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CLASS OF 2013 OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL



John Hamey College Principal

Angela Duckworth, Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, calls for educators and parents to recognise that character is at least as important as intellect.

Her research sits grit, zest, self-control, gratitude, social skills, optimism and curiosity as the fundamentals of robust character development. Moral character embodies ethical values like fairness, generosity and integrity, and performance character includes traits such as effort, diligence and perseverance.

Whether we are referring to everyday interactions or situations that demand courage, the bottom line is that character counts and is a pre-cursor to success later in life.

The achievements we celebrate in the following pages are both a reflection of our students' strong intellect and fine character development.

The Class of 2013 is the embodiment of our school motto, "To Learn, To Heed, To Act".

They have made a remarkable contribution to the cultivation of a positive school culture and we have seen an unprecedented number of students in this cohort participate in leadership and co-curricular activities throughout their senior years at school.

Many of these students have shown real grit in overcoming significant personal challenges in their efforts to make a valuable contribution to the school community, combined with a strong desire to achieve their personal best – often exceeding expectation.

This deserves our celebration and acknowledgement as the measure of our school is far greater than just academic achievement – it must also encapsulate the moral character and integrity of our graduates of which we are enormously proud.

In the Class of 2013, 17 students were noted in the list of top achievers that acknowledges outstanding performance in an individual subject. We also had 15 students participating in acceleration courses and completing units of studies in 2012 with outstanding results in Biology, Mathematics, Hebrew and Dance. This is an exceptional achievement and reflection of the diligent and committed approach so many students demonstrated throughout

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John Hamey, College Principal

the year. It also serves as testimony to the high calibre of our teaching staff and their commitment to educational excellence.

The pages that follow show the diversity of success in this cohort and we extend a hearty Mazal Tov to them on their many and varied successes. I am confident they leave our College with a strong desire to bring about a just world by harnessing their intellect and character for the betterment of others.

Kol Hakavod to the Class of 2013.

Dux 2013

Mazal Tov to **Liora Baram**

on achieving the highest possible ATAR of 99.95 and a place on the State Honour Roll.

Liora also placed First in the State for 2U Classical Hebrew.

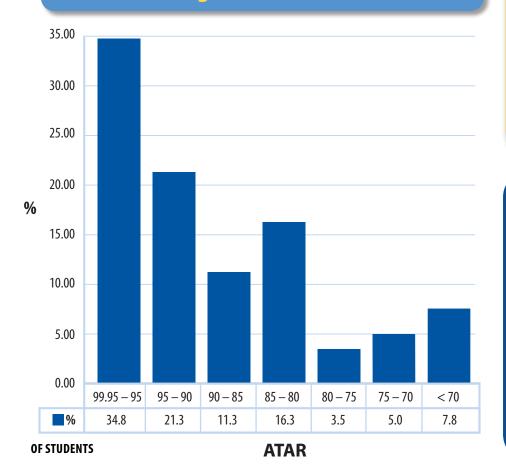


State Honour Roll

Students who have achieved >90 (Band 6) in at least 10 units of study:

Liora Baram
Nechama Basserabie
Talia Blomson
Jared Engelman
Ilana Gottlieb
Sarah Katz
Aaron Meyer
Gabriel Moldovan
Sarah Rubenstein
Michael Seeff
Nathan Sher
Aaron Springer

Moriah College Academic Profile 2013



'We are indeed proud of our son's achievements, and most of all, of the well-rounded individual he has blossomed into. We are deeply appreciative of the environment that Moriah College creates; one that allows our children to fully engage with the world as true mensches.'

Galia Stephenson

Ranked Top in the State

Close to 60% of our students achieved a 90+ ATAR placing them in the TOP 10% OF THE STATE.

Moriah College is ranked in the TOP 10 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS IN NSW.

'Mazal Tov Class of 2013! Your commitment to achieving your personal best has enabled you to push yourselves beyond what you thought you were capable of. Each of you has nurtured the various gifts and talents that enrich your life and our community. You have been wonderful ambassadors who have developed into positive Jewish young men and women of fine character. I thank you for enhancing the life of our College and being positive role models. You have brought your family, our College and the wider community great Naches. May you continue to grow in your Jewish faith and may this be your quiding light for the years ahead. I wish you all the best as you embark on the next chapter of your life knowing each of you will succeed in your own way. You will be missed.'

Karen Ingram, Acting Head of High School

HSC Fact File

Top 1% of the State:

Of the 141 Moriah HSC students who received an ATAR, 11 gained a rank of 99 or over, placing them in the top 1% of the State. This equates to 7.8% of our candidates.

Top 5% of the State:

A further 38 students gained an ATAR over 95 which means that 49 HSC students or 34.8% gained a place in the top 5% of the State.

Top 10% of the State:

A total of 80 students gained an ATAR of 90 or over placing them in the top 10% of the State. This represents 56.7% of the cohort.

WHO WE ARE – CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS



Adam Silver College Captain

There are many things that Adam can be proud of during his time at Moriah College and he lists completing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh and being elected as **College Captain** as his most significant achievements.

His dedication to accomplishing personal success and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others makes Adam someone who inspires the people around him. Among his accolades, Adam graduates with the Australian Defence Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award for 2013, which recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader community, displaying strong values such as doing one's best, respect for others and 'mateship.' Adam says, 'participation in the Israel Study Tour (IST) and Counterpoint camps are experiences and memories that have played a fundamental role in shaping my Jewish identity.'



Annabel Finkelstein College Vice Captain

A self-confessed sports nut, Annabel has participated in all that Moriah has to offer, from Ski Camp to Tennis Competitions and everything in between. Her involvement in Co-curricular activities didn't stop with Sport, as

Annabel was also involved in the Moriah Music Program, Band Tour, Prayer Leadership and an active role as **College Vice Captain**. I have absolutely loved my life at Moriah and I have developed a part of myself, a proud Jewish ethos and identity that without Moriah I would not have been able to achieve, says Annabel. "Moriah is such a family, where sitting with younger kids at lunch time feels normal and the teachers, especially in Year 12, always make time for you."

'The rhythm of Judaism that runs through the College has uplifted me and inspired my critical thinking and sense of community.'

