

QUIZ PACK

2026

The great Jewish thinker Rabbi Moses Maimonides (RaMBaM) described eight levels of Tzedakah (helping others). The highest level of giving is by providing education, training or work so that you help people in need to become independent and no longer require support from charity. This principle is central to ORT's mission, and throughout the years it has guided the organization's work in Jewish and non-Jewish communities in over 100 countries.

You must not use this guide during the quiz.

What does ORT stand for?

The letters O.R.T. represent the original Russian name for the organization:

Общество Ремесленного Труда
Obschestvo Remeslennogo Truda

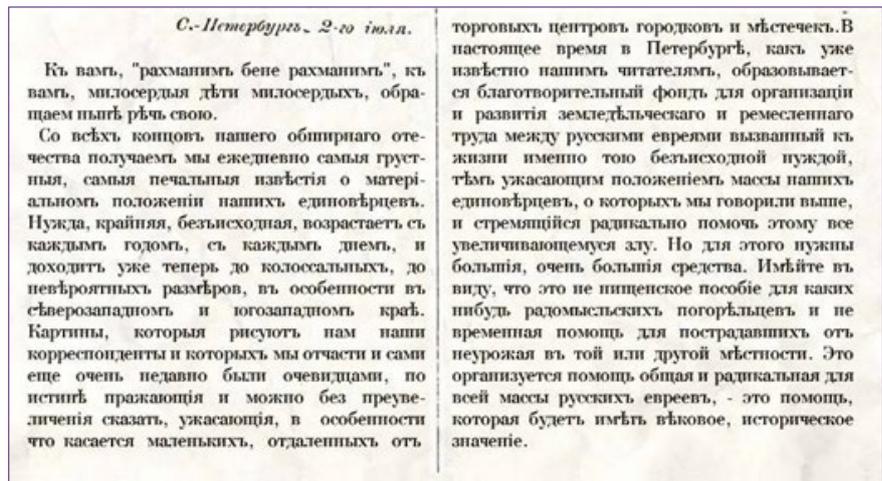
Roughly translated as "Association for the Promotion of Skilled Trades"

A Brief History

ORT was founded in St Petersburg, Russia, in 1880 as a fund to improve the lives of millions of Russian Jews then living in poverty. The money collected would be used to provide education and training in practical occupations like handicrafts and agricultural skills and would help people to help themselves.

This letter introduced ORT to the Jewish community in Russia in 1880. The founders are requesting donations – small and large. The letter says – 'The gift of a rouble by a poor man is not less dear to us than donations of tens of thousands!'

The second picture is a ledger of all the donations received, from less than one and up to 100 roubles. At that time an average salary was 200 roubles per year. More than a million roubles were collected, and ORT began.



№ записи	Городъ и торговаго-мѣст.	Сумма		№ записи	Городъ и торговаго-мѣст.	Сумма	
		Руб.	К.			Руб.	К.
12911	Россибавъ Откопновъ	2	—	18707	Бусовъ В.	1	—
12917	Грязновъ Веръ	—	30	18724	Бусовъ Д.	—	50
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12930	Сухаревъ Цыганъ	—	50	18720	Волфсънъ Д.	—	50
12933	Сосновка Абрамъ	—	40	18717	Варинскій Я.	—	75
12938	Тейлбауаъ Венцана	6	—	18715	Гашинскій Л.	—	50
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197	Туръ Исаяъ Л.	3	—	18710	Гольбертъ Д.	1	—
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130	Фришманъ Исакъ	1	—	18712	Каванъ Т.	1	—
12926	Фурманъ Гиршъ	—	50	18716	Каванъ М.	1	—
12929	Фурманъ Юзефъ	—	50	18718	Каванъ О.	1	—
12914	Чешъ Лейбъ-Беръ	1	—	18720	Куринъ Ф.	—	75
12916	Чоклинговъ Моисей	1	—	18748	Мельманъ Ш.	—	50
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13212	Шакинъ Ш. М.	1	—	18726	Седерманъ М.	1	—
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13192	Шейфманскій Бенъямъ	10	—	18714	Энгельманъ Д.	1	—
12937	Юдовичъ Влад. Львовъ	18	—				
12301	Эйгеръ И.	1	—				
12881	Эйгенгеръ Михалъ	10	—				
	Итого	189	97				
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	(Платонъ Т., Нововъ руб.)						
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	296	13378	Врадъ	5			
	294	13185	Некелевичъ М.	1			
	286	14023	Рубинштейнъ С. З.	3			
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	288		Фуртъ С.	1			
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			Гирштейнъ Венцель	5	—		
			Гольдартъ Беръ	3	—		

