“In Kfar Silver, teachers care about the students and encourage them to express their opinions and thoughts during class. If a student doesn’t understand something, they explain it again - making sure the material is understood - which makes us feel good and confident.”

SOFYA, 16, A STUDENT IN KFAR SILVER YOUTH VILLAGE IN ISRAEL

We are delighted to offer our 2016 annual report. As the leading fundraising agency for World ORT, ORT America contributions provide the means to operate schools, centers, training courses, networking initiatives and international learning opportunities. We supply state-of-the-art equipment, curriculum enhancements and furnishings, ensuring ORT students and teachers have the best resources and environments.

Our funding priorities in Israel include the dynamic, STEM-focused segments of World ORT Kadima Mada (Science Journey) that balance education in Israel with programs in disadvantaged peripheral areas to rival those in the richer, more central regions. In the former Soviet Union, advanced academics paired with Jewish studies enrich Jewish heritage and identity for students in seventeen day schools and adult education centers. ORT summer schools and professional development seminars for teachers are highlights of the global networking sector. We deliver the ultimate structure for success, whether cementing a solid educational foundation for higher education, obtaining knowledge and skills for career fulfillment, or innovating teaching methods. We give where it counts in ways that inspire and improve the lives of individuals across the globe, sharpen their Jewish roots and enrich their communities through the spirit of tikun olam - repairing the world.

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OUR MISSION TO ISRAEL, WHERE ORT TRIUMPHS

The ORT America Mission to Israel May 16-24 brought leaders together from across the U.S. to experience the wonder of Israel, see the dynamic programs of World ORT Kadima Mada (Science Journey), and attend the World ORT General Assembly.

The group, led by ORT national president Larry Kadis, visited schools in the Kadima Mada educational network at Hodayot and Kfar Hassidim youth villages, where mission participants met students and heard how innovative programs enrich their educational process. Participants saw YOUniversity in Nazeret, a popular after-school program with an interactive format; they toured Tel Hai College near the border with Lebanon and part of the Kadima Mada Technological Colleges network, where practical engineering study tracks give young adults skills for the current job market; and they experienced Mada Park in Kiryat Yam, another Kadima Mada project that makes science, astronomy and oceanography accessible to students of all ages. Kadima Mada focuses on education in disadvantaged peripheral areas of Israel with fewer resources than the central region, and thousands of Israelis profit from its programs.

The mission concluded with the World ORT General Assembly attended by supporters from around the world, with the election of Dr. Conrad Giles as president. At the GA, Reuven Rivlin, the president of Israel and Likud Knesset member Benny Begin were generous in their praise of ORT, and Labor MK Erel Margalit called World ORT work in Israel “phenomenal.”
I could ask anything and Christina had all the patience for me. And sometimes if I was stuck on my homework, I asked her questions on WhatsApp, and she would answer me.

Madlen, a ninth grader at a school in Ramla for Christian Arabs, was having a hard time with math. She lacked confidence and would get confused when she didn’t understand something. As part of a program called Meet@5, a collaboration between Google Tel Aviv, the Ministry of Education and World ORT Kadima Mada, Madlen was tutored by Christina, an eleventh grader who excels in math at the highest level.

Art gives quite a lot to our students: It empowers them, calms them down, and encourages their creativity. And I believe in interdisciplinary learning. We may combine with a physics angle in explaining optics, to bring science into art, which makes it easier to understand the science. It’s far more relevant today to learn about something through the angles of different subjects to get more comprehensive understanding.

Mariana Korol is head of the art department in the high school in Kfar Hassidim youth village, which is part of the World ORT Kadima Mada educational network. Her unique approach to teaching art expands knowledge of other subjects, and she emphasizes the value of art studies.
Kfar Silver Students Master Physics and Win Tournament

Michal Sigron is a physics teacher in the high school in Kfar Silver youth village, part of the World ORT Kadima Mada educational network. Her twelfth grade students won first prize at a national tournament in which a principle of physics is used to open a safe. The score was based on the originality of the concept, its application and the fortification of the team’s safe against break-ins.

The students understand there is much more than regular school studies; they heard interesting lectures on the speed of light and nano-technology at the top of science research these days, and they learned to think in creative ways.

