT INCLUDING CABINET SECRETARIES AND THE WHITE HOUSE. MEI'S POLICY PROGRAM HAS GROWN ALONG WITH ITS OVERALL FORWARD TRAJECTORY. IN RECENT YEARS, MEI HAS ADDED TRACK II DIPLOMACY, COUNTER TERRORISM, AND OTHER SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS THAT MONITOR ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS IN CRITICAL AREAS. MEI'S TELEVISION STUDIO ENABLES SCHOLARS TO JOIN BROADCAST PROGRAMS FASTER

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 528,659. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) CENTER FOR ARTS AND CULTURE: SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2014, MEI'S ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HAS BECOME A DESTINATION FOR AUDIENCES INTERESTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST'S DYNAMIC ARTS SCENE. MEI PROMOTES THE WORK OF ARTISTS, WRITERS AND FILMMAKERS FROM THE REGION, CONNECTING DC AUDIENCES WITH THE MIDDLE EAST'S VIBRANT ARTS AND CULTURE SECTOR.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 491,727. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 347,736.) CENTER FOR EDUCATION: MEI PROVIDES ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MIDDLE EAST ANALYSTS AND ENTHUSIASTS. MEI'S LANGUAGE PROGRAM PROVIDES INSTRUCTION IN ARABIC, TURKISH, HEBREW, FARSI, AND OTHER LANGUAGES, AND ITS REGIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM PROVIDES AN IN-DEPTH EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO THOSE SEEKING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MIDDLE EAST. MEI'S LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES HANDS-ON TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS TO TOP UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES WHO WORK ALONGSIDE MEI'S STAFF AND SCHOLARS ON RESEARCH PROJECTS, PUBLIC PROGRAMS, DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES, AND EVENTS.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 427,992. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 181,561.)

4e Total program service expenses 4,688,532.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 detailing various organizational requirements and compliance checks.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V []

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Rows 1a, 1b, 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee counts, tax returns, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
	1a 30		
b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
	1b 29		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	X	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
10b			
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		X
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
12c		X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official		X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		
16b			

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records **TAMARA KALANDIYA - 202-785-1141**
1761-1763 N STREET NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) PAUL ERNEST SALEM PRESIDENT	40.00	X		X			282,567.	0.	33,378.	
(2) TAMARA KALANDIYA BOARD TREASURER & CFO	40.00			X			247,521.	0.	32,411.	
(3) BILAL SAAB, DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE & SECURITY PROGRAM	40.00				X		186,857.	0.	28,861.	
(4) KATE SEELYE VP FOR ARTS, CULTURE & COMMUNICATION	40.00			X			175,781.	0.	9,902.	
(5) GERALD MICHAEL FEIERSTEIN SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	40.00				X		166,176.	0.	420.	
(6) KEVIN C. COWL VP FOR DEVELOPMENT	40.00			X			152,204.	0.	9,927.	
(7) CHARLES LISTER SENIOR FELLOW, DIR. OF SYRIA & COUNT	40.00				X		119,550.	0.	21,451.	
(8) MIRETTE F. MABROUK SENIOR FELLOW, DIR. OF EGYPT	40.00				X		123,238.	0.	16,825.	
(9) GONUL TOL SENIOR FELLOW	40.00				X		128,470.	0.	8,503.	
(10) HAYLEY SMART SECRETARY	40.00			X			52,872.	0.	8,371.	
(11) RICHARD A. CLARKE CHAIRMAN	3.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(12) ROBERT JORDAN VICE-CHAIRMAN	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(13) MARJORIE ADAMS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) PATRICK BARRY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) RAND BEERS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) THOMAS CAMPBELL DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) GAIL DADY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) PAULA DOBRIANSKY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) NIJAD FARES DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) SAMIA FAROUKI DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) JEFFREY FELTMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) ROBERT HARWARD DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) BRIAN HENDERSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) JAMES HOLMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) LOUIS HUGHES DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) HUNTER HUNT DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal								1,635,236.	0.	170,049.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,635,236.	0.	170,049.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **10**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
RANDA SLIM 809 BLOSSONHEATH ROAD, DAYTON, OH 45419	CONSULTING	120,800.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **1**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position (check all that apply), (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Rows include names like ROBERT KAPLA, ANNE KEISER, DEBORAH LEHR, JACK MOORE, RICHARD MURPHY, GEORGE SALEM, WILLIAM WEBSTER, SUSAN ZIADEH, SUSAN BATRESS, GEORGE HOGUET, KARL HOPKINS, DAVID WELCH, ROCHDI YOUNSI.

Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	433,805.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f	4,127,421.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 15,118.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			4,561,226.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a CENTER FOR EDUCATION	Business Code	611600	347,736.	347,736.		
	b MIDDLE EAST JOURNAL AND PUBLICATI		541800	147,780.	143,430.	4,350.	
	c CENTER FOR POLICY STUDIES		900099	127,989.	127,989.		
	d MEMBERSHIP DUES		900099	29,290.	29,290.		
	e OTHER PROGRAM INCOME		900099	7,786.	7,786.		
	f All other program service revenue		900099	1,055.	1,055.		
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			661,636.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			315,660.		315,660.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real	45,720.			
			(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses ...	6b		0.			
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c		45,720.			
	d Net rental income or (loss)			45,720.		45,720.	
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	8,565,882.			
			(ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b		8,426,637.			
c Gain or (loss)	7c		139,245.				
d Net gain or (loss)			139,245.		139,245.		
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a						
b Less: direct expenses	8b						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
b Less: direct expenses	9b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a						
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a _____	Business Code					
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions			5,723,487.	657,286.	4,350.	500,625.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX X

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,004,933.	833,999.	61,808.	109,126.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	2,162,940.	1,804,273.	122,506.	236,161.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	83,661.	66,092.	9,203.	8,366.
9 Other employee benefits	167,801.	131,955.	17,919.	17,927.
10 Payroll taxes	234,819.	178,158.	28,875.	27,786.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	17,298.		17,298.	
c Accounting	57,427.		57,427.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	80,500.			80,500.
f Investment management fees	31,405.		31,405.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch. O.)	1,173,373.	870,134.	198,422.	104,817.
12 Advertising and promotion	47,899.	39,398.	2,886.	5,615.
13 Office expenses	280,788.	109,892.	165,153.	5,743.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	130,108.	100,326.	18,128.	11,654.
17 Travel	50,021.	46,520.	906.	2,595.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	107,576.	102,301.	702.	4,573.
20 Interest	2,631.		2,631.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	438,719.	337,814.	61,420.	39,485.
23 Insurance	72,811.	8,161.	64,650.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	60,525.	57,459.	2,360.	706.
b BAD DEBT EXPENSE	8,429.	2,050.	6,379.	
c MISCELLANEOUS	176.		176.	
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	6,213,840.	4,688,532.	870,254.	655,054.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	301,604.	1	2,079,706.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,057,000.	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	133,536.	4	78,244.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	56,912.	9	80,869.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 17,723,905.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 2,868,325.	15,082,439.	10c 14,855,580.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	14,798,817.	11	15,401,988.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,305,032.	15	1,366,208.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	32,735,340.	16	33,862,595.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	584,494.	17	235,861.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	986,265.	19	1,324,399.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,570,759.	26	1,560,260.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	26,080,958.	27	26,650,581.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	5,083,623.	28	5,651,754.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	31,164,581.	32	32,302,335.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	32,735,340.	33	33,862,595.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	5,723,487.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,213,840.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-490,353.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	31,164,581.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	1,630,063.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	-1,956.
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	32,302,335.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Form 990 (2020)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE** Employer identification number **53-0204608**

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	22903112.	3400139.	2702810.	3108532.	4561226.	36675819.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	22903112.	3400139.	2702810.	3108532.	4561226.	36675819.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						20046683.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						16629136.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	22903112.	3400139.	2702810.	3108532.	4561226.	36675819.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	265,069.	416,652.	587,291.	531,723.	361,380.	2162115.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	7,558.	8,299.	8,512.	4,901.		29,270.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						38867204.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	6,551,645.
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)).....	14	42.78 %
15 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	40.22 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in line 11a above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI .		
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3 By reason of the relationship described in line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
b Did the activities described in line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No" provide details in Part VI .			
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.			
2a			
2b			
3a			
3b			