A Brief History continued

ORT headquarters moved to Berlin in 1921. The headquarters moved to France during World War II and then to Geneva. ORT's head offices are currently based in London.

After World War II, there were tens of thousands of Jewish survivors and refugees who had lost almost all they had. ORT began a program to help these Displaced Persons to get training so that they could start to rebuild their lives.

ORT training centres were set up in DP (Displaced Persons) Camps with over 700 courses provided across Europe. Nearly 80,000 people received training and tools to rebuild their lives.

In 1947 ORT opened a new training center, the Central Institute in Anières, Switzerland, to train the trainers needed to meet this huge demand from across Europe. The Central Institute operated for 50 years.

The major focus of ORT since it began has been to help people to train to find work and to relieve economic hardship among Jewish communities in need.

During the 1950s ORT activity increased in Western Europe, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Iran and India. Men were trained in mechanics, carpentry and technical drawing, while women were provided with classes in hairdressing and typing.

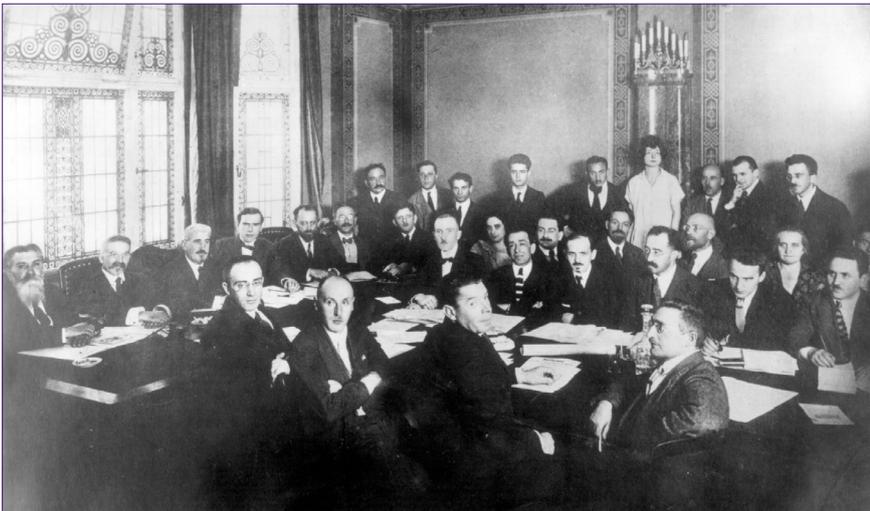
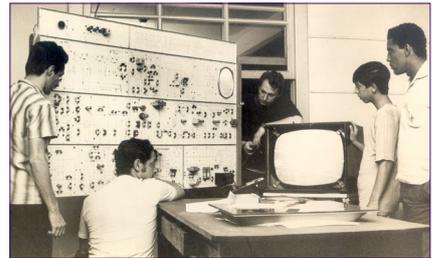
In 1960, ORT established its International Cooperation department and became involved in providing education and training to developing countries around the world.

In 1938 ORT was forced to cease all activities in the Soviet Union and for many years the Jewish people in the region were disconnected from the rest of the Jewish world. During the early 1990s ORT returned to the

former Soviet Union and the Baltic States after a long absence. The number of ORT students in the region rose to around 27,500.

As we progress further into the 21st Century and the world of technology shows no signs of slowing down, the need to learn and develop new skills for the future is as important as ever.

All ORT students and teachers around the world can benefit from being part of an international educational network that reaches 36 countries, 45 schools, 2 universities and approximately 300,000 people each year.