Aidan Baron



Gila Rudansky College Captain

In the words of one of her teachers: 'trying to sum up Gila's life at Moriah is like trying to squeeze an elephant into a matchbox!' Gila's passion, commitment and contribution to Moriah and to College Life is so significant, that

it is no surprise that she was elected to the position of **College Captain** – a role that she fulfilled with the utmost enthusiasm and success with a strong ability to lead and work well with her team. Gila says that she will miss 'the warm and loving environment at Moriah, the amazing teachers and getting involved in absolutely everything!' Her special memories of Moriah include Counterpoint, making lifelong friends, strengthening her Jewish identity, participation in numerous Music and Drama Festivals and meeting Gilad Shalit.

'We thank each and every one of our beloved teachers for their hard work, assistance and guidance. We'll take with us the lessons that they taught us, as they will stand us in good stead for the next step in our lives.'

Gila Rudansky and Adam Silver



Aidan Baron College Vice Captain

'I am who I am because of a 13 year journey at Moriah College' says Aidan. His experience at Counterpoint, being a madrich at Year 7 Orientation Camp, being elected as **College Vice Captain**, and being able to speak to prospective families

about his positive school experience are just a few of the many highlights of his school career. Aidan's charisma and community spirit are legendary and his determination to contribute to the world is remarkable. Aidan is convinced that leading prayers has had a big impact on him and says 'the rhythm of Judaism that runs through the College has uplifted me and inspired my critical thinking and sense of community.'

ATAR of 90+

Students who attained an Australian Tertiary Admissions (ATAR) of 90 (top 10% of the State) or greater include:

Liora Baram – 99.95

Nechama Basserabie – 99.9

Jared Engelman - 99.9

Aaron Springer – 99.85

Ilana Gottlieb - 99.8

Gila Friedgut – 99.55

Jack Symonds – 99.2

Talia Blomson – 99

Kobe Marks - 98.9

Cobi Adams – 98.6

Ilan Kessler - 98.45

Nathan Sher - 98.2

Jordan Cohn – 98.05

Jordan Jacobson - 98.05

Jenna Isacowitz – 97.9

Gabriel Moldovan - 97.55

Nathan Seidman – 97.55

Samantha Klein – 97.4

Justin Malek – 97.3

Michael Seeff – 96.85

Devin Rod – 95.5

Zak Staub – 96.2

Wesley Hamburger – 95.75

Adam Sobel – 95.54

Aimee Katz – 95.15

Toby Shabtay - 94.65

Jesse Lenn - 94.55

Adam Goldberg – 94.05

Rebecca Toblib - 93.35

Gabriella Chalmers – 93.1

Jonathan Goldstein – 92.95

Joshua Gordon – 91

Bianca Linz - 90.33

The students above are those who have indicated that they are happy for their results to be published. Many students have supplied their results to be used for the College's statistical calculations only and not for publication.

'I hope that your cumulative experiences at Moriah are deeply embedded in your personal memory, associated with a time and place filled with warmth, passionate commitment to your Jewish heritage, love of learning and chesed. I look forward to seeing many of you, or hearing about you, in the future.'

Hilary Kahn, Year 12 Coordinator

Our Year 11 Accelerants

Mazal Tov to our Year 11 accelerated HSC Dance students Emma Grill and Daniella Mirels who were each nominated for their Core Composition, Core Performance and Major Study Performance for **CALLBACK** – the HSC Showcase for excellence in Dance.



Emma Grill

CALLBACK nominations for Core Performance, Core Composition and Major Study Performance



Daniella Mirels CALLBACK nominations for Core Performance, Core Composition and Major Study Performance

Congratulations also to accelerated Year 11 students Miriam Charak and Jared Wilk, who achieved places in the State in the 2013 HSC and to Michelle Shmailov who achieved Band 6 in her accelerated subject.



Miriam Charak
Placed 2nd in NSW in
Modern Hebrew Continuers



Jared Wilk
Placed 11th in NSW
in Ancient History



Michelle Shmailov
Achieved Band 6 in
Modern Hebrew Continuers

ARTEXPRESS

Ariel Mekler-Peled

Through her creativity and originality, Ariel has made many significant contributions to the life of the College. Some of these include a prize-winning essay in the Hans Kimmel Competition, an award-winning original song at the 2012 Music Festival and being an active member of the 2013 College Formal Committee. This has all been topped off by an extraordinary body

of photographic work, which has been chosen for exhibition at the prestigious **ARTEXPRESS** – the showcase for exemplary Visual Arts in the HSC. A student who is described by her teachers as an 'anything's possible' kind of person, Ariel can be confident that she has truly achieved her personal best across the board.

Ariel's Body of Work has been selected to appear at the ARTEXPRESS exhibitions at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Wollongong City Gallery.





Ariel Mekler-Peled – Colourism







Nicole Hauser

As **Social Action Captain**, Nicole has been an invaluable member of the Moriah Leadership Council, enlightening other students about issues involving the wider community. She lists among her special Moriah memories: achieving her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, leading Orientation Camps and participating in the Israel Study Tour (IST). Nicole says, 'Moriah has taught me the importance of being part of a Jewish community and has fostered in me a desire to give back to the community that I love.' Her advice to younger students is to 'make the most of all the opportunities that Moriah provides.' Nicole's Body of Work was nominated for exhibition at **ARTEXPRESS**.



Nicole Hauser – Exposé



Gemma Adelman

Gemma's work ethic and determination have let nothing stand in her way of achieving her best. She has embraced all that Moriah has to offer and takes with her special memories of Music and Drama Festivals, Talent Quests and Sport. As **Hillel House Captain**, Gemma has been a perfect role model for other students. Her proudest achievement in Sport was representing Australia in the World Ultimate Frisbee Championships in Ireland. Gemma is

an all-round achiever with her collection of drawings titled 'Birth is Nothing but our Death Begun', being selected for exhibition at **ARTEXPRESS** – the showcase for exemplary HSC Visual Art Major Work.



Gemma's collection
of drawings has been
selected to appear at the
ARTEXPRESS exhibition
at McGlade Gallery,
Australian Catholic
University, Strathfield.



