



## Voices of Orot - Monthly Newsletter

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### Dear Orot Friends,

"וְנִהְפֹּךְ הוּא"

"And it was turned upside down." (Esther 9:1)

The month of Adar reminds us that true joy comes from recognizing the hidden blessings within our work. "משנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה" — when Adar begins, we increase in joy — a joy rooted in faith and transformation. At Orot, we witness this every day as students grow into dedicated educators, often in ways not immediately visible. Your partnership makes this growth possible. Together, we help reveal the potential within each student and strengthen the future of Jewish education.



## STANDING STRONG TOGETHER

An Urgent Message from Orot Israel College of Education

Dear Friends.

As Shabbat drew to close across the Western Hemisphere had you opened your phones, and i'm sure each one of you were horrified by the images and read about orot areous remains firm and the last 36 hors.

Amid uncertainty and concern, our comitment remains firm, "מה אנו יכולים לעשות?"  
the safety and wb-being of our students, faculty, and resilience.

Today is no demirihit. Shaken drew סו' ו'רומלי נוחות זר' ו'טומ ס  
As yet, at Orat has stood as a bescon of Torah, education, and relisienc,  
Today is no different. We ounwedly shaken by our students' corourage.

**היכי יצה וחינוארד**

(For me mitsvah v'Torah or –'Mef Torah light )

In times like these, hope is not just a word –It is an act Together, we hold fast to the vision of a brighter, safer, and stronger israel,

We remain hogeful, anchored in emunah, and grateful to each of you who stands with us in heart and spirit. May Hashem bless potect all of Am Yisrael, and may we soon see days of peace, safety.

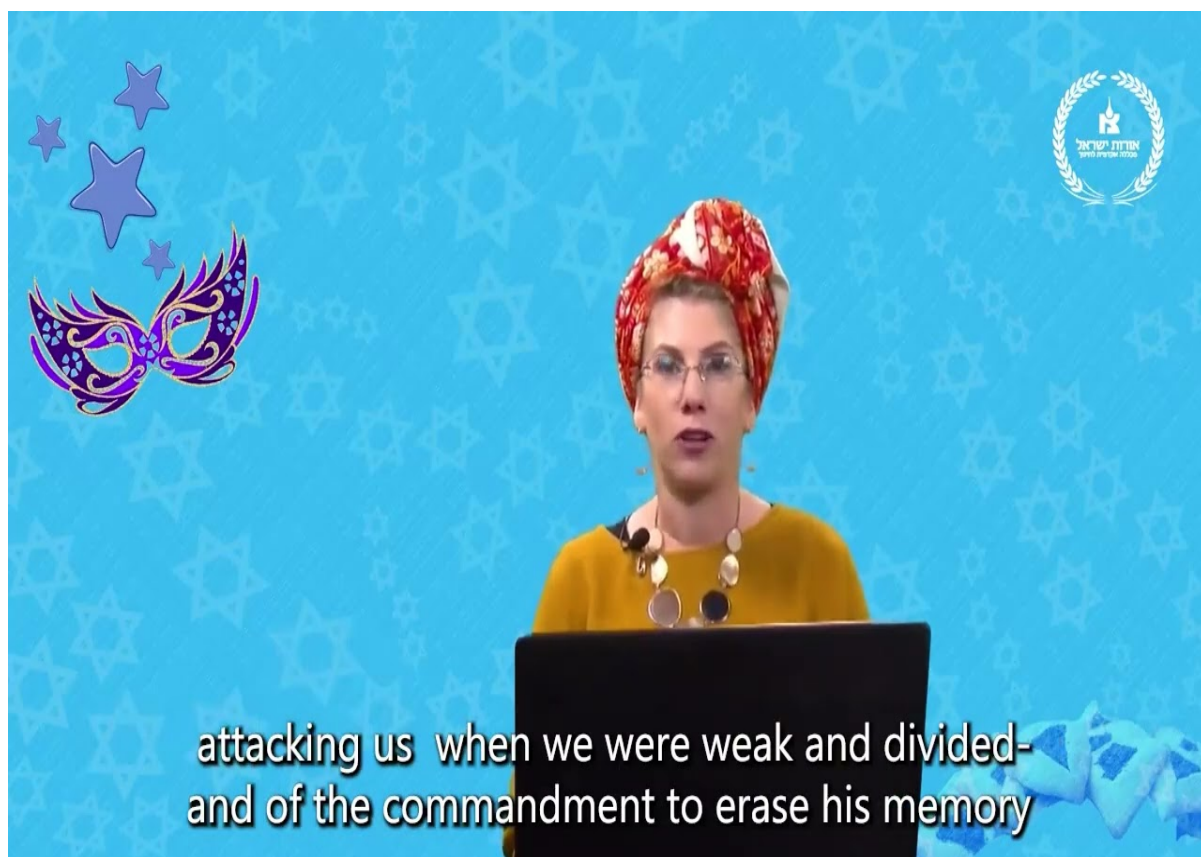
With heartfelt appreciation and brachot,

**Orot Israel College of Education**

## Prayer for the State of Israel

Avinu she-ba-shamayim,  
stronghold and redeemer of the  
people Israel: Bless the State of  
Israel, [that it may be] the beginning  
of our redemption. Shield it with  
Your love; spread over it the shelter  
of Your peace. Guide its leaders and  
advisors with Your light and Your  
truth. Help them with Your good  
counsel. Strengthen the hands of  
those who defend our holy land.  
Deliver them; crown their efforts  
with triumph. Bless the land with  
peace and its inhabitants with  
lasting joy. And let us say: Amen.

אָבִינוּ שֶׁבַשְׁמַיִם, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וְגֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת  
יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית צְמִיחַת  
גְּאֻלְתָּנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת  
חֲסָדְךָ, וּפְרַשׁ עָלֶיהָ סִכַּת  
שְׁלוֹמְךָ, וּשְׁלַח אוֹרְךָ וְאַמְתָּךְ  
לְרֵאשֵׁיהָ, שְׂרִיָּה וְיוֹעֲצֵיהָ,  
וְתִקְנֵם בְּעֶצֶה טוֹבָה  
מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. חֲזַק אֶת יְדֵי מִגְנֵי  
אֶרֶץ קֹדְשֵׁנוּ, וְהִנְחִילֵם  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה וְעֵטְרַת נְצַחֵן  
תְּעַטְרֵם, וְנִתַּת שְׁלוֹם בְּאֶרֶץ,  
וְשִׂמְחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֵיהָ.  
וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.



\*Please click on the video above to view a few special words on Purim from one of our esteemed teachers, Efrat Cohen.\*

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## From Dnipro to Orot: A Partnership in Jewish Learning

Rabbi Meir Stambler is a leading Chabad emissary and Jewish communal figure in Ukraine. Born in the United States and raised in Israel, he pursued advanced Torah studies in Jerusalem, London, and Montreal before moving to Ukraine in the mid-1990s. There he became one of the central builders of Jewish life in Dnipro, helping to establish educational institutions, strengthen community infrastructure, and provide wide-scale social and humanitarian support. Today he serves as Chairman of the Federation of Jewish



Communities of Ukraine and President of the Beit Hana Pedagogical Institute, playing a major role in sustaining Jewish education and communal resilience, especially during the ongoing war. Rabbi Stambler maintains a close relationship with Orot Israel College through the long-standing educational partnership between Orot and the Beit Hana pedagogical programs in Ukraine. Under his leadership, groups of Ukrainian women studying at Beit Hana have come to Orot for specialized teacher-training, Jewish-identity development, and professional enrichment. This collaboration has strengthened Jewish education in Ukraine and deepened the connection between the two institutions, allowing Orot to support Jewish communities abroad through training future educators who return to serve their communities.

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## Revealing the Light at Orot



*It may have been a while since you last walked the halls of Orot, but your impact continues to be felt every day. We invite you to take a moment to see how our programs have expanded and how your support is helping prepare the next generation of educators.*

**Mathematics (Preferred Subject)**

Innovative teaching methods, analytical thinking, and preparation for matriculation success. A high-demand field with benefits and meaningful impact.

**Hebrew Language (Preferred Subject)**

In-depth language study, grammar, and expression, with tools for creative teaching and reading comprehension. Includes generous scholarships.

**Bible (Tanakh)**

Meaningful study of biblical texts with interpretive tools, focused on connecting students to values and relevance.

**Jewish Thought**

Exploration of core questions of faith and identity through classical Jewish sources, fostering deep and values-based dialogue.

**History**

Broad historical knowledge and pedagogical tools for teaching key processes in Jewish and world history.

**Land of Israel Studies**

An interdisciplinary approach combining geography, history, and heritage, with experiential learning and field trips.

**Communication**

Training in media, social networks, and digital literacy, emphasizing critical thinking and

responsible engagement.

### **Social Education (Youth Advancement Certificate)**

Practical tools for mentoring youth, addressing social and emotional challenges, and working with at-risk populations.

## **Mission-Driven Education Tracks**

### **Special Education**

Advanced tools for working with students with special needs, in inclusive or specialized settings.

### **Early Childhood Education**

Comprehensive training in child development from birth to age six, with options to teach early elementary grades.

### **Dance & Movement**

A full academic program combining creativity and pedagogy, preparing graduates to teach dance across all ages.

### **ROM Program – Excellence & Leadership**

A selective leadership track offering high scholarships, partial tuition exemptions, and personal mentoring.



## **Seeing the Hidden Potential**

Last week, we had the privilege of taking part in a special study day organized by the Special Education Department, titled “Seeing Beyond.” It was a day that reminded us how important it is to pause, reflect, and deepen our educational work.

The day was filled with fascinating lectures, professional dialogue, a digital workshop, and experiential activities.

The students gained new tools, fresh perspectives, and a great deal of motivation to continue on their path.

Beyond the professional content, it was a deeply moving human encounter—one that strengthened our sense of mission and sharpened the meaning of working in special education. We were reminded of the importance of seeing the child beyond the difficulty, the strengths behind the challenges, and the abilities and potential within every student.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this day for the thoughtful organization, high-quality content, and warm, connecting atmosphere.

We continue to see beyond.

## **The Land of Israel Studies program**

As Orot Israel Academic College for Education prepares future educators to teach the story of Israel not only from books, but through direct experience. The program offers a comprehensive study of the Land of Israel from the biblical period to modern times, integrating history, geography, and archaeology. Rather than training tour guides, it focuses on developing knowledgeable, values-driven teachers—primarily for high schools—who can inspire meaningful connections between their students and the land itself.

A defining feature of the program is its emphasis on experiential learning. Students participate in monthly field



trips throughout the country, including extended two-day journeys such as seminars in the Negev. These immersive experiences transform academic study into lived understanding, offering a powerful alternative to screen-based learning by engaging students physically and emotionally with the Land of Israel.

The program is led by **Dr. Yoram Elmakias**, a scholar of the modern history of the Land of Israel and a graduate of Bar-Ilan University. As head of the department, he brings academic depth, educational vision, and a deep love for the land into every aspect of the program.

Graduates leave well prepared to educate the next generation, carrying forward a strong and lasting connection to the Land of Israel.

# Bring the Joy of Purim to Orot's Students

*Purim is a time of joy, unity, and hidden miracles. This year, we are preparing a special Purim event for our students – future educators strengthening Jewish life and learning.*

Together, we can fill their Purim with joy, connection, and encouragement.

Your gift will help provide:

- A festive seudah
- Megillah reading
- Music and celebration
- Mishloach manot for students

**Support Purim at Orot**



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*This is your opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of those dedicated to Israel's security and future. Together, we can ensure that Orot College continues to inspire and equip the next generation of leaders.*

**Be Part of the Joy**



See you in our next newsletter...