

MICCA HECHT HAS THE PERFECT ENDING AS A SENIOR AT TVT

Micca Hecht does not consider herself to be perfect. In fact, Dr. Roth, the principal at Tarbut V'Torah School states that Micca is one of the most humble students she has encountered in her years of experience as an Upper School administrator.

Hecht recently accomplished a rare feat when she took the College Board SAT tests in preparation for college admission in the fall. Hecht, an Irvine senior became one of a select few to record the highest possible score on the SAT with a total of 2,400 points, the highest amount ever recorded by a TVT student.

To place Hecht's test score in perspective, a quick review of the testing process is needed. Until 2005, the highest possible score on the SAT test was 1,600 (combined Critical Reading and Math scores). This same year, the College Board diversified SAT's testing Format from two areas into three (they added a Writing score) yielding the highest score of 2400.

In 2007, nearly 1.5 million high school students nation-wide took the college entrance exam and just 269 recorded a 2,400 score including 45 from California. In 2006, the first year of the new format, only 43 students throughout California reached the plateau.

"We know that that it is a significant achievement," said Marguerite Bonous-Hammarth Director at University of California Irvine office of Admission and Relations with Schools. However, while SAT scores are an important factor in college admissions, the entire application is reviewed which includes the student's grades, extracurricular activities and the personal statement.

Hecht's test results and overall high school work have been noted by top learning institutions like UCI. Additionally, Micca was admitted into the 2008 freshman class at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for this fall and her family has confirmed that she plans to attend this prestigious university.

Hecht is also a candidate for the Presidential Scholars Program and if selected, Micca may attend a reception at the White House with President Bush later this year.