



Diane Marks (Matthew Blumenthal M'silot Program)

At AJA we believe that every Jewish child is entitled to an education that fosters a love of the Jewish people, our community, Torah and Israel. We also recognize that every child connects, learns and processes information in a different way. We are proud to offer our Matthew Blumenthal M'silot Program, which allows our students to follow the path that will best lead to their success.

We made an intentional decision 16 years ago to support a program that was unique in the community and could offer families a chance to have their child's needs met in a Jewish setting, and we continue to enthusiastically support this program.

I am proud that at AJA we have been at the forefront in offering a program for children with specific learning differences. The Matthew Blumenthal M'silot Program has offered many entry points for a student's Jewish Journey at AJA and is a crucial component of our religious mission at our school. To offer a quality and specialized education to all Jewish children is a mitzvah and M'silot delivers on this mitzvah every single day. Thank you to the teachers who help make this program a reality and who guide the M'silot students on their own specific paths.

Diane Marks is the M'silot Instructional Leader and has been a faculty member and/or parent at AJA and GHA for 23 years. Diane has an undergraduate and Master's degree in Special Education and has been in the field of education for over 25 years, teaching students with learning differences both in public school and for 10 years in the M'silot program. She moved into an administrative role as M'silot assistant and then Director of M'silot in 2015. Diane and her husband have two children (both GHA alum) and two beautiful grandsons.