Gemma Adelman – Birth is Nothing but our Death Begun



Design TECH

Judy Mekler-Peled

A student who is always determined to succeed, Judy's studious side is balanced by a love of life, great sense of humour and the ability to mix easily with a wide variety of people. Her talent for creative and

technical pursuits has contributed to College life in many ways including the creation of the dresses worn by the girls in the Akiva Ensemble in the 2012 Music Festival and the nomination of her Year 12 Design Project for **DesignTECH** – the showcase for exemplary D&T HSC Major Works. Judy's commitment to the school's community service program and her determination to live by Torah values has made her an outstanding role model both for students at Moriah and also in the wider community.



Top Achievers in a Course

Best in the State by Place

Ancient History
Jared Wilk (Year 11) – 11th

Classical Hebrew Continuers

Liora Baram – 1st Gila Friedgut – 2nd Elad Stephenson – 3rd Jared Engelman – 4th

Classical Hebrew Extension

Gila Friedgut – 2nd Elad Stephenson – 3rd Nathan Seidman – 4th Gabriel Moldovan – 5th

Economics

Jared Engelman – 4th

English Extension 1Nechama Basserabie – 4th

English Extension 2 Ilana Gottlieb – 9th

English Standard

Lauren Meltzer – 5th Jenna Mazabow – 15th Aimee Katz – 16th

Mathematics Extension 1

(Aaron Springer achieved 3rd place in the State in the 2012 HSC as a Year 11 Accelerant)

Modern Hebrew Continuers Miriam Charak (Year 11) – 2nd

(Gila Friedgut achieved 1st place in the Statein the 2012 HSC as a Year 11 Accelerant)

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Jared Engelman – 6th

'10 years ago, I stood in your shoes and wore them on my way out of one of the finest educational institutions around.

Over time I have changed my shoes and walked right back into that same educational institution. Welcome to the club – welcome to the family!'

Rabbi Benji Levy, Dean of Jewish Life & Learning

OnSTAGE



Sara Borman

Sara says that being a student at Moriah has opened up so many opportunities for her. 'All of the opportunities I received at Moriah, as well as the dedicated teachers and support network, were things I would not have had to

the same extent elsewhere' says Sara. She represented Australia as a member of the Future Problem Solving team that competed in the USA and has enjoyed a wealth of academic success throughout her school career. Sara's talent, intellect and creativity is evidenced by the selection of her Individual HSC Project, an Original Script titled Neverland, having been selected for performance at **OnSTAGE** – the showcase for exemplary HSC Major Works in Drama. Sara says she will miss 'the constant atmosphere of educational growth and being surrounded by people who support me and constantly push me to better myself.'

Sara's Original Script, Neverland, has been selected to be performed at OnSTAGE.



Liora Baram State Honour Roll

An exceptionally talented and valued member of the College community, Liora's cheerful and positive attitude brings enthusiasm and dedication to all that she undertakes. Her well-developed leadership skills have ensured that her

activities as **Public Relations Captain** were well planned, organised and implemented. Liora's advice to the Class of 2014 is to 'take every possible opportunity' and she has definitely put that into practice, graduating with a long list of Academic prizes to her name, alongside a track record of involvement in a multitude of College activities from Charity and Community service initiatives to the Moriah Music Program. Liora's Monologue, *Maureen from Beauty Queen of Leenane*, was nominated for **OnSTAGE**, the showcase for outstanding HSC Drama performances.

ENCORE



Sophie Levy

Being presented with the Australian Olympic Committee's Pierre de Coubertin Award for displaying the Olympic ideals of fair play and sportsmanship is the icing on the cake of Sophie's graduating year. With a swag of Community

Service prizes to her name, Sophie is an exemplary role model who has embraced the many opportunities presented to her at Moriah. Her success and enthusiasm as **Charity Captain**, balanced with an intensive extracurricular program during Year 12, is evidence of her maturity, perseverance and time management skills. Sophie's extra-curricular pursuits include the Cambodia experience, the role of Ezra Music Festival Convenor, the Gold Duke of Edinburgh and the Moriah Band Tour. Her advice to the Class of 2014 is to 'get as involved as you can! You only get out, what you put in, so give it your all and I promise you an unforgettable year!'



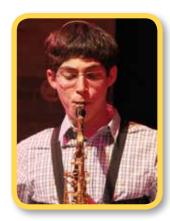
Oren Shmailov

Oren has been an invaluable leader as **Ezra House Captain**, inspiring students to participate to their fullest in House activities, through his passionate enthusiasm. He has wonderful memories of travelling overseas with the Tour Band and

says, 'without Moriah's Music Program, I can't imagine what my life at school would have been like.' Oren's diligence and self-motivation have ensured his academic success, and he counts this as one of his most significant achievements. He says that it's the 'amount of effort and care that all members of staff put into their students, in an out of the classroom' that makes Moriah special.

'My great teachers inspired me to reach my full potential.'

Daniel Wasilewsky



Jeremy Elliott

Jeremy's favourite memories of Moriah are centred around the Music Program and his participation in Band Camps, describing the 2011 international Band Tour as 'the most amazing experience of my life.' Jeremy says that he will

miss 'the bonds we have made through the Music Program, where we are one big family and everyone knows each other, and the fun that we have while making music together.' A diligent student, Jeremy has always given of his best and has made the most of his opportunities at Moriah College. It's no surprise that Jeremy's advice to the Class of 2014 is to 'work and study hard and also to enjoy the last year at school by pursuing every opportunity to get involved and make the most of it.'

'The fact that such a large school can feel small and like a family is what makes Moriah unique.' Joshua Gordon



Nathan Seidman

Nathan's mix of yiddishkeit, chesed, humour, intelligence, dedication, musical talent and modesty, make him a unique student, who has made a significant contribution to Moriah College. As Jewish Life and Zionism Captain

Nathan has been an exemplary role model and leading the benching in Assemblies, helping to conduct the Moriah Central Shabbat, participating in Friday night services at Hamakom, and reading Tanach in class are just a few of his special memories. Nathan admits there is never a dull moment at Moriah and he will miss the school's 'unique warmth and care', adding that 'the network of support in all facets of learning, the drive for success and the holistic approach to Jewish and secular studies is something that I will truly cherish and never forget.'



