World ORT helps students find their futures

David Fhima recalls that he was headed down a rough road in his early years until a school run by World ORT, the global education network driven by Jewish values, gave him the direction to choose another path.

"I was a vagabond being kicked out from boarding schools until ORT Strasbourg accepted me and turned my life around," said David. “I was in my early teens, and the director of the school, Monsieur Loeve, was a concentration camp survivor who instilled the fear of God in me and helped me turn my life around. They also got me a full scholarship at EIG (Ecole d'ingénieurs de Genève) to become an engineer."

Ultimately, David followed his heart and pursued his love of food – and we are so fortunate that he did!

World ORT, one of the St. Paul Jewish Federation’s international partners, was founded in 1880 in St. Petersburg, Russia to help Jews learn essential trades and professions. Today, it serves 300,000 people in 30 countries providing high-level science and technology education with strengthened Jewish identity to empower people and communities.

The ORT Strasbourg school continues full speed ahead with a high school, college prep for engineering, fashion design, international trade, and optics and vision courses among its areas of study.

Bake Challah with Chef David Fhima at the 4th Annual Great Big Challah Bake, Virtual Edition! Thursday, Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m.
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