



## Voices of Orot - Monthly Newsletter

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### Dear Orot Friends,

Post Pesach months of Nissan/Iyar have been quite busy at Orot College. We are proud of all the exciting happenings and look forward to continuing into the early summer.

***10th annual Dance Majors Conference celebrates Art, Community, and Empowerment***



Over 350 dance students from across Israel gathered at Orot Israel College for the 10th Annual Dance Majors Conference — a day of inspiration, creativity, and connection.

The event featured professional workshops, student performances, and the awarding of three scholarships for outstanding choreography, honoring the college's founder, Rabbi Dr. Yehuda Felix.

Speakers included Rabbi Prof. Meir Hildesheimer and other leaders in religious arts education.

This vibrant day reflected the growth of dance in the religious sector — and with a new Master's program launching soon, Orot Israel College continues to lead the way.

## "Supervisors Open a Door"

Orot's "Supervisors Open Doors" closing event, attended by senior education officials and college leadership, featured remarks from College President Rabbi Prof. Meir Hildesheimer and Supervisor Sarit Cohen, who praised the students' dedication to shaping Israel's future through education. A panel with school principal Noa Panel and alumna Tehila Zadok highlighted the challenges and rewards of educational work. The event reflected the strong partnership between Orot Israel College and the Ministry of Education in training the next generation of values-driven educators.



**The closing project concluded with a tour of Beit Issie Shapiro Etzion in Bnei Brak.**

Orot Israel College students visited Beit Issie, a school for children with intellectual disabilities, as part of a hands-on education course. Senior Education Ministry officials and college leaders attended.

President Rabbi Prof. Hildesheimer highlighted the course's role in preparing future educators.

Mrs. Sarit Cohen thanked students for their dedication to shaping Israel's future.

The event, led by Rabbi Gad Bartov, featured a panel and school tour, showcasing the students' passion and the strong college-school partnership.



## Orot Israel's Southern Tour, "Lights of War"



Students specializing in Jewish Thought at Orot College – Elkana Campus, went on a tour of the Gaza Envelope area, under the title "*Lights of War*."

In this tour, the students chose not to sink into darkness – but to seek the light: the light of kindness, the light of unity, and the light of heroism.

During the day, the volunteering students met with 80 women who cook for soldiers every day, residents who returned to rebuild devastated kibbutzim, and soldiers who were wounded in battle – yet continue to serve with a sense of mission.

The tour became a living lesson in faith, love of the nation, and hope.

## Orot Israel's 'Widows of Operation Swords of Iron'



[Click here to watch our 'Widows of Operation Swords of Iron' video](#)

**Congratulations to 2 of our 'Widows of Operation Swords of Iron' women; Meitar Eliyahu and Gilat Vizel on your recent marriages.**



May your marriages be full of blessings and your homes filled with shalom, love, and joy."

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Check out our newest Orot College video!

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[Watch now](#)





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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.*

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