The WORLD ORT Archive

The WORLD ORT Archive contains a collection of physical documents that would take up a shelf of 100 metres in length. Roughly the length of a football pitch. The archive has an extensive photo and film collection, with around 4,000 photographs.

The WORLD ORT Archive began in 1999 but collecting began as early as 1929. The archive holds records from 35 countries.

See <https://ortarchive.ort.org/> for more information.



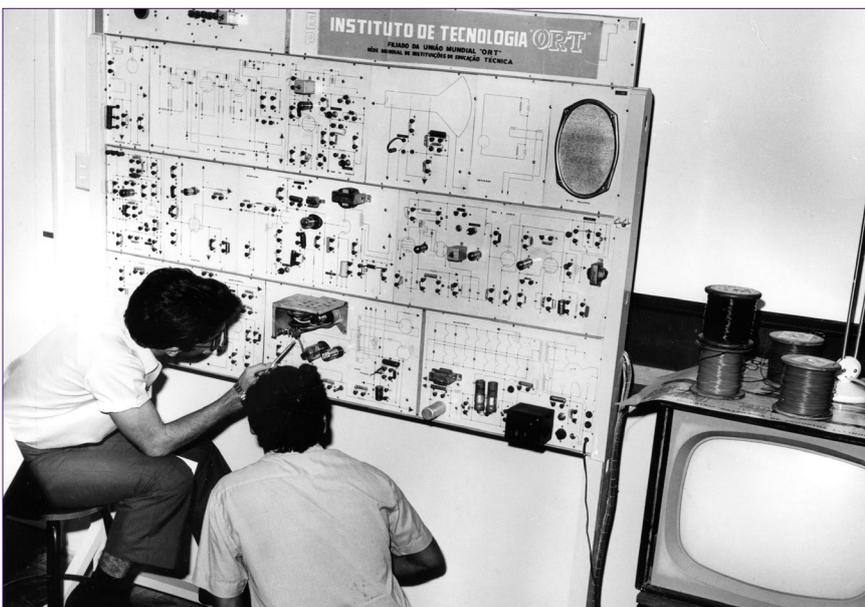
Sports lesson at ORT Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 1964. RefNo p19a021.
Courtesy of WO Archive.



Studying electronics at ORT Uruguay. RefNo p05a118.
Courtesy of WO Archive. Photographer: Arthur Leipzig.



The ORT school in Leeds, England, 1940's. RefNo p00a034.
Courtesy of WO Archive.



Physics and chemistry lab at the Instituto de Tecnologia ORT, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
RefNo p05a124. Courtesy of WO Archive. Photographer: Foto Carlos.



Teacher guiding a student at an ORT dressmaking course in Salzburg, Austria, c. 1949. RefNo p04a253.
Courtesy of WO Archive.

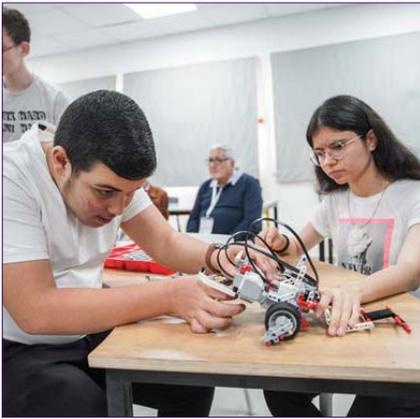
Who we are and what we do

ORT is a global education network driven by Jewish values. We are passionate about unleashing the potential of young people so they can lead fulfilling lives and have a positive impact on the world around them.

Our Mission

To transform lives through education driven by Jewish values and innovation that empowers people and strengthens communities.

Our Three Pillars



Education for Life



Providing students with the skills to thrive through high-quality teaching and training.

ORT programs prepare students for careers in developing industries. As workplace opportunities rapidly evolve, ORT teaches new skills needed to gain and maintain expertise for employment in sought-after fields.



Global Citizenship



Preparing students to lead socially responsible lives.