Gabriel Moldovan

State Honour Roll

Renown for his unique sense of humour, sharp wit and warm personality, Gabby has earned the respect and affection of both students and teachers. He lists helping the Music Program achieve success in eisteddfods

and competitions, and the 2011 international Band Tour as highlights of his life at Moriah, in addition to 'meeting some of the best people on the planet in my very own year.' Gabby says that 'the wide spectrum of subjects taught, both formally and informally,' makes Moriah special, as well as the teachers, who 'ensure that all your questions are answered, no matter how big or small.' His advice to the Class of 2014 is: 'don't stress about the HSC. Just work to the best of your ability and the marks with sort themselves out!'



Jacob Meyerowitz

A passionate musician, Jacob has excelled at this subject, taking home the Prize for First in Music in Years 10 and 11 and making it a trifecta in 2013 with the Prize for First in Music 2 in Year 12. Jacob's best memory of Moriah is the 2011

international Band Tour, with reflections on Music Camps and his contribution to Ezra's win in the 2012 Music Festival following closely behind. Described by teachers and friends as 'kind, cheerful and with a quirky sense of humour', Jacob has proved himself to be a caring individual who puts other people's needs before his own, and his enthusiasm for helping others is evident in his commitment to service learning.

'At Moriah all the students have something in common and share many similar interests. That means that there is interaction with a large number of students.'

Damian Sidney



Lauren Saul

Immersing herself fully in the Performing Arts
Program at Moriah
College, Lauren was actively involved in the school's Music Festivals, contributing to House performances with enthusiasm and boundless energy. Lauren says

that she values the connections that she made with her teachers, and her friendly nature and strength of character have gained her the respect of her teachers and peers. One teacher describes Lauren as 'an eshet chayil – woman of worth – who cares deeply about the wellbeing of other people and is the confidante of many of her friends.' Lauren says that she will miss the Moriah Community and the school's 'unique, welcoming and homey' atmosphere. Further, Lauren Saul's music composition was selected for Encore.

Lauren's music composition was selected to be performed for ENCORE



Aaron Springer State Honour Roll

Brilliant, inquiring and perceptive as Aaron is, the overriding adjective people use about him is 'modest.' This exceptional student has successfully achieved brilliant academic results alongside a rich and varied involvement

in extra-curricular activities. Aaron graduates with Prizes for First in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics Extension 1. He completed Mathematics Extension 2 in Year 11 as an accelerated student, scoring third in the State. His fondest memories of school include playing piano in the Jazz Band and Symphony Orchestra, singing in the Vocal Ensemble and participating in

Music Festivals. Aaron appreciates that 'Moriah not only focuses on academia.' He says, 'the school also stresses the importance of giving back to the community and this is a value, which I am very grateful to have been taught.'

'Moriah wouldn't be Moriah without the fantastic teachers and the fact that I never want to leave really means that Moriah has left a true mark on me.'

Alexa Zeh

Eleven Nominations for ENCORE

Mazal Tov to these students who have all been nominated for **ENCORE** – the HSC Music Showcase for exemplary Major Work.

Jeremy Elliott – Music 2 student: Nominated for Core Composition

Sophie Levy – Music 1 and 2 student: Nominated for Performance (Bass Guitar) AND Core Composition

Gabriel Moldovan – Music 2 student: Nominated for Core Composition

Jacob Meyerowitz – Music 2 student: Nominated for Core Composition AND Elective Composition

Nathan Seidman – Music 2 student: Nominated for Elective Composition

Aaron Springer – Music 2 student: Nominated for Core Compositiom

Oren Shmailov – Music 1 and 2 student: Nominated for Core Composition AND his performance was on Alto Saxophone

Lauren Saul – Music 1 student Nominated for Elective Composition

> 'Moriah – a community where all students are equal with the same culture, where there is such unity. It is a great platform for me to shape my Jewish identity.' Kasey Hurwitz



Michael Seeff
State Honour Roll

A talented and valued member of the College community, Michael has proven to be a successful participant in the College Music program and it's no surprise that some of his fondest memories of school revolve around

Band Tour, Music Camps and Band Competitions. Michael was elected to the position of **Music Captain**, helping to establish the profile of Music at Moriah, and in this role he demonstrated his skills as an effective leader, able to interact with others effortlessly and proving to be a valued team member. Michael says, 'Moriah has provided a loving environment where I have learnt to be proud of my Jewish heritage and identity, with an inspiring trip to Israel helping me realise how special it is to be Jewish.'

'I will miss the energy of my year group – I do really love the place!' Julia Milwidsky



Aaron Meyer State Honour Roll

While graduating with a long list of academic achievements to his name, Aaron's most significant moments at Moriah revolve around his Music. Establishing the Music Captain as a new leadership position

and participating in the 2011 international Band Tour stand out as memories that will last a lifetime. To quote Aaron's Clarinet tutor: 'Aaron is one of the most focused, disciplined, organised and driven students I have had the pleasure of working with...he has managed to set his own ambitious learning path well beyond what I would expect of a High School student.' Aaron says Moriah is a school where 'the teachers' passion for their subjects extends beyond the curriculum.' He adds 'Moriah has the ability to provide not only an academic education but one that also instils in students a set of values and morals.'

MORIAH COLLEGE HSC HONOUR ROLL

Students achieving in the top band within particular courses of study

Ancient History

Mark Argaman Warren Duke Joel Grunstein Wesley Hamburger Solomon Rachamim Devin Rod Jared Wilk (98) (Year 11)

Business Studies

Cobi Adams Mark Argaman Davin Glick Adam Goldberg Jonathan Goldstein Wesley Hamburger **Chad Heilig** Danielle Herman (94) Kasey Hurvitz (94) Romy Joseph Aimee Katz Samantha Klein Jesse Lenn Justin Malek Devin Rod Ashra Royal Michael Seeff **Toby Shabtay** Adam Silver

Chemistry

Millie Stein

Liora Baram Gabriel Moldovan Nathan Sher Aaron Springer (94)

Jack Symonds (94)

Classical Hebrew Continuers

Liora Baram (95)*
Jordan Cohn
Jared Engleman
Gila Friedgut (95)
Gabriel Moldovan
Gila Rudansky
Nathan Seidman
Elad Stephenson (95)

* First in State

'I will miss celebrating all the Jewish festivals with my friends at school.'