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions.
All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020
1	Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020		
a	From 2015		
b	From 2016		
c	From 2017		
d	From 2018		
e	From 2019		
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2020 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2020 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2020. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2021. Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2016		
b	Excess from 2017		
c	Excess from 2018		
d	Excess from 2019		
e	Excess from 2020		

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2020

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

REFUNDS & REBATES

2016 AMOUNT: \$ 912.

2017 AMOUNT: \$ 1,543.

2019 AMOUNT: \$ 4,901.

EMPLOYEE PARKING

2016 AMOUNT: \$ 6,646.

2017 AMOUNT: \$ 6,756.

2018 AMOUNT: \$ 8,512.

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Name of the organization

THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

53-0204608

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>1,710,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>387,634.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>100,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>100,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>433,805.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>124,250.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 300,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 734,960.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2020

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange program
 - e Other _____
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	5,083,623.	4,333,856.	4,621,823.	3,951,661.	3,550,862.
b Contributions	70,779.				
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	612,280.	795,470.	-255,967.	670,162.	400,799.
d Grants or scholarships		45,703.	32,000.		
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	114,928.				
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	5,651,754.	5,083,623.	4,333,856.	4,621,823.	3,951,661.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
 - b Permanent endowment 75.8000 %
 - c Term endowment 24.2000 %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) Related organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		334,115.		334,115.
b Buildings		16,553,009.	2,077,728.	14,475,281.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		243,927.	222,605.	21,322.
e Other		592,854.	567,992.	24,862.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				14,855,580.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII...

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	7,322,145.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	1,630,063.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,630,063.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,692,082.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	31,405.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	31,405.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	5,723,487.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	6,182,435.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,182,435.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	31,405.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	31,405.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	6,213,840.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART III, LINE 1A:

THE ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS A COLLECTION OF BOOKS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCH.

PART III, LINE 4:

MEI PUTS ON SEVERAL ART SHOWS TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL AMERICAN PUBLIC ON THE RICH CULTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

PART V, LINE 4:

MEI MAKES DISTRIBUTIONS FROM INCOME EARNED ON THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR THE ANNUAL AWARD "ISSAM M. FARES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE", A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE MEI ANNUAL CONFERENCE BANQUET AND AWARD CEREMONY, BANQUET EXPENSES AND

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO BRING AWARDEES TO WASHINGTON D.C. IN ADDITION TO
PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR MEI LIBRARY.

PART X, LINE 2:

MEI BELIEVES IT HAS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR ANY TAX POSITIONS TAKEN, AND
AS SUCH, DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
ELIASSON SCHAMIS CONSULTING GROUP LLC - 4506 DALTON ROAD,	FUNDRAISING SUPPORT, COUNSEL AND OUTREACH		X	0.	80,500.	-80,500.
Total					80,500.	-80,500.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts			
	2	Less: Contributions			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)			
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages			
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses			
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			
	11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)			

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
	2	Cash prizes			
Direct Expenses	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
Revenue	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)			
Revenue	8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)			

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
 b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
 b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: ELIASSON SCHAMIS CONSULTING GROUP LLC

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 4506 DALTON ROAD, CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.
 ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b		
2	X	
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
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Schedule J (Form 990) 2020

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

STATES BY THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION. SINCE ITS FOUNDING
68 YEARS AGO, MEI HAS FOCUSED SCHOLARSHIP ON THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST TO
ALSO INCLUDE NORTH AFRICA, TURKEY, PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

AND MORE FREQUENTLY, ALLOWING MEI TO PROVIDE REAL-TIME COMMENTARY ON
BREAKING NEWS, AND TO ENSURE THAT MEI'S BALANCED ANALYSIS REACHES
POLICYMAKERS AND THE PUBLIC.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT: THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT MANAGES MEI'S
MEDIA RELATIONS, WEBSITE CONTENT, SOCIAL MEDIA AND E-MAIL OUTREACH
PLATFORMS, AND INSTITUTIONAL BRANDING. IT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR
MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION, INCLUDING A WEEKLY PODCAST, SHORT INFORMATIONAL
VIDEOS AND PROMOTIONAL ADS, RECORDING AND LIVE-STREAMING PUBLIC EVENTS,
AND MANAGING THE IN-HOUSE BROADCASTING STUDIO. IT PROVIDES SERVICES AND
TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACROSS ALL OTHER CENTERS AND DEPARTMENTS.

