

The Chicago Russian-Jewish Community Helps Israeli Children

On one chilly spring evening in May, people from Chicago and its surrounding suburbs filled ORT's auditorium with open hearts and open minds. Their purpose? To make a difference in the lives of others halfway around the world.

On May 1, 2011 Zarem-Golde ORT Technical Institute located in Skokie joined in partnership with the *Compatriots* newspaper, Shalom Israel Fund, People's Theatre Welcome, and the newspaper *7 Days* to host a fundraising concert to benefit children in Israel.

Singers, musicians, other members of these Russian and Jewish community groups came together with the sole purpose of helping the Israeli children who were wounded or lost their parents in the Mount Carmel forest fire set by terrorists.

Many people from around the Chicago-land area came to ORT for this event and donated whatever they could. All together, the event was a huge success and over \$2,300 was raised. These funds will be sent to Israel as soon as possible.

ORT was delighted at the success of this event and hopes to work with the Russian-Jewish community to improve the quality of life for Jews in the U.S., in Israel, and around the world.