



“Our day schools need the best teachers, who are constantly growing and reflecting. The DeLeT MAT program is creating incredibly well-trained future teachers.”

Jane Taubenfeld Cohen

*Head of School, South Area Solomon Schechter Day School
Stoughton, Massachusetts*

Brandeis MAT programs for Jewish day schools prepare elementary and secondary teachers through a state-of-the-art program that combines graduate study with an extended internship in a local day school. Students enhance their Judaic knowledge in a pluralistic setting.

Brandeis provides a challenging pathway to a rewarding career. Jewish day schools are one of the most exciting and fastest-growing institutions on the contemporary Jewish landscape, and there is a vital need for passionate, committed, well-prepared teachers at both the elementary and secondary levels. Graduates of these Brandeis MAT programs

serve the Jewish community as teacher-leaders and models of Jewish learning and living.

Students in the Elementary MAT (DeLeT) program earn a Master of Arts in Teaching in elementary education, and are eligible for initial teaching licensure (grades 1 - 6) from the State of Massachusetts. Students

in the Secondary MAT (Bible) program earn a Master of Arts in Teaching in secondary education, and are qualified to teach Bible in Jewish day high schools. (There is no state licensure for teaching Bible.) Both programs offer generous funding. See the Web site for more details.



Who Should Apply?

Recent college graduates and mid-career changers are encouraged to apply. Candidates should be highly motivated, with a love for learning, a strong interest in teaching, and a desire to contribute to a vibrant Jewish future. Candidates for the Elementary MAT (DeLeT) should have a strong liberal arts background. Knowledge of Hebrew is desirable. Candidates for the Secondary MAT (Bible) must have a strong background in Bible, including Biblical Hebrew.

Brandeis in Brief

Founded in 1948 by the American Jewish community, Brandeis brings to American higher education a unique cultural perspective reflecting Jewish traditions of scholarship and community service, and a commitment to social justice. Named for the late Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis of the U.S. Supreme Court, Brandeis is the youngest private research university, as well as the only nonsectarian Jewish-sponsored college or university, in the

country, and features the faculty and resources of a world-class research institution.

Located in Waltham, Massachusetts, on 235 attractive suburban acres, Brandeis is in an ideal location just nine miles west of Boston. Boston has undergone a “Jewish renaissance” over the past several years, and boasts a wealth of cultural and Jewish resources, which complement the vibrant Jewish life on campus.

To Apply

For application instructions, please visit brandeis.edu/gsas/apply

For More Information

Further information about the MAT programs, curriculum, and faculty is available at www.brandeis.edu/programs/mat



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**Master of Arts
in Teaching:
Jewish Day Schools
Elementary MAT (DeLeT)
Secondary MAT (Bible)**

*Preparing Teacher-Leaders
to Transform Jewish Day Schools*

Teach to Learn to Teach to Learn to Teach

Four Themes Characterize the MAT Programs at Brandeis

Knowing Students as Learners

MAT students study children as individuals and members of communities, and begin learning how to shape instruction that builds on children's interests, strengths, and needs as thinkers and doers.

Teaching for Understanding

MAT students examine how academic content can be a resource for children's inquiry and a means of giving them wider access to the world. They explore ways to teach to ambitious and appropriate standards for all children, and learn principles and practices of assessment in accord with those standards and purposes.

Inquiry

MAT students learn to promote children's curiosity and to make inquiry a central part of their professional practice as teachers. Each student conducts a semester-long classroom research project that culminates in a public presentation.

Social Justice

Brandeis prides itself on incorporating an active commitment to social justice in all of its programs. In this spirit, MAT students are advocates for children. They create classrooms in which students practice respect, decency, and fairness, and learn to contribute to the development of democratic society.

Role Models for Jewish Learning and Living

Jewish day school teachers are more than teachers of subject matter. They are role models for students and guides to Jewish life and study. The Elementary MAT (DeLeT) and Secondary MAT (Bible) programs rest on a vision of Jewish day schools as learning communities where students can form integrated identities as they study and experience their dual heritage and responsibilities as Americans and as Jews.

The MAT: Jewish Day Schools program benefits from partnership with the Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education.

Curriculum

In this small, personalized program, coursework and fieldwork inform one another. Students pursue a challenging curriculum combining Jewish studies and education studies with an intensive internship that serves as a context for learning to teach. Students study with members of their Jewish day school cohort as well

as with members of the public school MAT cohort.

The 14-month full-time program begins in the summer and continues through the following summer. Students spend much of the school year learning to teach in a local day school under the guidance of skilled mentor teachers and Brandeis teacher educators. The

program integrates academic and experiential learning around common themes. Teacher inquiry and reflective practice are

shared elements. The program prepares students to become leaders in their classrooms and schools.

Elementary MAT (DeLeT) (DeLeT: Day School Leadership through Teaching) prepares students to teach general and Judaic subjects in grades 1 - 6, and to seek opportunities for meaningful curricular integration.

Secondary MAT (Bible) prepares students to teach Bible in grades 9 - 12, and to contribute to the informal curriculum of Jewish day high schools.



“The Secondary MAT (Bible) offers advanced studies in the Bible and its interpretation, and clear guidance about teaching this challenging material in a serious way to high school students. Our students will help to transform the way the Bible is taught.”

Marc Z. Brettler

Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies, co-editor of The Jewish Study Bible, author of How to Read the Bible

Partner Day Schools

Partner day schools span the denominational spectrum, and include: **JCDS, Boston's Jewish Community Day School** (Community/Pluralistic); **The Rashi School** (Reform); **South Area Solomon Schechter Day School** (Conservative); **Striar Hebrew Academy** (Orthodox); and for the secondary MAT, **Gann Academy – The New Jewish High School of Greater Boston** (Pluralistic/Community).

Faculty

The Jewish day school MAT programs draw on the impressive intellectual resources of Brandeis and the rich educational and spiritual resources of the Greater Boston Jewish community. Program faculty and instructors, drawn from the Brandeis Education Program, the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, and the Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education, include distinguished teacher educators, and scholars of Bible, Hebrew, and Jewish literature. Please see the Web site for more information about MAT faculty.

Scholarships

Generous scholarships are available, including a 25% tuition reduction for Brandeis graduates. Consult the Web site for more information.

Brandeis Induction-Year Program

Graduates with initial teaching positions in the Boston area will be supported by a Brandeis induction-year program.

“I am a confident, comfortable and skilled first-year teacher thanks to my DeLeT year. Although teaching can be isolating, it is reassuring to have a community of DeLeT colleagues that I can rely on for support and ideas.”

Jared Matas, DeLeT alum

kindergarten teacher, JCDS, Boston's Jewish Community Day School, Watertown, Massachusetts