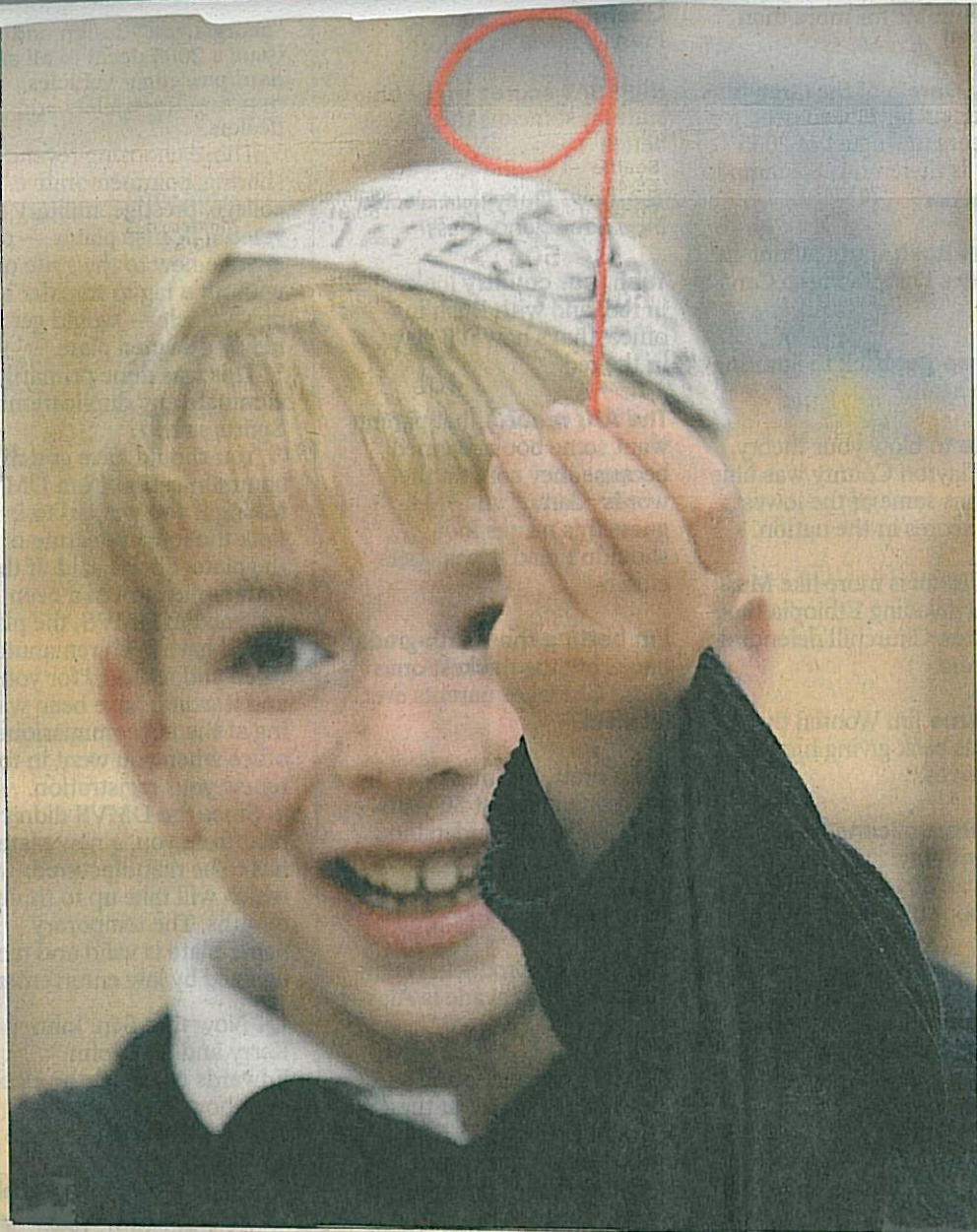




"They are working harder than the other kids in kindergarten. They think a lot of it is play."

CHRISTINE OERTLE
Greenfield Hebrew Academy teacher



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Greenfield Hebrew Academy kindergartner **Matthew Sklar** holds up the letter "P" that he made from a flexible stick. His class focuses on children with dyslexia.

Why wait till 1st grade?

Disabilities caught earlier: M'silot helps kindergartners clear hurdles while still motivated.

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In unison, six children press their top teeth to their lower lip and blow.

that make up words. All six kids were flagged early on as having potential learning disabilities that affect their ability to process information. Teachers at the North Atlanta private school think these kids can learn to read and write with help from instruction tailored to their needs. They can be spared the frustration and embarrassment they likely would face in a regular class. And