ORT students develop an increased understanding of moral and ethical issues beyond their geographic boundaries, allowing them to make better-informed choices for themselves and for society.



Jewish Experience



Ensuring Jewish continuity by enriching Jewish education, identity and appreciation of Jewish tradition, values and culture.

ORT schools are the primary source of Jewish affiliation for many students and their families – providing a direct connection to our religion, history and culture.

ORT in some numbers



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ORT Colleges in France



221

Educators working on WORLD ORT
Kadima Mada projects



8

Cities in Latin America with ORT
network schools and universities



300k

Beneficiaries of WORLD ORT



16,470

Distance in km between students
in Kyrgyzstan and Argentina

ORT by regions (statistics for 2025/2026)

Here is a selection of countries with numbers of ORT students or trainees:

10,000+

Uruguay
14,063

5,000 - 10,000

South Africa
9,176

Ukraine
8,258

1,000 - 5,000

Mexico
2,672

Italy
1,334

Bulgaria
1,001

500 - 1,000

Moldova
720

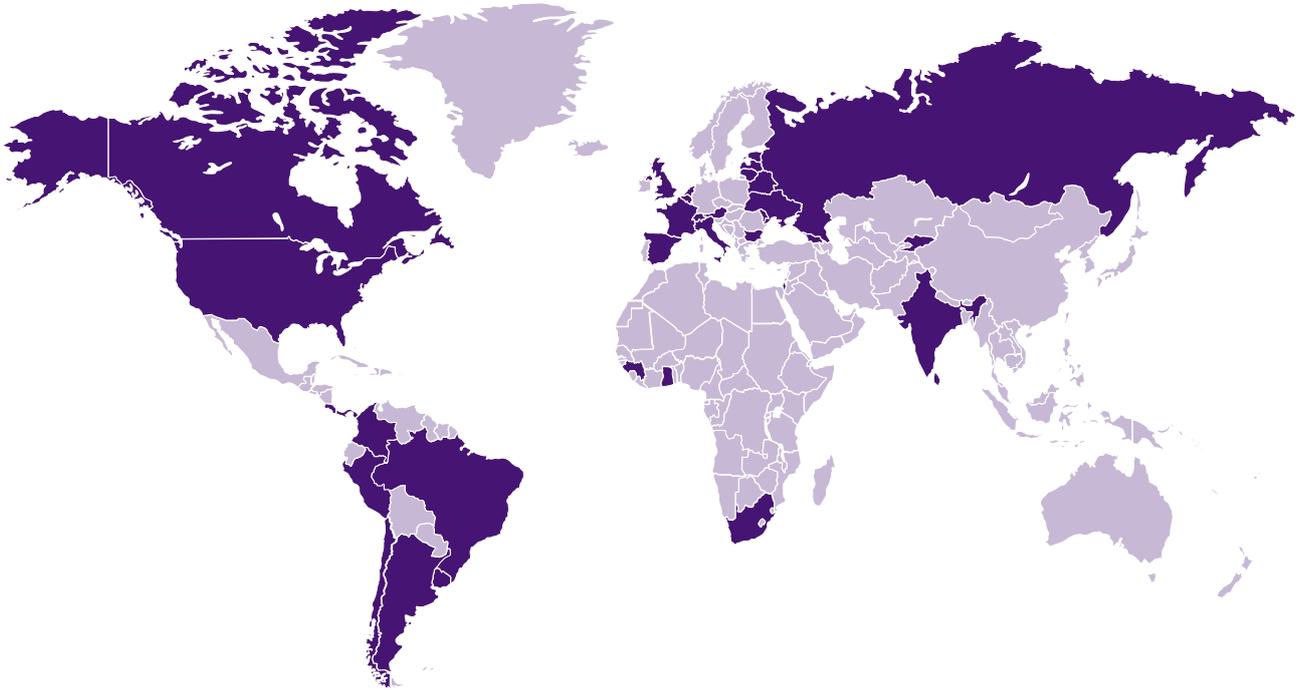
Spain
681

<500

Brazil
422

Estonia
312

Which countries does the WORLD ORT network reach?



