MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

THE DELET PROGRAM FOR JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS
As a very lucky principal who has now hired four Delet graduates, I can attest to the strength of the learning in your program. Any résumé from Delet now gets my attention immediately! The contributions of your graduates to our school in particular — and, I imagine, to the field more broadly — are significant.

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BECOME A TEACHER IN A JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
What’s your next step? You are passionate about Judaism and about learning. Perhaps you’ve just finished college and want to work with young people. Or you may be looking to change careers and seek a path that is more meaningful to you.

Teaching in a Jewish day school is an investment in the Jewish community’s future. You can make a difference in the lives of children every day.

*Delet* is the Hebrew word for “door.” We believe that learning to teach is a career-long process of development along a continuum — from student to novice teacher to experienced teacher-leader. We aspire to prepare exemplary teachers and open the door to careers as school leaders.
WHAT MAKES AN INSPIRING JEWISH DAY SCHOOL TEACHER?

Knowledge and skill. Inspirational Jewish day school teachers possess deep knowledge of Jewish and general subjects. They see each student as an individual and know how to create engaging classrooms and engaged learners. They have a set of classroom strategies to draw on and understand how to nurture and assess student learning. They create learning communities and work productively with families and colleagues.

Commitment to the day school mission. Teachers are the soul of every good school. They shape the minds and touch the hearts of children by nurturing their Jewish identities and by fostering values and introducing texts and rituals that give meaning to being Jewish. They help build the day school community and contribute to a rich future for the Jewish people.

Commitment to one’s own learning. Teaching is both intellectual and practical work, and learning to do it well takes time. Delet graduates know how to learn from experience by assessing their teaching and its effects on student learning. They seek opportunities to deepen and extend their knowledge and skills as teachers and teacher-leaders. Delet alumni know how to learn with and from their colleagues.

Inspiring teachers spark a love of Judaism, learning and service — in their students, in their colleagues and in themselves.
THE DELET

DIFFERENCE
Delet is the only graduate program in Jewish education that integrates rigorous academic and professional studies with a full-year mentored internship in a day school classroom.

Delet’s unique approach includes:

**Formal study.** Over 13 months (two summers and an academic year), you’ll gain the content knowledge and the teaching skills you’ll need.

**Internship.** Delet’s internship will give you a solid foundation of classroom experience and the chance to work with a mentor teacher who will oversee the development of your practice.

**Scholarship.** The Delet experience is informed by the latest research on teaching and learning in Jewish education.
THE DELET EXPERIENCE

Delet is a highly personalized program in which students work closely with outstanding faculty members and fellow students in a small cohort. Research and practice, coursework and fieldwork are closely integrated.

Coursework
Delet is a 13-month program with a stimulating and carefully designed curriculum. Coursework is aligned along five strands: core pedagogy, field studies, subject-area teaching, knowledge of students, and Jewish studies and experiences. You will learn in the rich environment of Brandeis University, a leading research university dedicated to pluralism, liberal-arts learning and social justice.

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Internship
The internship experience connects what you learn in your courses with what happens in the classroom and vice versa. With your mentor’s guidance, you will build teaching proficiency, adding responsibilities and skills over time. You will have opportunities to observe, plan and teach core subjects, manage classrooms, get to know students and families, and participate fully in the life of the school.

Funding
Generous tuition scholarships are available.
TRACKS

Elementary General and Judaic Studies
Students in the elementary track earn the Master of Arts in Teaching in elementary education and are eligible for initial teaching licensure (grades 1-6) from Massachusetts and many other states.

Hebrew Language Teaching
This track integrates Brandeis’ renowned Hebrew department with Delet’s expertise in Jewish teacher education. You will study the principles of second-language learning and learn how to implement the major Hebrew language programs used in Jewish day schools to meet the needs of your students. Students in this track earn the Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

Secondary Education
Delet prepares day school teachers of Tanakh (Bible) and secular subjects for middle and high school. These students participate in both the Delet cohort and the Secondary Master of Arts in Teaching program. Students of secular subjects are eligible for initial teaching licensure in their content areas from the state of Massachusetts.

Pardes Partnership
Delet is partnering with the Pardes Center for Jewish Educators to offer a two-year program that combines the Delet Master of Arts in Teaching degree program with a year of Jewish text study and Hebrew language learning at the Pardes Beit Midrash in Jerusalem.
BUILD YOUR CAREER
At Delet, we support our fellows in a variety of ways throughout their careers:

**Employment.** Delet faculty members draw on their extensive connections in the Jewish education community to help graduates identify and pursue job opportunities. Since the program began, the job-placement rate for each cohort has been close to 100 percent.

**Support for novice teachers.** Delet’s New Teacher Network (Natan), which is for teachers in their first two years, offers support and opportunities to continue developing and refining teaching skills and understandings.

**Continuing professional development.** There are many ways for Delet alumni to continue growing as teachers. Delet sponsors events, workshops and a summer institute for alumni.

**Alumni network.** Through the Delet Alumni Network (DAN), Delet graduates join an active and growing community of colleagues who provide one another with support and resources for professional growth.
Delet alumni are teaching in schools across the United States and in Canada. They are making an impact on Jewish education that is far greater than their numbers.

Here’s what some are doing:

**Jared Matas ’03.** Jared teaches middle-school history at Boston’s Jewish Community Day School (JCDS). He is a Wexner Graduate Fellow in Education and is pursuing an EdD.

**Jocelyn Segal ’04.** Jocelyn recently worked with a Brandeis researcher to produce a WebCase (an online multimedia teaching case) showing how she uses havruta learning, or paired text study, to enhance learning and build classroom community. She teaches at JCDS.

**Lea Winkler ’09.** Lea teaches at Cohen Hillel Academy in Marblehead, Mass. She has participated in the Delet Summer Teachers Institute, refining her curriculum and further developing her teaching skills.

**Noam Sienna ’12.** Noam teaches Tanakh at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Maryland. While at Delet and in the Secondary Master of Arts in Teaching program, he studied with Tsafrir Goldberg, a visiting scholar from the University of Haifa at the Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education.
THE NEXT STEP

Ready for more? Here’s what you can do to learn whether Delet is right for you:

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