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Hello Orot Friends,

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and passion for Orot Israel College of Education. Your prayers and well wishes for Israel mean so much to us, and we deeply appreciate the positive energy you send our way.

The past few months at Orot have been bustling with activity as we continue preparing the next generation of educators to inspire and teach our children.

2025 began with a meaningful event for the 'Widows of Operation Swords of Iron,' and some of your generous contributions helped fund this important afternoon of healing. ([Click here to support the funding of their next event.](#))



The event featured an inspiring panel moderated by Rabbanit Dr. Chana Katan, with Knesset Member Limor Son Har-Melech, media personality Yael Shevach, and Mrs. Shulamit Zeiger as panelists. The afternoon concluded with a powerful performance of "The Movement Before" by the Noga Dance Ensemble, founded by Dr. Talia Perlstein.

On Sunday, February 23, Orot hosted a symposium aimed at supporting educators and psychologists from the south. The event provided essential tools for helping children affected by the ongoing war. Speakers included Professor Meir Hildesheimer, Rabbi Eitan Eizman, and senior officials from the Ministry of Education and academia. Discussions focused on the psychological impact of crises on students and teachers, managing stress and post-trauma effects, preventing educator burnout, and building resilience. A special session was dedicated to the role of AI in educational decision-making and identifying student distress in the digital age.



Featured Staff Member:

Dr. Chaim Zvi Elbaum, head of the Regev Program (Rosh Gadol BeHora'ah – "Great Mind in Teaching") at Orot Israel College, recently published *The Tradition of Mishnaic Plants*. Published by the Torah VeHa'aretz Institute, the book explores the identification of 150 plants mentioned in the Mishnah, offering in-depth explanations, images, and diagrams. This work enriches the study experience and is a valuable addition to Orot's Israel Studies program, which

combines academic rigor with immersive exploration of the country's landscapes and heritage.



Last week, we were excited to host a special Purim celebration, featuring a musical performance and delicious hamentashen for our students. It's going to be a wonderful way to lift spirits and mark the joyous occasion.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a Chag Purim Semach, and we look forward to connecting again in our next newsletter.



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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