

Israeli Views of Diaspora Jewry

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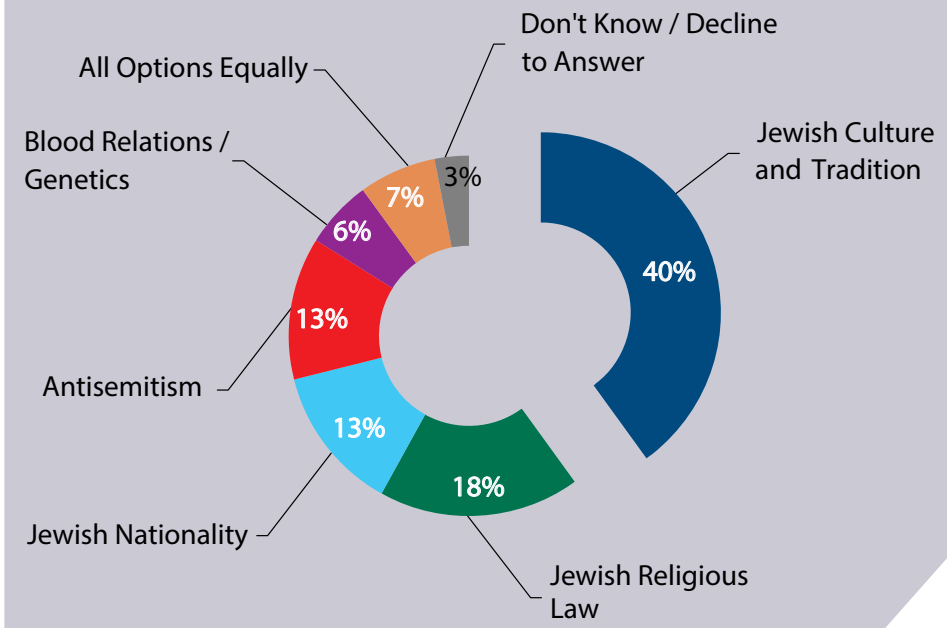
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The Israel-Diaspora Connection

- **Fate** – 62% of Israeli Jews believe that Jews in Israel and the Diaspora share a common fate, while 35% disagree.
- **Nationality** – 60% of Israeli Jews believe that the Jewish people in Israel are a nation separate from the Jews abroad, while 36% disagree with this claim.
- **Connection** – When asked to choose what defines the primary connection between Jews in Israel and Jews in the Diaspora, a plurality of Israeli Jews selected Jewish culture and tradition (40%), followed by Jewish religious law (18%), Jewish nationality (13%), antisemitism (13%), and blood relations / genetics (6%). 7% of respondents believe that all options equally define the primary connection.

What is the Primary Connection between Jews in Israel and the Diaspora?

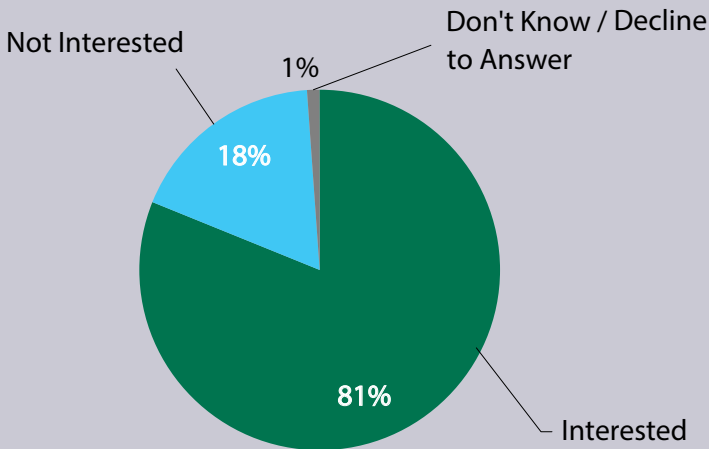


This survey, conducted on May 8 - 11, 2014, included 477 respondents who constitute a representative sample of the adult Jewish population of Israel. The maximum measurement error for a sample of this size is $\pm 4.6\%$.

Keeping Up with the Diaspora

- **Interest in Diaspora Jewry** – 81% of Israeli Jews are interested to know what's happening with Jews in the Diaspora; 18% are not interested.
- **Source of Information** – Israeli Jews receive the majority of their information regarding Diaspora Jewry from television (56%), the internet (51%), newspapers (51%), family members or friends abroad (39%), radio (30%), family members or friends in Israel (23%), and their own trips abroad (16%).

Are You Interested to Know What Is Happening with Jews in the Diaspora?



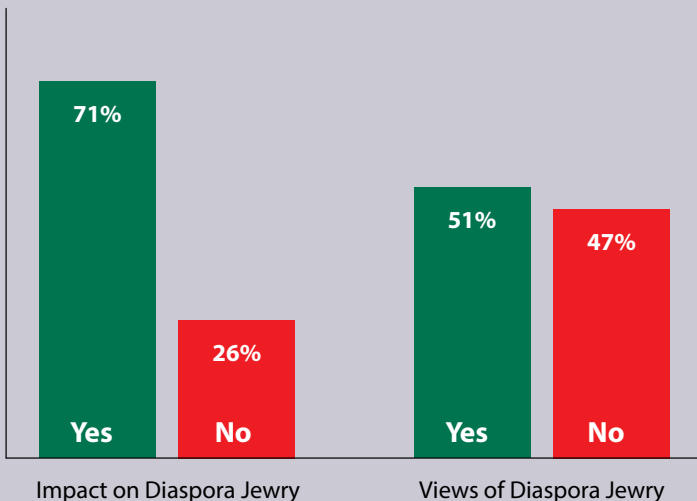
Priorities of World Jewry

- When asked to select which of the following issues is most important for world Jewry to make its top priority, a plurality stated assimilation in the Diaspora (29%) followed by the struggle against antisemitism (24%), a strong connection to Israel (13%), influencing local politicians on issues related to Israel (9%), the BDS movement (6%), and financial support of Israel (5%). 9% of respondents believe that all of the objectives are of equal importance.

The Government of Israel and the Diaspora

- 71% of Israeli Jews think that the Government of Israel, when making important decisions, should take into consideration how the decision will **influence** the situation of Jews in the Diaspora, while 26% do not think it is necessary.
- 51% of Israeli Jews think that the Government of Israel, when making important decisions, should take into consideration the **viewpoints** of Diaspora Jews, while 47% do not think it is necessary.
- When asked to state in which, if any, of the following ways they favor Israeli government support for Jewish communities in the Diaspora, 62% of Israeli Jews favor sending emissaries (*shlichim*) from Israel, 42% support the physical defense of facilities and people, and 39% back financial support for Jewish communal activities. 10% of respondents oppose support by the Government of Israel for Diaspora Jewish communities.

Decisions by the Israeli Government Should Consider the...



Non-Orthodox Religious Movements in Israel

- **Status** – 51% of Israeli Jews believe that the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel should be given status equal to that of the Orthodox movement in matters of conversion and marriage. 43% do not believe the other Jewish denominations should be given such status.
- **Funding** – 52% of Israeli Jews oppose allocating government funds to Reform and Conservative communities and rabbis, while 40% support such a move.

Aliyah

- Despite all of the other matters of importance on the agenda of the Israeli government, 91% of Israeli Jews believe that aliyah of Jews from around the world to Israel is an issue of importance. 8% of respondents do not believe that aliyah is an important issue.

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