

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2010

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Header section A-M containing organization name (MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT), EIN (04-2552770), address (1344 T Street NW, Washington, DC 20009), and other identifying information.

Part I Summary

Summary table with 22 rows detailing revenue (Total revenue: 171,652) and expenses (Total expenses: 248,134), resulting in a net asset or fund balance of (19,481) at the end of the year.

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.

Signature of officer: Chris Toensing, Exec Director, dated 7/12/11.

Preparer information: Eric Bolin, CPA PC, dated 07-06-2011, address: 6110 Executive Blvd Ste 232, Rockville MD 20852.

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS VALUES AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

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

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

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 41,998 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) TO SUPPORT RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, & DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION, INCLUDING PRINT, AIMED AT PROMOTING THE CULTURAL LEGITIMACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ARAB WORLD (PUB. & DISTRIB.)

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 132,921 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR THE PEACE PROCESS

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 174,919

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Contains 20 items (1-20b) regarding organizational requirements for various schedules (A through H).

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 4 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 21 through 38 regarding grants, tax-exempt bonds, excess benefit transactions, and related organizations.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 1a through 14b regarding IRS filings and tax compliance.

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 in Schedule O. See instructions

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent; 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?; 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?; 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?; 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 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 in Schedule O

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?; 11a Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13; 12b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done; 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 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?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 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?; 16b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed DC
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
[ ] Own website [ ] Another's website [X] Upon request
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: The Corporation (202) 223-3677
1500 Massachusetts Ave NW 115 Washington, DC 20005

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)							(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
		I	I	I	O	K	H	F			
(1) Julie Peteet DIRECTOR	2.00	X							0	0	0
(2) Karen Pfeifer VICE-CHAIRMAN	4.00	X							0	0	0
(3) Paul Silverstein CHAIR	4.00	X							0	0	0
(4) Pete Moore DIRECTOR	2.00	X							0	0	0
(5) Chris Toensing Exec Director	40.00					X			49,238	0	0
(6)											
(7)											
(8)											
(9)											
(10)											
(11)											
(12)											
(13)											
(14)											
(15)											
(16)											

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)							(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
		l	t	d	l	o	k	h			
(17)											
(18)											
(19)											
(20)											
(21)											
(22)											
(23)											
(24)											
(25)											
(26)											
(27)											
(28)											
<b>1b</b> Sub-total											
<b>c</b> Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A											
<b>d</b> Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								49,238	0	0	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
<b>4</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		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.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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

**Part VIII** Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns					
	1b	Membership dues					
	1c	Fundraising events					
	1d	Related organizations					
	1e	Government grants (contributions)					
	1f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	79,431				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		79,431			
Program Service Revenue	2a	MAGAZINE/LITERATURE	Business Code 511120	92,214	92,214		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f		92,214			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		7	7		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
			b Less: rental expenses				
			c Rental income or (loss)				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
			b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
			c Gain or (loss)				
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
			b Less: direct expenses				
			c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less: direct expenses							
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
		b Less: cost of goods sold					
		c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d						
12	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions		171,652	92,221	0	0	

**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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D)

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 governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
4 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	49,238	32,005	12,310	4,923
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 . . . . .	45,890	39,236	5,314	1,340
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	1,738	1,182	400	156
9 Other employee benefits . . . . .	3,898	2,653	895	350
10 Payroll taxes . . . . .	3,541	2,653	656	232
11 Fees for services (non-employees).				
a Management . . . . .				
b Legal . . . . .				
c Accounting . . . . .	18,053	1,570	14,912	1,571
d Lobbying . . . . .				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
f Investment management fees . . . . .				
g Other . . . . .				
12 Advertising and promotion . . . . .	2,371	2,371		
13 Office expenses . . . . .	18,844	8,008	4,688	6,148
14 Information technology . . . . .	10,997	9,650	962	385
15 Royalties . . . . .				
16 Occupancy . . . . .	23,498	18,798	2,350	2,350
17 Travel . . . . .	1,671	1,345	326	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	2,213	2,213		
20 Interest . . . . .	186		186	
21 Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
23 Insurance . . . . .	4,626		4,626	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a MISCELLANEOUS . . . . .	2,220		2,220	
b MAGAZINE PRODUCTION . . . . .	59,150	53,235	5,915	
c . . . . .				
d . . . . .				
e . . . . .				
f All other expenses . . . . .				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f . . . . .	248,134	174,919	55,760	17,455
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation . . . . .				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
<b>A s s e t s</b>	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	57,864	1	7,455
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	1,500	4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	35,547		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	35,547	10c	
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	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		15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	59,364	16	7,455	
<b>L i a b i l i t i e s</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,363	17	26,936
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		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. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	2,363	26	26,936
<b>N e t A s s e t s o r F u n d B a l a n c e s</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	57,001	27	(19,481)
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	57,001	33	(19,481)	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	59,364	34	7,455	