Jenna Mazabow

Classical Hebrew Ext 1

Jordan Cohn Gila Friedgut (48) Gabriel Moldovan Nathan Seidman Gabriella Seskin Elad Stephenson (48)

Dance

Emma Grill (Year 11) Daniella Mirels (99) (Year 11)

Drama

Zarah Baitz Liora Baram (97) Gila Friedgut Stephanie Jacobson Julia Milwidsky Gila Rudansky

Economics

Cobi Adams
Nechama Basserabie
Jake Bloom
Jared Engelman (98)
Ilana Gottlieb
Kasey Hurvitz
Jason Kane
Sarah Katz
Sophie Levy
Kobe Marks
Aaron Meyer
Adam Silver
Jack Symonds

English Standard

Joshua Goldman
Jordan Jacobson
Aimee Katz
Jenna Mazabow
Lauren Meltzer (95)
Julia Milwidsky
Gabriella Seskin
Danielle Wolf

English Advanced

Mark Argaman Liora Baram (96) Nechama Basserabie (96) Talia Blomson Jeremy Elliott Jared Engelman Gila Friedgut Ilana Gottlieb Wesley Hamburger Nicole Hauser Samantha Hayim Jenna Isacowitz Stephanie Jacobson Romy Joseph Andrea Kallmeyer Jason Kane Sarah Katz Samantha Klein **Aaron Meyer** Ashra Royal Sarah Rubenstein Ryan Schiff Michael Seeff Nathan Seidman **Toby Shabtay** Nathan Sher Adam Silver Adam Sobel **Aaron Springer** Zak Staub Millie Stein **Elad Stephenson** Romi Sussman

'From
Counterpoint to
Jewish Studies
lessons, each
have given
me valuable
messages to take
with me into
every aspect of
my life and for
the future.'

Jack Symonds

Rebecca Toblib

Talya Greenstein

English Ext 1

Nechama Basserabie (50)
Sara Borman
Ilana Gottlieb
Nicole Hauser
Sarah Katz
Aaron Meyer
Gila Rudansky
Aaron Schneider
Zak Staub
Elad Stephenson

English Ext 2

Nechama Basserabie Sara Borman Ilana Gottlieb (50) Nicole Hauser Sarah Katz Aaron Meyer

Food Technology

Jessica Lorge (90)

French Continuers

Nechama Basserabie (97)

Geography

Guy Sussman (91)

History Ext 1

Joel Grunstein (46) Adam Silver Ellie Silvers

Information Processes & Technology

Jake Bloom (95) Jared Horowitz Jordan Jacobson (95) Jacob Meyerowitz (95) Ryan Schiff

Italian Beginners

Sophie Levy (95)

Legal Studies

Cobi Adams
Talia Blomson (96)
Romy Joseph
Sarah Rubenstein
Toby Shabtay
Ellie Silvers
Zak Staub
Rebecca Toblib

MORIAH COLLEGE HSC HONOUR ROLL

Students achieving in the top band within particular courses of study

Mathematics General

Talia Blomson Jeremy Fuchs Jared Horowitz Jesse Lenn (96) Jenna Mazabow Gareth Milner Sarah Rubenstein (96) Adam Silver

'Set yourself small goals and soon you can achieve all expectations.' Jordan Cohn

Mathematics

Cobi Adams Jake Bloom (97) Gabriella Chalmers Michael Garbuz Jonathan Goldstein **Kasey Hurvitz** Jenna Isacowitz Jordan Jacobson Aimee Katz Sarah Katz Samantha Klein Sophie Levy Lauren Meltzer Jacob Meverowitz Gabriel Moldovan Benjamin Rohald Michael Seeff 7ak Staub **Elad Stephenson Guy Sussman** Romi Sussman

Mathematics Ext 1

Cobi Adams Liora Baram (95) Jake Bloom Gabriella Chalmers Warren Duke Danielle Herman Kasey Hurvitz

* First in State

Jenna Isacowitz Jordan Jacobson Sarah Katz Sophie Levy Justin Malek **Kobe Marks** Gabriel Moldovan Benjamin Rohald **Aaron Schneider** Michael Seeff Zak Staub Romi Sussman **Jack Symonds**

Mathematics Ext 2

Liora Baram (95) Danielle Herman Justin Malek

Modern Hebrew Continuers

Nechama Basserabie Miriam Charak (98) (Year 11) Jordan Cohn Justin Malek Ariel Mekler-Peled Asaf Perron Omer Perron Gila Rudansky Nathan Seidman Michelle Shmailov (Year 11) Adam Sobel Guy Sussman Romi Sussman

Modern History

Ilana Gottlieb Devin Rod (92)

Music Course 1

Gabriella Bolel Bianca Linz (92) Lauren Saul Jodine Wolman

Music Course 2

Jeremy Elliott Sophie Levy Jacob Meyerowitz (98) Gabriel Moldovan Michael Seeff Nathan Seidman Oren Shmailov **Aaron Springer**

Music Ext 1

Sophie Levy Michael Seeff (48)

PDHPE

Talia Blomson Jared Engelman (97) Amy Gruskin Guy Sussman

Physics

Jordan Jacobson Ilan Kessler Kobe Marks (95) Nathan Sher Aaron Springer (95)

Software Design & Development

Jake Bloom (95) Ilan Kessler Jacob Meverowitz Nathan Sher

Studies of Religion 2

Talia Blomson Warren Duke Nicole Hauser Kasey Hurvitz Jenna Isacowitz Sarah Katz Jesse Lenn Jenna Mazabow Julia Milwidsky Sarah Rubenstein (93) Gila Rudansky **Toby Shabtay**

Visual Arts

Gemma Adelman Nechama Basserabie (96) Nicole Hauser Samantha Hayim Jenna Isacowitz Samantha Klein Bianca Linz Jenna Mazabow Ariel Mekler-Peled Julia Milwidsky Sarah Rubenstein Romi Sussman

'Year 12 was my favourite year you just need to relax, try not to stress and enjoy it while it lasts.'

Mark Argaman

The Honour Roll lists all students in the subjects for which they achieved a Band 6 (top band). Appearances or 'hits' on the Honour Roll are used by the organisations who publish school rankings.