Michal Sigron

ORT Enhancements Benefit Staff in a Moscow School

We built a big friendly team of true professionals, and we’re lucky to be part of the ORT school network. ORT support includes interesting projects for students, training for teachers, technology guidance and state-of-the-art equipment, and ORT gives me the opportunity for constant self-development.

Tatiana Khotyleva (pictured, left)

The head of the elementary school department at ORT Moscow Technology School Gymnasium #1540, Tatiana Khotyleva, is in charge of education management. She had a big task in front of her: Connecting two different educational establishments to form an ORT elementary school, and she is pleased with the outcome.

IN RUSSIA

A Family in Russia Revitalizes Jewish Practices

We always knew we had Jewish roots; Jewish relatives surrounded me as a child, but in Soviet times, we never thought about observance of Jewish traditions. Everything changed when our daughter Arina entered the ORT Mishpachtenu School. The traditions of the Jewish people seemed to burst into our life! We began to celebrate Shabbat and Hanukkah, and the children enjoyed Sunday school at the synagogue. Our daughters appreciate the ORT school, and happily immerse themselves in traditions of the Jewish people. What they gain will help us support the Jewish community of our city.

Nastya Zabolotnikov and her family live in Kazan, Russia.

IN RUSSIA

ORT Adds Value to Teaching Technology in Ukraine

Our students excel thanks to the profound instruction in general subjects, extra-curricular tutoring and participation in different municipal, regional and international competitions. We improve the educational process by providing new courses in technology and informatics. When I see my students becoming inspired for further study and growth, I’m very proud of their progress.

Syuzanna Khachatryan is an informatics and technology teacher and manager for ORT regional development at Kiev ORT School NVK # 141 in Ukraine.
Jorge is a student at Colegio Israelita de Mexico–ORT (CIM-ORT), who attended Ecología in Panama with other ORT students from Latin America and Spain. The two-week course is part of ORT international summer school, which gives students the opportunity to interact with peers from other countries.

Teens from Latin America Unite for Summer School

This has been one of the best experiences of my life. I put into practice all my science lessons for my project on hummingbirds. It’s been really interesting to use the theory I learned at school; in Mexico City we don’t have the opportunity to experience nature as we do in Panama.

ANER, AN ORT STUDENT IN ISRAEL

Aner studies communications and film and aspires to become a director. At the Digital Skills Academy in the Lauder-ORT Dimcho Debelianov Jewish School #134 in Sofia, Bulgaria, 26 teens from the former Soviet Union, Israel and other countries took courses on digital photography, video production and audio production. They learned how to present information interactively, integrate social media and user-generated content, online streaming and other techniques for effective outreach.

BULGARIA

Students Learn Advanced Media Methods in Bulgaria

I’ll be more advanced when I finish here. My experience will give me a lot of tools and techniques that I can teach my teammates – we can become the best group in class and make the best film.

World ORT is a substantial non-governmental non-profit educational enterprise, whose programs focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) instruction. ORT provides state-of-the-art facilities, equipment, materials and innovative pedagogical methods to enhance the operations of many partner and affiliated institutions that offer courses in computer technology, robotics, biotechnology, physics, and other disciplines. ORT also trains teachers and develops infrastructure and curricula.

In many countries, ORT provides a model for governments to develop their educational systems; in others, ORT schools are considered prestigious, pairing a STEM curriculum with Jewish studies and humanistic values.

ORT’s success is anchored in its Jewish roots and in the principle of tikkun olam – repairing the world. It is shaped by the concept of helping others become self-sufficient, and the rich teachings of the Jewish people. ORT students and teachers share a desire to learn, respect for one another and the desire to support their communities.
ISRAEL
World ORT Kadima Mada (Science Journey) enhances education, notably in Israel's disadvantaged peripheral communities, through its programs in 200 affiliated schools and within 35 hospitals that emphasize STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) instruction and humanistic values.

The Educational Network encompasses Kfar Silver youth village, schools in Kfar Hassisim and Hodayot youth villages, Yeshiva Abir Yaakov, and the Levinson and Rabin schools in Kiryat Yam, where students come from challenging and dysfunctional backgrounds and benefit from nurturing care and programs that improve their academic standing.

