**Explanation of choice of advisor and institute for Post-Doc**

I have chosen Prof. Avinoam Rosenak, from the Hebrew University’s School of Education, to serve as my advisor for the duration of my post-doctoral fellowship. I had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Rosenak after completing my doctoral research. I have immense respect for his work, both as a scholar and as a thinker in the fields of Jewish education and Jewish thought. In our meetings, I have appreciated his sincere desire to hear about my intellectual path and spiritual-intellectual worlds and assist me in developing further. It goes without saying that Prof. Rosenak ranks among the foremost Jewish educators in the world. In addition to serving as a senior lecturer in the School of Education and the Department of Jewish Thought at the Hebrew University, he is also a research fellow at the Van Leer Institute, and he holds the Mandel Chair in Jewish Education. During our meeting, a clear, interesting, and deep conversation developed quickly around the topic of my research. Prof. Rosenak listened attentively and expressed sincere interest in my research and my intended further work, offering his assistance by advising and thinking together about my path as a young scholar. I accepted his generous offer and, beginning in June, was appointed as a post-doctoral fellow in the School of Education at the Hebrew University, with Prof. Rosenak as my advisor. However, this position is not funded and does not receive any budget whatsoever. On Prof. Rosenak’s advice and with his encouragement, I submit my application for this scholarship.

With respect to the location of my post-doctoral fellowship, the School of Education is, in my view, the best possible home for my work. In addition to the fact that it houses an illustrious academic community made up of experienced scholars who are leaders in their fields, it is also home to the Melton Center for Jewish Education, which focuses on my area of research. I believe that pursuing my post-doctoral work in this environment will provide opportunities for valuable interactions with colleagues, organizing conferences, and arranging discussion groups and fora for intellectual collaboration. In addition, I live within a reasonable distance from Jerusalem, which will enable me to be physically present for my post-doctoral work on a daily basis.