We congratulate the following students from the Class of 2013 who appeared on the Board of Studies HSC Honour Roll in 2012 as Year 11 Accelerants:

Biology

Ryan Schiff

Dance

Rebecca Toblib (92)

Mathematics Ext 1

Jordan Cohn Jared Engleman Ilana Gottlieb Jason Kane Ilan Kessler **Aaron Meyer** Aaron Springer (100)

Mathematics Ext 2

Jordan Cohn Jared Engleman (95) Ilana Gottlieb Jason Kane Ilan Kessler Aaron Meyer (95) Nathan Sher Aaron Springer (95)

Modern Hebrew Continuers

Gila Friedgut (97) * Sinay Salomon Oren Shmailov

HSC COURSES OF STUDY

COURSE	Number of students in Band 5/6	Number of students in course	Moriah % Band 5/6	State % Band 5/6
2 UNIT COURSES Ancient History	26	29	89.64	34.44
Biology	7	12	58.33	32.96
Business Studies	41	50	82	34.85
Chemistry	12	15	79.99	41.63
Classical Hebrew Continuers	13	22	59.08	51.84
Design & Technology	4	12	33.33	37.02
Drama	12	13	92.3	43.51
Economics	17	19	89.47	33.11
English Advanced	85	86	98.82	53.01
English Standard	33	56	58.92	6.83
Food Technology	5	7	71.42	28.07
Geography	9	15	59.99	39.76
Information Processes & Technology	5	5	100	36.6
Legal Studies	15	18	83.32	42.57
Mathematics	47	64	73.43	49.24
Mathematics General	21	34	61.75	20.83
Modern Hebrew Continuers	30	30	100	100
Modern History	14	16	87.5	47.14
Music Course 1	5	5	100	58.89
Music Course 2	8	8	100	85.31
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	21	33	63.63	28.39
Physics	12	18	66.65	33.36
Society & Culture	9	10	90	47.54
Software Design & Development	10	10	100	29.52
Studies of Religion	35	45	77.77	35.7
Visual Art	30	31	96.88	51.44
EXTENSION COURSES		Band E3/E4		
Classical Hebrew Extension 1	12	12	100	100
English Extension 1	15	15	100	88.34
English Extension 2	8	8	100	77.89
History Extension 1	11	11	100	73.93
Mathematics Extension 1	40	40	100	83.54
Mathematics Extension 2	10	10	100	87.17
Music Extension 1	2	2	100	98.21



Nathan Sher State Honour Roll

Nathan is described by a teacher as the 'archetypal mensch'. A student who has truly embraced every opportunity that Moriah has to offer, Nathan's list of co-curricular activities includes everything from Maths and Science

Competitions, an international Band Tour, the Hadracha and Jewish Advocacy Programs, the Cambodia experience, the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Program and Future Problem Solvers – just to name a few! His diligence and perseverance allowed him to complete the HSC in Mathematics Extension 2 as a Year 11 Accelerant with his spare time spent performing mitzvot, helping others and doing charitable work. Nathan says that he will miss 'the great sense of community felt by everyone at Moriah.'



Nechama Basserabie

State Honour Roll

Affectionately known by everyone as 'Chamz', Nechama began her time at the College in Year 7 and immediately felt part of the Moriah family. She feels that Moriah made her more connected to her heritage and reinforced

the importance of maintaining and being proud of her Jewish identity. Nechama's intellect, wit and curiosity are renowned with one teacher describing her as 'like a great book, brimming with ideas, written with style and one which you wish wouldn't end.' The list of Academic prizes with which she graduates is as bountiful as are her memories of 'amazing teachers, the joy of seeing friends every day, a happy atmosphere and the excitement of learning really interesting things!'



Gila Friedgut

Gila topped the State in Modern Hebrew
Continuers in the 2012 HSC as a Year 11 accelerated student. An exemplary role model, Gila's enthusiasm for both academic and extra-curricular activities has enabled her to balance her responsibilities and

achieve success in everything she undertakes. Gila took on the role of **Jewish Life & Zionism Captain** with the utmost enthusiasm and success and says, 'I think that every single experience that I've had at Moriah has in some way or another, impacted on my Jewish identity.' She describes Moriah as a place where 'not only do the teachers make you strive to get good marks, they make you strive to be a mensch.'



Adam Sobel

Adam is described by a teacher as, 'the most enthusiastic student who has engaged all his subjects and has approached his studies with dedication and determination.' His approach to his studies has shown Adam to be a

knowledgeable student with great intellectual capacity and sophisticated communication skills. Adam says, 'I was lucky to have terrific Jewish Studies teachers throughout my schooling, who cemented my knowledge of customs and history in engaging and enjoyable lessons.' His message to his cohort is, 'Always remember that the ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.'



Jack Symonds

One of his teachers describes Jack as having 'fantastic entrepreneurial energy and spirit.' Known to his friends as warm, personable and charismatic, Jack's level of commitment has been evident in his personal achievements both in the classroom and on the sports field. Jack has been a valued member of the Senior Rugby team and one of his fondest memories is the 2013 win against Masada College. On the topic of Jewish identity, Jack says, 'Moriah has allowed me to understand that we have a responsibility to protect the future of the Jewish people.'



Gabriella Bolel

Gabby's involvement in College Life spans a wide range of co-curricular activities from Charity, Music and The Arts to Sport and Leadership and this earned her both the Shield and the Prize for Outstanding School Service, 2013. As **Akiva**

House Captain, Gabby successfully promoted Music and Drama across the College for students of all ages. Gabby says that she is 'thankful for being a part of a school that values the continuation of a Jewish heritage.' Her special memories include Music Camps, Counterpoint and Band Tour, which she describes as 'the trip of a lifetime.' Gabby has made an enormous contribution to the College and her dedication to all she does is highly valued by her teachers and friends.



Ellie Silvers

Her friends describe Ellie as kind, welcoming, caring, outgoing and hilarious saying, 'She fills the room with her laugher and smiles – and we love her for this.' Her outstanding verbal and written communication skills, together with her

determination to succeed in all that she undertakes has resulted in Ellie graduating with the Prize for First in History Extension. Ellie's highly developed social conscience and great personal integrity were demonstrated through her community service work and assisting students with special needs. Ellie joined the College in Year 7 and says, 'Moriah has helped reinforce my Jewish identity, giving me a strong, close, family-like community that I feel a great part of.'



Sarah Rubenstein
State Honour Roll

With an outstanding passion and talent for Visual Arts, Sarah has ensured that her creativity and imagination shines through in all that she undertakes including her love of writing and reading. 'Being a student at

Moriah', says Sarah, 'has helped to give me a strong sense of Jewish pride and has shown me the enduring strength of the Jewish community.' She also credits the special relationships formed between teachers and students as one of the unique qualities of Moriah College. Sarah's diligence and positive approach to her studies, earned her the Prize for First in Mathematics General, 2013.



