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TWO HUNDRED FRENCH JEWS MOVE TO ISRAEL

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More than 200 French Jews arrived in Israel aboard a special aliyah flight organized by the Jewish Agency for Israel in partnership with the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption and Keren Hayesod-UIA on July 20.

This is the largest aliyah flight from France this summer. Half of the new immigrants were teenagers, children and toddlers who will join the Israeli education system at the end of the summer. Also included were several three-generation families.

The majority of the immigrants will make their homes in Netanya, Raanana, Jerusalem and Ashdod. The flight was planned months ago, without any connection to recent events in France.

Julie Abutbul, who immigrated on the flight with her husband and five children, said, "We always knew we wanted to make aliyah, we just didn't know when."

She was prompted to leave France because "we understood that our lives there aren't normal. The hardest part was

to see the soldiers standing around outside of my children's school every day."

Regarding integrating into Israeli society, she said, "We understand that our absorption process will be difficult, but we hope and believe that here we will be able to have a different life, that we'll be able to find happiness here and start a new life for us and for our children here."

The French Jewish community is the largest in Europe and the third-largest in the world numbering just under a half-million Jews.

French Jewish immigration to Israel has surged since 2012 when only 1,900 people immigrated from France to the Jewish state. 2014 marked the first time in Israel's history that more than 1 percent of a Western nation's Jewish community made aliyah in a single year, an achievement repeated in 2015, with the arrival of some 7,800 immigrants from France, the most ever.

In total, nearly 10 percent of the French Jewish community has immigrated to Israel since the year 2000, half in the past five years alone. *

ORT RUB-A-DUB TO AID ISRAEL PROJECT

ORT Michigan's annual Rub-a-Dub Fundraiser will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Franklin Hills Country Club in Farmington Hills. This year's theme is "ORT Academy," an homage to ORT's mission of transforming lives through education.

The event starts with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction, followed by a live auction and a barbeque dinner. In the spirit of the first Rub-a-Dub event, guests will rub off instant lottery tickets, with the intention that proceeds will be donated to ORT.

This year, the Farber family has donated a transformative gift in support of Kfar Hassidim Youth Village, an

educational community in Israel. The Farber gift will help renovate the Auto Tech Garage and four science labs, bringing them up to today's high technological standards.

Proceeds from Rub-a-Dub will go toward teacher training, curriculum development and course materials so the garage will be usable for teaching at the start of the school year.

Event chairs are Jason Fisher, Josh Fisher and Andrew Luckoff.

For ticket or ad information, contact Nicole Miller at (248) 723-8860 or nmiller@ortamerica.org. Tickets are \$250 per person or buy one get one free those age 30 and younger. *

JEWS AND CHALDEANS PLAN DINNER EVENT

A potluck dinner of Jewish and Chaldean treats is planned for 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Church, 6900 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee of the Jewish-Chaldean Building Community Initiative, the event also will be a collection point for school supplies for underprivileged students.

Guests are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, plus pencils, notebooks, scissors, folders, markers, etc.

RSVP to committee co-chairs Gail Katz, gailkatz@comcast.net or (248) 978-6664, or Rula Yono, rula@chaldeanferderation.org or (248) 872-7013. *