**Part XI**

**Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	171,652
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	248,134
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(76,482)
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	57,001
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	(19,481)

**Part XII**

**Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990:  Cash  Accrual  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? . . . . . 2a

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c		X
3a		X
3b		

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . . 2b

c 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? . . . . . 2c

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis

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? . . . . . 3a

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . . . . 3b

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2010**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization  
**MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT**

Employer identification number  
**04-2552770**

**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 11, 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.)
- 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 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.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11  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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a  Type I
  - b  Type II
  - c  Type III-Functionally integrated
  - d  Type III-Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
  - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
  - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
  - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11g(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11g(iii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
<b>Total</b>									

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

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2006, (b) 2007, (c) 2008, (d) 2009, (e) 2010, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from ln 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2006, (b) 2007, (c) 2008, (d) 2009, (e) 2010, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions); 13 First five 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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2010; 15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2010; 16b 33 1/3% support test - 2009; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2010; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2009; 18 Private foundation.

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	68,330	152,899	105,074	116,314	79,431	522,048
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 . . . . .	119,251	131,744	134,641	127,271	92,214	605,121
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or bus. under sec 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 . . . . .	187,581	284,643	239,715	243,585	171,645	1,127,169
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 . . . . .				45,000		45,000
c Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .				45,000		45,000
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						1,082,169

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6 . . . . .	187,581	284,643	239,715	243,585	171,645	1,127,169
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	1,547	1,125	911	508	7	4,098
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
c Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .	1,547	1,125	911	508	7	4,098
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 IV.) . . . . .						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12) . . . . .	189,128	285,768	240,626	244,093	171,652	1,131,267

14 First five 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 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	15	95.66	%
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	16	96.00	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	17	0.36	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	18		%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2010. 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 - 2009. 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 . . . . .

Supplemental Financial Statements

2010

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate 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?, 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?

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 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, 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?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, 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)?, 9 In Part XIV, 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1; Assets included in Form 990, Part X. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (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. 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 SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items.

**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 are a 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 programs
  - e  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.
- 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 organization answered "Yes" to 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 XIV 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?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Pnor year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - b Permanent endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - c Term endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 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   | 3a(i)  |    |
| (ii) related organizations  | 3a(ii) |    |
| b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b     |    |
- 4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		35,547	35,547	
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)	▶			

**Part VII. Investments - Other Securities.** 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)		
(I)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

**Part VIII. Investments - Program Related.** See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

**Part IX. Other Assets.** See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15)	

**Part X. Other Liabilities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

<b>Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements</b>		
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	171,652
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	248,134
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	(76,482)
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	(76,482)

<b>Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return</b>		
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	171,652
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	171,652
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
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	171,652

<b>Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return</b>		
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	248,134
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 XIV.)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	248,134
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
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	248,134

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to 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, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

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**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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.

R e v e n u e		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Add col (a) through col (c)
1 2 3	Gross receipts . . . . .				
	Less Charitable contributions . . . . .				
	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .				
D i r e c t  E x p e n s e s	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. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 . . . . .				

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

R e v e n u e		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross revenue . . . . .				
D i r e c t  E x p e n s e s	2 Cash prizes . . . . .				
	3 Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	4 Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	5 Other direct expenses . . . . .				
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) . . . . .				( )
8	Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7 . . . . .				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Is the organization licensed to operate 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**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.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

OMB No 1545-0047

**2010**

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04-2552770

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01. Governing body meeting documentation (Part VI, line 8a)

DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

02. Form 990 governing body review (Part VI, line 11)

Electronic version of 990 sent to all requesting Board members for review.

03. CEO, executive director, top management comp (Part VI, line 15a)

Compensation determined by Board based on other entities compensation amounts and current  
available funds

04. Other officer or key employee compensation (Part VI, line 15b)

Other employee compensation based on Board members decision from their experience with  
similar entities

05. Governing documents, etc, available to public (Part VI, line 19)

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR UPON REQUEST.

06. Explanation of other changes in net assets or fund balances (Part XI, line 5)

Correction in prior year accounts payable

Application for Extension of Time to File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box [X]
If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only [ ]

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Table with 3 columns: Type or print, Name of exempt organization, Employer identification number. Includes address: MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT, 1344 T Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) [01]

Table mapping Application Is For (e.g., Form 990, Form 990-T) to Return Code (e.g., 01, 07).

- The books are in the care of The Corporation 1500 Massachusetts Ave Ste 119, DC 20005

Telephone No. 202-223-3677 FAX No.

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box [ ]
If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) [ ] and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 08-15, 2011, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for [X] calendar year 2010 or [ ] tax year beginning [ ], 20 [ ], and ending [ ], 20 [ ].

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason [ ] Initial return [ ] Final return [ ] Change in accounting period

Table for tax amounts: 3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions. 3b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. 3c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions