



Voices of Orot - Monthly Newsletter

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Dear Orot Friends,

In these challenging times, our entire Orot family stands united with the people of Israel. Many of our students, alumni, and faculty are directly impacted—whether through military service, family on the front lines, or the daily realities of uncertainty.

And yet, alongside the difficulty, we see extraordinary strength, courage, and unwavering commitment to Am Yisrael.

We are especially mindful of our students and the family members of our community who are currently serving in the IDF. They carry not only the responsibility of protecting our nation, but also the hopes and prayers of all of us. We think of them constantly and daven for their safety and success, wishing for the day they return home במהרה, safely reunited with their loved ones.

For our community, this is not just a moment in time—it is a reminder of who we are and what we stand for. As we approach Pesach, the אָן of redemption, we are reminded that even in moments of challenge, hope and faith endure. We remain proud, resilient, and deeply grateful for the continued support of our friends and partners around the world, who stand with us and with Israel.

Standing with Israel



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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 שְׁבַשְׁמַיִם, צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת
יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית צְמִיחַת
גְּאֻלַּתֵּנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת
חֶסֶדְךָ, וּפְרַשׂ עָלֶיהָ סִכַּת
שְׁלוֹמְךָ, וּשְׁלַח אוֹרְךָ וְאַמְתָּךְ
לְרֵאשִׁיָּהּ, שְׂרִיָּה וְיוֹעֲצִיָּה,
וְתִקְנֵם בְּעֲצָה טוֹבָה
מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. חִזַּק אֶת יְדֵי מִגְנֵי
אַרְץ קִדְשֵׁנוּ, וְהִנְחִילֵם
אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה וְעֲטָרַת נְצַחֵן
תְּעַטְרֵם, וְנַתַּת שְׁלוֹם בְּאַרְץ,
וְשִׂמְחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֵיהָ.
וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

As the fresh signs of spring appear across Eretz Yisrael, we begin preparing for the beautiful festival of Pesach — the holiday that reminds us that renewal and redemption are at the heart of the Jewish story. The Torah commands us, “וְהַגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ” (Shemot 13:8), to pass our story to the next generation, teaching them who we are and where we come from. This year, as Israel continues to emerge from a time of war and challenge, these words feel especially powerful. The resilience of Am Yisrael reminds us that even in the most difficult moments, hope and faith endure. At Orot College, this mission guides everything we do as we prepare devoted educators who will carry the light of Torah, faith, and Jewish identity into classrooms across Israel, ensuring that our story — and our strength — continues for generations to come.

Beyond the Cleaning: A Pesach Message from Rav Ari Shvat (Chwat)

In Judaism, we often strive to “feel religious”—whether through tefilah, inspiring Torah learning, or meaningful moments on Shabbat and holidays. These experiences uplift us and deepen our connection to Hashem. Yet many of the most essential mitzvot are not about feeling inspired, but about “being” religious—showing up, doing what is right, and living according to halacha even when it’s not emotionally stirring. Cleaning for Pesach is a perfect example: it may not always feel spiritual, but it is a



powerful expression of commitment and faith.

At times, our feelings can even pull us in the wrong direction. A person may feel it is more “religious” to fast on Yom Kippur despite illness, or to avoid responsibilities that don’t feel spiritually uplifting. But Judaism teaches that true religiosity is defined not by emotion, but by following Hashem’s will. Especially in challenging times for Am Yisrael, we are reminded that living with responsibility, unity, and dedication—guided by Torah and halacha—is the truest way to serve.

Chag Same'ach! Rav Ari Shvat (Chwat)

From the Campus – Even When Closed

While our campus doors may be temporarily closed, the spirit of Orot continues to shine stronger than ever. Classes have moved online, where our dedicated faculty are working tirelessly to ensure that every student continues to grow—academically, spiritually, and personally. The rhythms of learning have adapted, but the commitment to Torah, education, and excellence remains unchanged.

Beyond the virtual classroom, our students and staff are showing remarkable resilience. Preparing for Pesach under these circumstances is not simple, yet it reflects exactly what we strive to instill at Orot: the ability to live with purpose, responsibility, and אמונה—even when it’s not easy. Even at a distance, our community remains deeply connected, supporting one another and continuing forward together.



Esteemed Alumn- Miriam B

I earned a B.Ed. in Special Education, summer 2025, specializing in educating children with serious disabilities. I currently work in the northern region of the country, where I’m deeply involved in supporting and teaching children with diverse needs.

Looking ahead, my dream is to help children feel less “different”—to ensure they experience inclusion and

belonging alongside their peers. I believe every child deserves to feel equal, valued, and

part of the group, regardless of their challenges.

One of my most vivid memories from my time at Orot College is a class where the teacher focused entirely on learning through games rather than traditional lectures. I eagerly anticipated each session, excited to discover what creative activity awaited us. This hands-on, engaging style of learning became my favorite—and it's a method I now aim to bring into my own classroom. I want my students to move, play, and learn joyfully.

My advice to others pursuing this path is simple but powerful: don't forget to play.

Sometimes, adults lose touch with the value of play, but it's essential for people of all ages.

In my experience, the best learning happens through hands-on, sensory-rich experiences.

Play isn't just fun—it's an essential part of growth and connection.

Bring Light This Pesach

Support Widows & Families in Need



As we prepare for Pesach, some families are facing it with deep loss. Your support can help widows and their families celebrate with dignity and warmth.

Your donation can help provide:

- Holiday food packages
- Essential household support
- A sense of care and community

HELP A FAMILY TODAY
Be part of something meaningful.



"Freedom means no one is left behind."

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.

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