

THE IRVING AND BESS GOTLIEB ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2020 SELECTION CRITERIA

The Irving and Bess Gotlieb Israel Scholarship Fund is a *merit-based* scholarship, intended by the donors to be granted to a Talmud Torah of St. Paul *Midrasha* student who will use the funds to help pay for a well-regarded program of study and experience in Israel at some time in the year of the grant. The scholarship is typically \$500-1,000.

The donors prefer that this grant be made to a single winner. In recognizing that, from time to time, there may be more than one worthy applicant for the Scholarship, we offer these criteria as an aid in choosing the recipient.

“Merit-based” is meant to depend on a number of criteria:

- Faculty evaluation of performance as a Midrasha student and of the applicant’s future promise
- Letters of recommendation by Midrasha faculty members or members of our Jewish community.
- An assessment of the applicant’s personal journey and growth and the “distance traveled.” To what extent has the applicant’s performance, commitment as a Jew, and future promise grown over the years?
- A personal essay touching on the applicant’s goals in participating in the program, the anticipated meaning to the applicant of the experience, how the applicant plans to use the experience in the subsequent years, to what extent the applicant will use the experience to contribute to the TTSP community, and any other matters important to the applicant.

While this is intended to be a merit-based scholarship, when there are two candidates of equal merit, financial need may be considered in the selection of the winner.

ABOUT THE IRVING AND BESS GOTLIEB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Irving and Bess Gotlieb Scholarship Fund was established by their daughter, Susanne Gotlieb Savett, and son-in-law, Dr. Laurence Savett, as a means of honoring the values which were important in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Gotlieb. Among these values were an ongoing interest in Jewish study, a commitment to the Jewish tradition, involvement in their community, and a strong commitment to the State of Israel.

Irving Gotlieb was born in St. Paul in 1902 and died in 1965. He was a lawyer whose practice of law had at its foundation Jewish ethical and moral concepts. In fact, his life as a whole embodied these concepts and ideals. He was an observant Jew who maintained a lifelong interest in reading and learning. He involved himself in the legal community and in the Jewish community. He was instrumental in establishing Legal Aid for the state of Minnesota and was a president of the Ramsey County Bar Association. He served on the boards of his synagogue and of many community service organizations. For many years he was a leader in the local Zionist organization.

Bess Chmelnitsky Gotlieb was born in Winnipeg, Canada in 1909 and died in 1986. She was unusual for a woman of her era in that she was given many opportunities by her family for Jewish study. She was a Talmud Torah graduate, and she continued her study of Hebrew throughout her four years of university education as well. She placed a high value on what she had learned. She was able to retain a good understanding of Hebrew over the years and she imparted this interest to her daughter and to her grandchildren. She had a special interest in Hadassah and in Israel.

By granting this scholarship, which will help to enable its recipient to study in Israel, the family of Irving and Bess Gotlieb hopes to perpetuate their memory and their values.