



## **News Release**

### **JDate Hosts Fundraiser to Benefit ORT**

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., June 1, 2005** – JDate® ([www.jdate.com](http://www.jdate.com)), the leading online community for Jewish singles, is hosting a summer penthouse party, in Beverly Hills, California, on Tuesday, June 21, 2005. The party is in the penthouse suite and patio at the Luxe Rodeo Drive Hotel. All proceeds from the event will benefit ORT.

“As part of our mission to strengthen the Jewish community, we utilize the strength of JDate’s 600,000 members to support non-profit organizations,” stated Joe Shapira, JDate co-founder and Chairman of the Board of Spark Networks plc. “We are very pleased to provide our members another opportunity to meet and socialize with one another offline while, at the same time, supporting a valuable organization.”

The \$50 minimum donation includes cocktails, passed hors d’oeuvres and complimentary parking. In addition, JDate will raffle off a cruise to Barcelona, Spain.

To learn more about how JDate helps support non-profit organizations, please visit: <http://givingback.jdate.com/default.html>.

#### About ORT

ORT is one of the largest non-profit, non-political educational and training organizations in the world, lending support and helping communities cope with circumstances like terror, economic decline and political upheaval. Today ORT’s activities span five continents, educating and training more than 270,000 people each year.

#### About JDate

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