The Technical Colleges Network Institutions in Beersheva, Tel Hai and at Lake Kineret offer tracks in practical engineering, natural gas certification, architecture, computer information systems and other disciplines that give students hands-on training, knowledge and skills for careers in high-tech industries.

YOUniversity Centers of Excellence An after-school initiative for students of all ages, nine YOUniversity locations offer courses in science, technology, engineering, math and robotics to supplement the standard academic program. Collaborative instruction, dynamic and fun projects, competitions and accessibility make YOUniversity a popular pastime.

Future Learning Spaces The installation of 200 of these state-of-the-art learning rooms across the country - particularly in under-resourced areas - is envisioned. With large screens, computers, 3D printers and a flexible environment, students advance through collegial interaction and self-learning.

Pedagogical Innovation through Research and Development This division manages the genesis and implementation of innovative methods and programs that change the educational landscape in Israel by reducing the gap between educational opportunities in under-resourced peripheral areas and the central region with richer resources.

FORMER SOVIET UNION
After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, World ORT re-created a dynamic educational network across 10 states and 40 cities, serving more than 28,000 citizens. Sixteen ORT Jewish day schools provide outstanding STEM and Jewish studies instruction, and facilitate Jewish cultural celebrations and a connection to Israel. ORT programs in the FSU provide a solid educational foundation, build awareness of Jewish heritage and identity, and help thousands obtain training and skills for meaningful careers.

The de Gunzburg School in St. Petersburg, Russia This ORT flagship institution offers a STEM curriculum with humanistic values and Jewish studies, and funding for it was the focus of an ongoing campaign in 2016. The de Gunzburg School and the other schools in the World ORT network are government-funded but rely on contributions to continue the ORT program that makes them prestigious institutions important to their local communities.

ORT INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING PROGRAMS
The international networking programs expand the scope of education beyond borders, encourage connections between ORT institutions, students and teachers, and offer high-level pedagogical training for educators.

For Students: ORT Global Networking Programs include Ecology summer school in Panama for 30 students from Latin America, Media Studies in Bulgaria for 30 students from the former Soviet Union, Israel and Europe, and the Weizmann Institute summer school in Israel, attended by 20 students from around the world.

For Teachers: ORT sponsors professional development seminars for educators with an in-depth look at selected topics such as leadership, management and implementing technology.

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Thanks to the support of donors, ORT initiatives enrich and empower over 300,000 individuals worldwide. You can make a meaningful difference by contributing in a variety of ways:

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We welcome all contributions and appreciate the generosity of our donors.

FINANCIAL REPORT

ORT America, Inc. Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions and funds raised</td>
<td>$ 9,322,876.00</td>
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<td>Grant income</td>
<td>2,461,164</td>
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<td>Membership dues</td>
<td>309,815</td>
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<td>Legacies</td>
<td>2,700,548</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>489,705</td>
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<td>Income from real estate partnerships</td>
<td>487,878</td>
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<td>Change in split value interest agreements</td>
<td>(85,845)</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>131,449</td>
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TOTAL REVENUE, PUBLIC SUPPORT AND OTHER SUPPORT | 15,817,590

EXPENSES (PROGRAM SERVICES)

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<td>ORT schools and grants</td>
<td>$ 8,789,962</td>
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<td>National activities</td>
<td>4,219,486</td>
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<td>Communication and marketing</td>
<td>442,779</td>
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TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES | 13,452,227

SUPPORT SERVICES

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<td>Management and general</td>
<td>864,064</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>848,488</td>
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TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES | 1,712,553

TOTAL EXPENSES BEFORE OTHER ITEMS | 15,164,780

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE OTHER ITEMS | 652,810

OTHER ITEMS

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<td>Pension and other postretirement-related charges other than net periodic costs</td>
<td>(568,276)</td>
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 1,221,086

Beginning of year | 11,721,810
End of year      | 12,942,896
World ORT is the Jewish organization that provides innovative educational programs to enrich and embolden thousands of people across the globe.

Since 1880, ORT initiatives have taken individuals from education to vocation, providing youth with a solid academic foundation and young adults with training and skills to flourish in meaningful careers.

With optimal teaching environments and quality instruction relevant to the 21st century, ORT prepares students for bright outcomes and shapes the world for a better future, facilitated by ORT America fundraising efforts.

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