

The following are excerpts from <http://dpcamps.ort.org/about-us/>

“ORT is one of the largest non-governmental education and training organizations in the world with activities in more than 100 countries past and present. ”

“ORT was founded in St Petersburg in Tsarist Russia in 1880 to provide employable skills for Russia’s impoverished Jewish people. The letters O-R-T form the Russian acronym for "Obschestvo Remeslenovo i zemledelcheskovo Trouda", meaning The Society for Handicrafts and Agricultural Work. This reflects the conditions that prevailed when ORT was conceived, when the acquisition of agricultural and manual skills were the key to employment. ”

Mission Statement

ORT’s mission is to work for the advancement of Jewish and other people through training and education; to provide communities wherever they are, with the skills and knowledge necessary to cope with the complexities and uncertainties of their environment; to foster economic self-sufficiency, mobility and a sense of identity through use of state-of-the-art technology.

1. Read the above excerpts

2. Read the article

<http://dpcamps.ort.org/dp-stories/ort-and-the-rehabilitation-of-holocaust-survivors/>

3. Read the narrative of Joe

<http://dpcamps.ort.org/dp-stories/marcus/>



This is a picture of an ORT training class in wood shop skills. How might these skills be useful to DPs?



These boys are part of an ORT vocational school. What types of skills might they have learned?

1. What is ORT? _____

2. When was it founded? _____
3. Briefly summarize ORT's mission. _____

4. What other organization did ORT work with? _____
5. What types of things could a DP learn at an ORT school? _____

6. Why were the skills taught by ORT so important to the DP's after WWII?

7. What was Joe's impression of the ORT courses? _____

8. How was ORT helpful to Joe? _____