EXPENSES \$ 427,992. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 181,561.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4:

THE INSTITUTE AMENDED ITS BYLAW IN 2020 TO ADD THAT AT LEAST 80% OF MEMBERS
MUST BE US CITIZENS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE FORM 990 AND 990T FOR MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE IS REVIEWED BY THE

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2020

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ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT AND THE CFO/TREASURER BEFORE IT IS SIGNED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S CFO/TREASURER AND FILED WITH THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT AND SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM ANNUALLY TO DISCLOSE ANY ACTIVITIES OR INTERESTS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO A CONFLICT. A MEMBER OF THE OPERATIONS TEAM MONITORS COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE FULL BOARD OF GOVERNORS IS CONSULTED AND DETERMINES THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT, USING COMPARATIVE DATA FROM THE 990S OF COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS. ALL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD ARE DOCUMENTED IN THE BOARD MINUTES. THE MOST RECENT REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S SALARY WAS CONDUCTED IN 2019. COMPENSATION FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY BASED ON ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. THE MOST RECENT REVIEW OF THE OTHER OFFICIERS AND EMPLOYEES' SALARIES WAS CONDUCTED IN 2019.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND MOST RECENT TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY GENERAL PUBLIC, DONORS, GRANTORS, AND ANY INTERESTED PARTY. THE FORM 990 AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 870,134.

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 198,422.

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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	104,817.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	1,173,373.
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TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	1,173,373.
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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT CHANGE ITS AUDIT OVERSIGHT PROCESS OR ITS
 PROCESS OF SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT DURING THE YEAR.

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

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For calendar year 2020 or other tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990T for instructions and the latest information.**
▶ **Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).**

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501(c)(3) Organizations Only

A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed.		Name of organization (<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions.) THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE	D Employer identification number 53-0204608
B Exempt under section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3)) <input type="checkbox"/> 408(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 220(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 408A <input type="checkbox"/> 530(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 529(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 529S	Print or Type Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1761-1763 N STREET NW City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20036	E Group exemption number (see instructions) F <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if an amended return.	
		C Book value of all assets at end of year ▶ 33,862,595.	

G Check organization type ▶ 501(c) corporation 501(c) trust 401(a) trust Other trust Applicable reinsurance entity

H Check if filing only to ▶ Claim credit from Form 8941 Claim a refund shown on Form 2439

I Check if a 501(c)(3) organization filing a consolidated return with a 501(c)(2) titleholding corporation ▶

J Enter the number of attached Schedules A (Form 990-T) ▶ **1**

K During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? ▶ Yes No
If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation. ▶

L The books are in care of ▶ **TAMARA KALANDIYA** Telephone number ▶ **202-785-1141**

Part I Total Unrelated Business Taxable Income

1 Total of unrelated business taxable income computed from all unrelated trades or businesses (see instructions)	1	-1,000.
2 Reserved	2	
3 Add lines 1 and 2	3	-1,000.
4 Charitable contributions (see instructions for limitation rules)	4	0.
5 Total unrelated business taxable income before net operating losses. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	-1,000.
6 Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions	6	
7 Total of unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction and section 199A deduction. Subtract line 6 from line 5	7	-1,000.
8 Specific deduction (generally \$1,000, but see instructions for exceptions)	8	1,000.
9 Trusts. Section 199A deduction. See instructions	9	
10 Total deductions. Add lines 8 and 9	10	1,000.
11 Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 10 from line 7. If line 10 is greater than line 7, enter zero	11	0.

Part II Tax Computation

1 Organizations taxable as corporations. Multiply Part I, line 11 by 21% (0.21)	1	0.
2 Trusts taxable at trust rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on Part I, line 11 from: <input type="checkbox"/> Tax rate schedule or <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D (Form 1041)	2	
3 Proxy tax. See instructions	3	
4 Other tax amounts. See instructions	4	
5 Alternative minimum tax (trusts only)	5	
6 Tax on noncompliant facility income. See instructions	6	
7 Total. Add lines 3 through 6 to line 1 or 2, whichever applies	7	0.