Elad Stephenson

Elad is admired for his good nature and dedication to Jewish values. A natural leader and firm in his commitment to Yiddishkeit, Elad's involvement in organising activities for the Primary School through the Hadracha Program, his role as Gabbai for Tefillah

Shleymah and his contribution as Moriah Shabbat Event Coordinator were meaningful and enjoyable. Elad has balanced his extra-curricular activities with considerable academic success, and he graduates with the Prizes for First in Biology and Mathematics. Elad says that he will miss the 'firm support network of teachers at Moriah, who help you with any issues and provide worthwhile guidance.'



Cobi Adams

A quiet and focused student, Cobi's diligence and self-motivation have ensured that he has gained excellent results including First place in Mathematics Extension 1 and scoring in the top 3% in Australia in the UNSW Australian Business Studies Competition. Having attended Moriah from Preschool Cobi has many fond memories and says 'the family feel of Moriah has shown me that being Jewish is more than just the religion, it is also about the connection to a community.' In particular, the Israel Study Tour (IST) 'has left a life-long indelible mark.' Cobi says that Moriah has taught him that 'achievement is the best motivator', adding 'the academic excellence achieved at this non-selective, community school makes Moriah special and unique.'



Jake Bloom

Jake's commitment to taking every opportunity that comes his way resulted in representing Moriah College twice on an international scale, once as a member of the Future Problem Solving Team, which competed in America and also as

part of the 2011 Band Tour to the USA and Israel. Jake believes that Moriah has taught him to be proud of his achievements and provided him with a desire to make an impression on the world at large. This is echoed in his message to his classmates: 'Dream big, dare to be different and don't be afraid to leave your own impression on the world. Life is an adventure so take your opportunities and make the most of it!'



Talia Blomson *State Honour Roll*

Talia's work ethic, diligence and self-motivation ensure that she excels in everything she undertakes. Her teachers say that once Talia makes up her mind to achieve something, she is almost unstoppable! This year, her strive for

excellence has earned her the Prizes for First in Legal Studies, PDHPE and Studies of Religion. Alongside her Academic pursuits, Talia has enjoyed being involved in many aspects of College life including Leadership conferences, community work, the Formal Committee and Music Festival. 'All my experiences at Moriah have made me proud to be Jewish and passionate about Israel' says Talia.



Jared Engleman State Honour Roll

A truly outstanding Moriah graduate, Jared is an all-rounder who has excelled academically, proven his prowess on the sports field, devoted countless hours behind the scenes to work for the benefit of others and also managed to be an

effective **Ezra House Captain**. Close to Jared's heart is the notion of Chesed and he feels that Counterpoint, Jewish Advocacy and the ample opportunities to participate in Jewish Life have helped shape his Jewish identity. Jared graduates with the Prize for First in PDHPE, First in Economics and First in Mathematics Extension 2, which he completed as an accelerated student in Year 11.



Justin Malek

Justin says that he will miss the 'community atmosphere within Moriah, that always makes you feel welcome, included and connected.' A true all-rounder, Justin has been involved in many aspects of school life and has excelled academically

as well demonstrating his valuable contribution to the College community by representing Moriah in Swimming, Athletics and Soccer. Justin says 'Moriah has taught me all I know about Judaism and my Jewish identity and has allowed me to understand myself and my religious heritage.' He adds that IST was a significant experience that will stay with him forever.



Ilana GottliebState Honour Roll

Ilana has enjoyed just about everything about school. Her fondest memories include Music and Drama Festivals and going on Band Tour. Her most significant moments at school include the initiatives and programs that she has been involved with in her role as **Charity Captain**. Although her favourite subject is English, Ilana has proven herself to be an excellent Mathematician, completing Extension 2 Maths as a Year 11 Accelerated student. Ilana says that her formal Jewish education in Hebrew, Jewish Studies and Jewish History, helped to form the foundation of her Jewish identity, while the informal programs such as Counterpoint and travelling to Israel with Band Tour, worked to strengthen that identity and build a connection with Israel. Ilana's Extension 2 Major Work has been shortlisted for

the prestigious Young Writers' Showcase, which is a printed anthology of some of the extraordinary short stories, poems, scripts and critical responses submitted for the HSC English Extension 2 course.



Sarah Katz State Honour Roll

Sarah describes Moriah as a 'community driven school, which embraces the individuality of each of its students.' A student who has truly embraced all the opportunities that the College has to offer, Sarah has shown a commitment

to the Jewish Advocacy Program, Prayer Leadership and the Charity Committee and feels that the Israel Study Tour (IST) was a turning point in her life, which enabled her to learn about herself and develop strong relationships with her peers. In the words of one of her teachers 'every teacher deserves a student like Sarah.' This is a true reflection of Sarah's strong work ethic, perseverance and quiet confidence.



Ilan Kessler

A passionate
Mathematician, Ilan
completed his HSC in
Mathematics Extension 2
as an accelerated student
in Year 11, allowing him
the flexibility to study
Maths and Computers at
University, while still in
Year 12. With a balanced

approach to life and a strong desire to succeed in any tasks that he undertakes, Ilan made sure that he followed his interest in Sport alongside his academic pursuits, representing the College in Athletics, Basketball, Soccer and Rugby. Ilan is renown for his willingness to advise and help others and he is already well on the way to success, having made an original mathematical discovery and also developing his own iPhone app.



Shardi Cleminson

Shardi describes Moriah as a 'close-knit school in which you feel like you are part of a family.' A generous and motivated student, Shardi has made a valuable contribution to the life of the school through the numerous committees that she has

been involved in and her commitment to participating in service learning programs and community service initiatives. This earned her the 2013 Prize for Valuable Community Service. Shardi says that she will miss the close relationships that she has formed with her teachers and her advice to younger students is to 'take it easy, don't stress, enjoy the time you have at school and take all the opportunities that come your way.'