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|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Argentina | Costa Rica | Israel | Peru | UK |
| Belarus | Czech Republic | Italy | Russia | Ukraine |
| Belgium | Estonia | Kyrgyzstan | Singapore | Uruguay |
| Brazil | France | Latvia | South Africa | USA |
| Bulgaria | Georgia | Lithuania | Spain | |
| Canada | Ghana | Mexico | Sri Lanka | |
| Chile | Guinea | Moldova | Switzerland | |
| Colombia | India | Panama | The Netherlands | |

Languages

You might see a sign outside an ORT school with the word 'school' in any of the following languages:

Bulgarian	училище
Czech	škola
English	school
Estonian	kool
French	école
Hebrew	בית ספר
Italian	scuola
Kyrgyz	мектеп
Latvian	skolā
Lithuanian	mokykla
Moldovan	școală
Portuguese	escola
Russian	школа
Spanish	colegio
Ukrainian	школа

National Organizations

A few of ORT's national organizations and the dates they were established:

Year	National Organization Established
1921	ORT France
1921	British ORT (now called ORT UK)
1922	American ORT (now incorporated into ORT America)
1935	ORT Mexico
1936	ORT Argentina
1936	ORT South Africa
1942	ORT Uruguay
1946	ORT Italy
1946	ORT Belgium
1960	ORT India
2010	ORT Latvia

Famous Names

Several ORT network schools are named after famous Jewish people:



Shimon Dubnov
Jewish Historian & Activist

ORT School Location:
Riga, Latvia



Shalom Aleichem
Leading Yiddish Author

ORT School Location:
Vilnius, Lithuania



Isaac Rabin
Former Prime Minister of Israel

Affiliated ORT School Location:
Panama City, Panama



Maimonides
Leading 12th Century Rabbi

Affiliated ORT School Location:
Amsterdam, The Netherlands



Ze'ev Jabotinsky
Zionist Leader & Author

ORT School Location:
Odesa, Ukraine



Baron Horace de Gunzburg
Philanthropist & Co-Founder of ORT

ORT School Location:
St. Petersburg, Russia

Global Awards for Students

Each year World ORT awards prizes to outstanding students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment or special talents.

Gina and Joseph Harmatz Awards for Social Responsibility

Students who have participated in projects to help others either directly, by raising awareness of social issues or by working to improve the environment.

WORLD ORT STEM Communication Awards

ORT students aged between 14-19 who are able to explain complex STEM topics to a non-specialist audience using video.

Jewish Animations Competition

Elementary and Middle School students who produce high-quality animated films showing an understanding of traditional Jewish stories or ideas.

Historical Figures



Samuel Poliakov
Co-Founder of ORT

1836 - 1888



Nikolai Bakst
Co-Founder of ORT

1842 - 1904



Baron Horace de Gunzburg
Philanthropist & Co-Founder of ORT

1833 - 1909



Leon Bramson
Director to Leader
of ORT Russia

1869 - 1941



Dr. Aaron Syngalowski
World ORT Union's First
Chief Executive

1889 - 1956



Max Braude
World ORT Union's First
Director General

1913 - 1982

Important People in ORT History



Dr. Vladimir Halperin
1921 - 1995

Great-grandson of Baron Horace de Gunzburg. Halperin became Director of the World ORT Union, second to Director General Max Braude in the administration.



Gina Harmatz
1924 - 1987

Gina Harmatz, the late wife of Joseph, former Director General of World ORT Union, known for providing a warm welcome to all members of the ORT family and for her commitment and concern for the welfare of others.



Anna Pavitt Boudin
1883 - 1959

Boudin was born in Poland and immigrated to the United States in 1904. In 1927 she became a founder of Women's American ORT and its first President and remained an active member throughout her life. She was also a member of the American ORT Board of Directors.



Jacqueline Eger Maus
1910 - 1995

Maus was born in Paris in 1910 but settled in Switzerland. She became president of Swiss Women's ORT in 1960 and from 1975 she was President of ORT Switzerland, a role she dedicated the rest of her life to. She was also Vice-President of World ORT Union between 1977 and 1993.