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Part III Tax and Payments

1a	Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116)	1a		
b	Other credits (see instructions)	1b		
c	General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions)	1c		
d	Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827)	1d		
e	Total credits. Add lines 1a through 1d	1e		
2	Subtract line 1e from Part II, line 7	2		0.
3	Other taxes. Check if from: <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4255 <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8611 <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8697 <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8866 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (attach statement)	3		
4	Total tax. Add lines 2 and 3 (see instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> Check if includes tax previously deferred under section 1294. Enter tax amount here	4		0.
5	2020 net 965 tax liability paid from Form 965-A or Form 965-B, Part II, column (k), line 4	5		0.
6a	Payments: A 2019 overpayment credited to 2020	6a		
b	2020 estimated tax payments. Check if section 643(g) election applies <input type="checkbox"/>	6b		
c	Tax deposited with Form 8868	6c		
d	Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)	6d		
e	Backup withholding (see instructions)	6e		
f	Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (attach Form 8941)	6f		
g	Other credits, adjustments, and payments: <input type="checkbox"/> Form 2439 <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4136 <input type="checkbox"/> Other Total	6g		
7	Total payments. Add lines 6a through 6g	7		
8	Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached <input type="checkbox"/>	8		
9	Tax due. If line 7 is smaller than the total of lines 4, 5, and 8, enter amount owed	9		
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is larger than the total of lines 4, 5, and 8, enter amount overpaid	10		
11	Enter the amount of line 10 you want: Credited to 2021 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11		

Part IV Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

	Yes	No
1 At any time during the 2020 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If "Yes," the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country here		X
2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If "Yes," see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.		X
3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year \$		
4a Did the organization change its method of accounting? (see instructions)		X
b If 4a is "Yes," has the organization described the change on Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, or Form 1128? If "No," explain in Part V		

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the explanation required by Part IV, line 4b. Also, provide any other additional information. See instructions.

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.

Sign Here Signature of officer _____ Date _____ CFO Title _____

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? Yes No

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name TINA PEACHER	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01608826
	Firm's name JM&M	Firm's address 10500 LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY, SUITE COLUMBIA, MD 21044			Firm's EIN 52-1853933
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**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990-T)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Unrelated Business Taxable Income
From an Unrelated Trade or Business**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990T for instructions and the latest information.
▶ Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

ENTITY 1

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Open to Public Inspection for
501(c)(3) Organizations Only

A Name of the organization THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE	B Employer identification number 53-0204608
C Unrelated business activity code (see instructions) ▶ 541800	D Sequence: 1 of 1

E Describe the unrelated trade or business ▶ **ADVERTISING IN THE MIDDLE EAST JOURNAL**

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income	(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1 a Gross receipts or sales			
b Less returns and allowances c Balance ▶	1c		
2 Cost of goods sold (Part III, line 8)	2		
3 Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	3		
4 a Capital gain net income (attach Sch D (Form 1041 or Form 1120)) (see instructions)	4a		
b Net gain (loss) (Form 4797) (attach Form 4797) (see instructions)	4b		
c Capital loss deduction for trusts	4c		
5 Income (loss) from a partnership or an S corporation (attach statement)	5		
6 Rent income (Part IV)	6		
7 Unrelated debt-financed income (Part V)	7		
8 Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from a controlled organization (Part VI)	8		
9 Investment income of section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organizations (Part VII)	9		
10 Exploited exempt activity income (Part VIII)	10		
11 Advertising income (Part IX)	4,350.	1,564.	2,786.
12 Other income (see instructions; attach statement)			
13 Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	4,350.	1,564.	2,786.

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (See instructions for limitations on deductions) Deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income

1 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Part X)	1		
2 Salaries and wages	2		
3 Repairs and maintenance	3		
4 Bad debts	4		
5 Interest (attach statement) (see instructions)	5		
6 Taxes and licenses	6		
7 Depreciation (attach Form 4562) (see instructions)	7		
8 Less depreciation claimed in Part III and elsewhere on return	8a		8b
9 Depletion	9		
10 Contributions to deferred compensation plans	10		
11 Employee benefit programs	11		
12 Excess exempt expenses (Part VIII)	12		
13 Excess readership costs (Part IX)	13		2,786.
14 Other deductions (attach statement) SEE STATEMENT 1	14		1,000.
15 Total deductions. Add lines 1 through 14	15		3,786.
16 Unrelated business income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 15 from Part I, line 13, column (C)	16		-1,000.
17 Deduction for net operating loss (see instructions)	17		0.
18 Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 17 from line 16	18		-1,000.

