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When I was younger I struggled trying to read. I couldn't read words clearly and everything was upside down. I would try to memorize what my parents read to me. Then when I tried to read, I would just read the parts I remembered and mumble the words softly so people would just think I was reading that part quietly or taking a breath while reading. I got very frustrated and sad when I tried to read. I hated reading and cried at some points.

Then I transferred to Greenfield Hebrew Academy in first grade. I went to a special class

called M'silot which means pathway in Hebrew. I learned the sounds of all the letters. Then learned how to put all the sounds together and read lots of words. My word bank grew fast; I practiced every night. Soon I was reading short stories and learning how to read longer ones. Now I read everything I can get my hands on.

About three months ago I read three speeches at my brother's Bar-Mitzvah. I wrote one speech and my mom just told me I was reading some other paragraphs. At first I was freaked out to read in front of two or three hundred people, especially my brother's friends. It turned out not to be that bad.

My brother's friends said, "You did awesome." That made me feel really good. When I heard those words, I realized that M'silot really helped me in every way because reading is the most important subject in school and everything relies on reading.