

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt To Visit Temple Beth Sholom May 7th



Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, Director of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute.

Temple Beth Sholom welcomes members of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. for an evening program which promises to be unforgettable.

Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, Director of the Institute, will speak on the Modern Jewish Experience and the role of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in the Jewish Community. Dr. Lipstadt is the author of the critically acclaimed book *Beyond Belief*, and will be joined in Las Vegas by several other Brandeis staff members and members of the BBI Board of Directors.

The Brandeis-Bardin Institute is a non-denominational Jewish Institution which

promotes a pluralistic approach to Judaism. The Institute is located on 3100 picturesque acres, in Simi Valley, California. Participants of the various programs are offered the opportunity to explore Judaism through dance, music, history, art study and drama. Brandeis runs two summer programs, BCI, a month-long leadership program for college age men and women and Camp Alonim, a youth camp for ages 8-16. In addition, throughout the year there are House of the Book Shabbat Weekends, for all ages, featuring world renowned scholars-in-residence who discuss current Jewish topics.

Faye Steinberg, a member of Temple Beth Sholom and the Brandeis-Bardin Institute, is chairing this event. The program is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

ORT Adds 4 Countries To Global Network Hi-Tech Training In Demand Worldwide

ORT the largest non-governmental training organization in the world, has recently added four countries to its global network of schools and training centers, according to David B. Hermelin, President of the American ORT Federation. ORT currently provides vocational/technical education to some 158,000 students in 17 countries, including Israel, France, England, India, Morocco and throughout Latin America.

"The need -- and demand -- for hi-tech training is on the rise worldwide due to rapid technological advancement," noted Hermelin. "ORT, with its sophisticated training program in computers and robotics, is being recognized by educators and government agencies as uniquely qualified to meet their countries' specific educational needs."

The Government of Netherlands, recognizing the need to accelerate the introduction of hi-tech studies in the Dutch school curriculum, selected ORT to introduce its Robotics and Automation Literacy Course, which has proved highly successful in the United Kingdom. Under the terms of a three-year agreement between ORT and the

Netherlands Institute for Vocational Teacher Training, ORT will provide hi-tech training to Dutch teachers and help them establish a national network of training centers. ORT will provide each center with hi-tech hardware and a start-up kit, including computer programs, audiovisual displays and instruction manuals. The resources of the project will be made available in the Netherlands to schools, colleges and individuals who need to understand the concepts and uses of computers, robotics and automation.

In Copenhagen, Denmark, ORT is working with teachers at the Carolineskolen Jewish Comprehensive School to further develop their use and understanding of computers. The school's science and computer teachers attended a special course at ORT headquarters in London on recent developments in computer literacy, and ORT plans to supply the school with additional software and new IBM equipment.

In Sweden, local government authorities learned of ORT's expertise in high technology and contacted ORT for technical assistance in establishing a robotics training center for local teachers. As a result, ORT will begin training teachers for the project and will work closely with the government in setting up the training center.

In Venezuela, ORT recently re-established its presence, where it operated until 1983, with the dedication of a computer laboratory at the Jewish school in Caracas. ORT plans to collaborate with the local Jewish community in future educational endeavors.

"ORT was founded more than 100 years ago on the basis of flexibility and adaptability to new situations," noted Hermelin. "As a result, ORT has always been where it's needed, and has tailored its training programs to meet specific needs. With the recent expansion of its sphere of activity, ORT continues to keep up with the times, and strives to fill in educational gaps wherever they may exist."

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