

## American ORT Says Happy 40th Anniversary Israel



David B. Hermeline, center, President of the American ORT Federation, congratulated Ambassador Moshe Yegar, left, Consul General of Israel in New York, on the 40th anniversaries of the State of Israel and of ORT Israel which were commemorated recently at the American ORT 1988 National Conference. The Right Honorable Lord Young of Graffham, right, British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was the keynote speaker.

## American ORT Marks 40 Years Of ORT In Israel

ORT began operating in Israel as the new state was born forty years ago and has grown into the largest non-governmental school network in the country with 92,000 students in over 100 schools, according to American ORT Federation President David B. Hermelin's report to the organization's annual National Conference held recently in New York City. "For four decades ORT has worked to build the State of Israel and today ORT graduates are at work in every sphere of the country's economy. Forty years ago ORT schools taught boys to operate lathes and girls to run sewing machines. Today ORT schools educate both boys and girls in hi-tech fields like computers and robotics."

Hermelin noted that while ORT in Israel is the largest ORT operation and the "jewel in the crown" of the global network, ORT operates in a total of 32 countries worldwide, serving some 160,000 students each year. Major ORT operations are in France, Italy, Latin America and England, and ORT has recently expanded into Belgium, the Netherlands and Scandinavia.

Ambassador Moshe Yegar, Consul General of Israel in New York, received a special award marking the twin 40th anniversaries of the State of Israel and ORT Israel.

The Right Honorable Lord Young of Graffham, British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and former Chairman of the World ORT Union Administrative Committee, noted in his keynote address that planners of Britain's modernization program consider the ORT system of education an effective model for vocational/technical training in the United Kingdom.

Highlights of the Conference included a freewheeling discussion among instructors from ORT schools in Israel, Europe and Latin America on the special problems ORT teachers face in their respective countries. "From Generation to Generation" featured younger ORT leaders explaining their roles in the future growth and development of Men's ORT chapters. Dr. Eli Ginzberg, Director of the Department of Human Resources at Columbia University, analyzed the job market of the 21st century and ORT's role in preparing students for emerging, hi-tech fields.

The 1988 American ORT Man of the Year Award was presented to Randy E. Glick, of the New York ORT Scholarship Fund, for his central role in revitalizing and expanding chapter membership.

The Chapter of the Year Award was presented to the Workmen's Circle Division of ORT, chaired by Frieda Ostroff. The chapter was praised for steadily expanding the scope of its scholarship and fundraising activities during its 15 years of existence.

Cleveland Young Men's ORT, a sub-chapter of Cleveland Men's ORT, received a Special Achievement Award for its two years of successful membership activities. The group was cited as a role model for other young men's ORT chapters throughout the U.S. Mitchell Schneider, founder and president of the sub-chapter, accepted the award.

John F. Davidson, American ORT Honorary Vice President and Co-Chairman of the Legacy and Endowment Program, was the recipient of the annual William Haber Award for more than forty years of commitment to the ORT effort.

## Ethiopian Students At Technion Overcome Hurdles

Garma and Zina, a young couple from Gondar, Ethiopia, came to Israel two years ago. The transition was difficult, but after several months at an absorption center in Upper Nazareth where they studied Hebrew, they became acclimatized, and Zina bore their "sabara" son Shmuel.

In Ethiopia Garma was a chemistry student. In Israel he was accepted at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology's Faculty of Chemistry and is now in his second year of study. Zena, who trained as a nurse in Ethiopia, works as a nurse in



Garma and Zina Andrega, a young couple from Ethiopia, with their young son Shmuel. Garma is a chemistry student at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

a retirement home in Haifa.

Garma's first year as a Technion student was hard. His ulpan Hebrew was enough for every day conversation, but not for lectures in advanced science for which Technion teaching is renowned.

He persevered and overcame the language hurdle "with a little help from his friends." Garma has nothing but praise for the encouragements he received from fellow students and teachers.

## New Document Allegedly Shows Waldheim Ordered 4,000 Deported

VIENNA (JTA) — The authenticity of a document allegedly proving that Austrian President Kurt Waldheim deported more than 4,000 Yugoslavians from the Balkans during World War II was hotly disputed after its contents were reported on Austrian television recently.

The document, in possession of the West German news weekly Der Spiegel, is an "urgent telegram" from a Col. Dragojlov to the command of the First Unit in the Bosnian town of Kozara in 1942. It states that Lt. Waldheim demands that 4,244 prisoners be sent on their way. Many of those deported, including children and elderly people, died in concentration camps.

Waldheim's spokesman, Gerold Christian, told the Austrian news agency APA that the document is obviously a forgery. According to Christian, Waldheim, who served in the Balkans as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer, never had the power of command and could not have ordered the deportation prisoners.

Christian said the document had been offered to several foreign correspondents accredited to Vienna for a five-figure sum in U.S. dollars. Der Spiegel obtained it from the head of the Yugoslav military archives, Dusan Plenca.

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