Kobe Marks

A talented scientist, Kobe successfully secured a highly competitive position at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra and was also a member of a Moriah team, which reached the National Finals of the Future Problem Solving Competition

three times. Kobe's major contribution to the life of the College was his creation of a Year 12 Middle School Mentoring Program, demonstrating his persistence and determination as well as his ability to work well as part of a team. His advice to the Class of 2014 focuses on Moriah's dedicated teaching staff: 'Your teachers only want the best for you', says Kobe. 'Don't be afraid to ask them for help if you need it. They make the HSC all the more easier.'

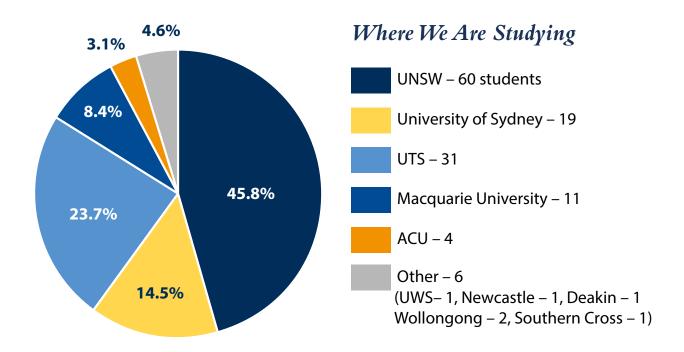


Ryan Schiff

Ryan says that it's the sense of community associated with the school that makes Moriah unique and 'as a student at the College, you know that you are a part of the entire Jewish Community, not just Moriah.' A conscientious and dedicated student, Ryan completed Year 12 Biology as an accelerated student in Year 11 and was also a member of the team, which competed in the International Future Problem Solving competition in the USA. Alongside his studies, Ryan has made the most of his opportunities at Moriah, participating in various activities including the Jewish Advocacy Program, Music Festival and the Year 12 Formal Committee.

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS

131 out of 141 students received an offer to a university. That is 93% of the cohort.

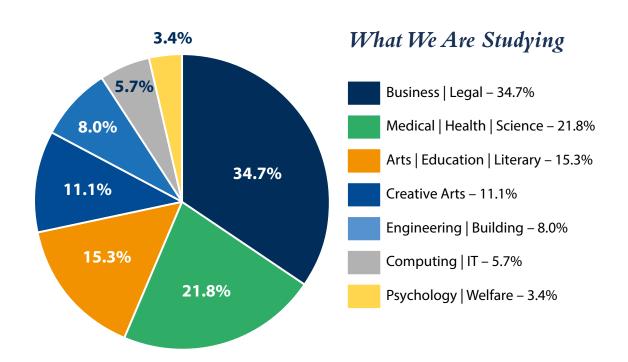


'I am so grateful to be part of a Year group that is so kind, fun and caring. We truly have become a beautiful Year group and I can't wait to keep in contact outside of school and meet at our reunion in 10 years to see where we all are.'

Annabel Finkelstein

'The closeness between students and teachers and the dedication of the teachers to impart life lessons as well as the academic standards is what makes Moriah special.'

Samantha Khavin





1st Row L-R: Netanel Abisedon, Cobi Adams, Gemma Adelman, Mark Argaman, Zarah Baitz, Liora Baram

2nd Row L-R: Aidan Baron, Nechama Basserabie, Talia Binkin, Talia Blomson, Jake Bloom, Gabriella Bolel, Sara Borman, Gabriella Chalmers, Aaron Chato, Shardi Cleminson, Jordan Cohn, Dylan Dinte, Warren Duke, Jeremy Elliott

3rd Row L-R: Jared Ellison, Jared Engelman, Ben Feilich, Elisheva Fest, Annabel Finkelstein, Gila Friedgut, Jeremy Fuchs, Toby Fuzi, Michael Garbuz, Anna Gilbourd, Davin Glick, Emma Gold, Adam Goldberg, Joshua Goldman

4th Row L-R: Jonathan Goldstein, Joshua Gordon, Ilana Gottlieb, Zoe Grace, Talya Greenstein, Joel Grunstein, Amy Gruskin, Wesley Hamburger, Alexa Hareb, Nicole Hauser, Samantha Hayim, Chad Heilig, Danielle Herman, Jared Horak

5th Row L-R: Jared Horowitz, Kasey Hurvitz, Jenna Isacowitz, Rachel Jablonka, Aaron Jacobs, Jordan Jacobson, Stephanie Jacobson, Romy Joseph, Andrea Kallmeyer, Jason Kane, Bradley Karpin, Aimee Katz, Sarah Katz, Ilan Kessler

6th Row L-R: Samantha Khavin, Samantha Klein, Jessica Kreyman, Jason Kroser, Gus Kugel, Jesse Lenn, Sophie Levy, Bianca Linz, Jessica Lorge, Nadav Losky, Justin Malek, Tori Marco, Kobe Marks, Binyomin Maynard

7th Row L-R: Jenna Mazabow, Ariel Mekler-Peled, Judy Mekler-Peled, Jacob Melamed, Lauren Meltzer, Zachary Mendels, Aaron Meyer, Jacob Meyerowitz, Ryan Miller, Gareth Milner, Julia Milwidsky, Gabriel Moldovan, Asher Paris, Asaf Perron

8th Row L-R: Omer Perron, Alexander Pevzner, James Puterflam, Solomon Rachamim, Judd Reichman, Devin Rod, Benjamin Rohald, Teale Rosen, Ashra Royal, Dov Royal, Sarah Rubenstein, Gila Rudansky, Joshua Saacks, Sinay Salomon

9th Row L-R: Joshua Satz, Lauren Saul, Ryan Schiff, Aaron Schneider, Danya Schonberger, Michael Seeff, Benjamin Segal, Nathan Seidman, Gabriella Seskin, Toby Shabtay, Nathan Sher, Raine Sher, Oren Shmailov, Talia Shnaiderman

10th Row L-R: Joshua Shubitz, Damian Sidney, Adam Silver, Ellie Silvers, Adam Sobel, Aaron Springer, Zak Staub, Millie Stein, Elad Stephenson, Guy Sussman, Romi Sussman, Gilad Swartz, Jack Symonds, Rebecca Toblib

11th Row L-R: Martika Van Rijn, Sarah Veltman, Melanie Vesely, Daniel Wasilewsky, Georgia Weiss, Melanie Weiss, Daniel Wohl, Danielle Wolf, Jodine Wolman, Alexa Zeh

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