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

Schedule A (Form 990-T) 2020

Part III Cost of Goods Sold Enter method of inventory valuation

1	Inventory at beginning of year	1	
2	Purchases	2	
3	Cost of labor	3	
4	Additional section 263A costs (attach statement)	4	
5	Other costs (attach statement)	5	
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5	6	
7	Inventory at end of year	7	
8	Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 7 from line 6. Enter here and in Part I, line 2	8	
9	Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part IV Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased with Real Property)

1 Description of property (property street address, city, state, ZIP code). Check if a dual-use (see instructions)

A _____

B _____

C _____

D _____

	A	B	C	D
2 Rent received or accrued				
a From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)				
b From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)				
c Total rents received or accrued by property. Add lines 2a and 2b, columns A through D				
3 Total rents received or accrued. Add line 2c columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 6, column (A)	0.			
4 Deductions directly connected with the income in lines 2(a) and 2(b) (attach statement)				
5 Total deductions. Add line 4 columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 6, column (B)	0.			

Part V Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1 Description of debt-financed property (street address, city, state, ZIP code). Check if a dual-use (see instructions)

A _____

B _____

C _____

D _____

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property				
3 Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property				
a Straight line depreciation (attach statement)				
b Other deductions (attach statement)				
c Total deductions (add lines 3a and 3b, columns A through D)				
4 Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach statement)				
5 Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach statement)				
6 Divide line 4 by line 5	%	%	%	%
7 Gross income reportable. Multiply line 2 by line 6				
8 Total gross income (add line 7, columns A through D). Enter here and on Part I, line 7, column (A)	0.			
9 Allocable deductions. Multiply line 3c by line 6				
10 Total allocable deductions. Add line 9, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 7, column (B)	0.			
11 Total dividends-received deductions included in line 10	0.			

Part VI Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents from Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

		Exempt Controlled Organizations			
1. Name of controlled organization	2. Employer identification number	3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4. Total of specified payments made	5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
Nonexempt Controlled Organizations					
7. Taxable Income	8. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9. Total of specified payments made	10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10	
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
			Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (A)	Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (B)	
Totals			0.	0.	

Part VII Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3. Deductions directly connected (attach statement)	4. Set-asides (attach statement)	5. Total deductions and set-asides (add cols 3 and 4)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
		Add amounts in column 2. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (A)		Add amounts in column 5. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (B)
Totals		0.		0.

Part VIII Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1	Description of exploited activity: _____		
2	Gross unrelated business income from trade or business. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (A)	2	
3	Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (B)	3	
4	Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If a gain, complete lines 5 through 7	4	
5	Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	5	
6	Expenses attributable to income entered on line 5	6	
7	Excess exempt expenses. Subtract line 5 from line 6, but do not enter more than the amount on line 4. Enter here and on Part II, line 12	7	

Part IX Advertising Income

1 Name(s) of periodical(s). Check box if reporting two or more periodicals on a consolidated basis.

- A THE MIDDLE EAST JOURNAL
- B
- C
- D

Enter amounts for each periodical listed above in the corresponding column.

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross advertising income	4,350.			
Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (A)				4,350.

a				
3 Direct advertising costs by periodical	1,564.			
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (B)				1,564.

4 Advertising gain (loss). Subtract line 3 from line 2. For any column in line 4 showing a gain, complete lines 5 through 8. For any column in line 4 showing a loss or zero, do not complete lines 5 through 7, and enter zero on line 8	2,786.			
5 Readership costs	25,634.			
6 Circulation income	129.			
7 Excess readership costs. If line 6 is less than line 5, subtract line 6 from line 5. If line 5 is less than line 6, enter zero	25,505.			
8 Excess readership costs allowed as a deduction. For each column showing a gain on line 4, enter the lesser of line 4 or line 7	2,786.			
a Add line 8, columns A through D. Enter the greater of the line 8a, columns total or zero here and on Part II, line 13				2,786.

Part X Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percentage of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1)		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total. Enter here and on Part II, line 1			0.

Part XI Supplemental Information (see instructions)

FORM 990-T (A) OTHER DEDUCTIONS STATEMENT 1

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
TAX PREP FEES	1,000.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 14	1,000.
